

Godspell Jr. Parables

Please prepare and memorize one of these parables. We want to see your ability to be a creative storyteller. Use your imagination to present the parable with character voices, pop culture references (past and present), rap, movement, puppetry, mime, music, etc... Have fun with the endless possibilities! Feel free to change words or add phrases if the meaning stays intact and the message is the same. You may also bring props or instruments if you play.

The Good Samaritan

A man was on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho when he fell in among robbers who beat him, stripped him, and left him half dead. It so happened that a priest came upon him but when he saw him, he went past on the other side. So to, a judge came to the place and saw him, and went past on the other side. But a Samaritan who was making the journey came upon him and when he saw him, was moved to pity. He went up and bandaged his wounds, bathing them in oil and wine. Then, he put him onto his own beast, brought him to an inn and looked after him there. The next day he produced two pieces of silver and gave them to the innkeeper and said, "Look after him and if you spend any more, I will repay you on my way back."

Rich Man's Parable

There once was a rich man whose land yielded heavy crops. He debated with himself: "Oh! What am I to do? I have not the room to store my produce... Ah! This is what I will do," he said. "I will tear down my storehouses and build them bigger! I will collect in them all my corn, and popcorn, and M&Ms ... And then I will say to myself.... Man, you have plenty of good things laid by you, enough to last you many years. Take life easy. Eat! Drink! Enjoy yourself!" But then God said to the man... "You fool! This very night you must surrender your life. You have made your money. Who will get it now?"

Prodigal Son (partial)

Once upon a time there was a man who had two sons. The younger son said to his father: "Father, give me my share of the property!" So, the father divided his estate between them. A few days later, the younger son turned the whole of his share into cash and left home for a distant country where he squandered it in reckless living. He had spent it all when a severe famine fell upon the country and he began to feel the pinch! So, he decided to attach himself to one of the local landowners who sent him on the farm to mind the pigs. He would have been glad to have filled his belly with the pods the pigs were eating ... but they didn't give him anything!