

Why did the younger son run away and what did he do?

Father

- kind older man
- works hard
- have lots of land and servants
- he has two sons - the older one works hard on his fathers land and the younger one asked for his money sold his part of the land and ran away.
- the father misses the younger son, every day he looks out down the road to see if his son will come back home, but the younger son hasn't come back yet.

Older Brother

- Hard working
- Helps his father and is kind to everyone
- He is mad at his younger brother for running away - now he has to do all the work

Servant

- Happy to work for such a kind old man
- Takes care of the cows
- Thinks that the younger brother was very mean to his father, he embarrassed him by asking for money, selling the land that was given to him, and he has heard that the younger brother is working for a pig farmer.

Casino Owner

- makes money by people playing black jack
- There was a young guy who came for about three weeks, he wasn't very good at the game and he lost a lot of money.

Bar Tender

- serves drinks at a bar, had a young guy come by for about four weeks, when he started coming he always had a smile on his face and lots of friends, he would buy everyone drinks. Then last week, he found the young guy sleeping outside the bar on the ground, it didn't look like he had showered for days.
- Put up a small house and put out some stuffed animals so that it will look like a farm.
- Put up a for sale sign with sold written on it - so the kids will know that some land was sold.
- Put up some signs that with an advertisement to work at a pig farm.
- In another section of the room, set up some scandalous living - maybe a casino, or a bar, or anything kids would find scandalous.

Ask all your actors to read through the story and to read through their part in the story. Setup some fun things. Let them know that they can only answer yes or no to the kids questions.

Let the kids know that they are trying to find out two things in the situation, why did the younger son run away, and what did he do? They can look at anything, and they can the actors any yes or no question to try to figure out the answers.