

Gospel Proclamation

Part 1

Each mime assumes a different role for the following. One acts as the prodigal son, one acts as the father, and the third acts as the older son. As the Gospel, Luke 15:11–32, is proclaimed by the priest or the deacon, the mimes act out their assigned parts:

- At verse 12, the prodigal son, dressed in all black, steps forward (in front of the black cloth) counting, then spending cash and credit cards.
- At verse 15, he expresses his hunger and a desire to return home.
- At verse 20, he moves toward his father, who is dressed in white (standing in front of the picture of the face of Jesus).
- At verse 22, the father pins a white ribbon on the prodigal son, and they embrace.
- At verse 25, the elder son, also dressed in black, steps forward (standing in front of the black cloth).
- At verse 28, the elder son begins to argue with the father, who steps toward him (standing in front of the candles).
- At verse 31, the elder son moves toward the father, who pins a white ribbon on him.
- At verse 32, the father leads the elder son to the prodigal son, and they embrace (in front of the picture of the face of Jesus).

Part 2

Be sure to pause for a moment of silence after each question.

- **The Elder Son.** When are those times I have tried to put myself above others? Have I been envious or jealous of someone else or their possessions? When have I not appreciated the things that God has given me in my life? Am I angry or do I still hold a grudge against someone? Whom have I not forgiven when they hurt me? When have my words and actions been uncaring, failing to acknowledge the needs of others? Have I done or said anything to hurt or kill someone's spirit or reputation?
- **The Father.** Has my language been derogatory toward or about others? How have my relationships with my parents or elders been lately? Have I been genuine in my love and support for others? Have I taken the name of the Lord in vain? When have I focused my attention on ungodly things and not trusted God to help me? Have I been present to the Lord in prayer and worship, acknowledging that God is important to me?
- **The Prodigal Son.** Have I been selfish, not sharing my time or my possessions with others? In choosing my wants and needs, have I hurt others? When have I been greedy, wanting more for myself? Have I been honest and truthful with others and myself? Am I respectful of my body, not abusing it but taking good care of it? Can people trust me, or have I broken trust by sharing things told to me in confidence? Am I respectful of others in the way I treat them with a sense of dignity and value?