

Assembly 6

Everything I have

You will need:

£10 note, a 10p coin, a few pieces of plain paper, pens

Play and sing "How should I feel?"

Recap the story so far

Continue the story

The older brother was angry because he thought that all of his hard work and loyalty meant that he deserved more than the younger brother, but he felt as though he was getting less.

The father explained that the older brother had always been able to share in the things in his father's house, and although he had always worked hard, he had also had a good life, surrounded by people who cared for him. The younger brother had spent time in a place where nobody cared for him, with poor conditions, and now that he was back it was right to celebrate.

Play the Song, "Everything I have"

Activity

Pick 4 or 5 volunteers. Give them a piece of plain paper and a pen. Show them the money.

If you had the choice between having a £10 note now or 10p every school day for the next year, which would you choose? Write it down on your paper.

Look at and discuss their choices.

The first choice sounds like a lot of money, but you would actually get about twice as much if you picked the second choice.

It's easy to understand how the older brother felt, but do we understand what his Father's reply was?

The big party for the younger brother would only be on one day, but the older brother had received some good things every day, for a long time.

Questions for discussion

That is the end of the story.

What do you think the main message of the story is? (*Unconditional love?*)

Are there any other things that we can learn from it? (*Look back at themes covered*)

Jesus told stories to help us to understand more about what God is like.

Finish this sentence, "Jesus told this particular story because..."

Prayer

We thank you Lord that you don't treat us like strangers, or servants, but you treat us like a loving parent treats their children.

Reflection

Those that love us, always want the best for us.

Learn the song