

**1. Watch chapter 2 from the Animated Complete Learning System, *The Parables of Jesus* DVD.**  
(Also available for viewing online.)

**2. What is a parable?**

The word parable comes from the Greek word *paraballo*, which means to compare. A parable is a simple story which compares common experiences to divine truths. Jesus often taught in parables because a parable conveys to its listener religious truth exactly in proportion to his faith. If you do not listen with your heart it is merely a story. If you do listen with your heart it reveals important principles such as compassion, integrity, work, and repentance. By living by these important principles we will become closer to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

**3. “There is nothing in all literature equal to the parables of Christ.**

His teachings were as impressive to his listeners then as they are today to those who read his words. They are so simple a child can understand, yet profound enough for the sage and philosopher. The similitudes he used were taken from pictures of human life and commonplace incidents that could be understood by every listener.” Howard W. Hunter, Ensign, May 1984, © 2006 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

**4. What book of scriptures contains the Savior’s’ parables?**

The New Testament. Explain that the New Testament is the final portion of the Bible.

**5. What important principles did you learn from watching the video clip of *The Parable of the Two Sons*?**

(Honoring parents, obedience, repentance, hard worker, etc...Emphasize the principle that your family might need to work on the most.)

**6. How was the first son, who refused to help but later apologized to his father, rewarded?**

He inherited his father’s vineyard.

**7. What are the eternal rewards we can obtain by repenting and being obedient to Heavenly Father’s commandments?**

(The Kingdom of Heaven, Exaltation, Eternal Life, Eternal Families, etc....)

**8. If time allows, together as a family, write a parable to teach a principle that your family needs to work on.** (See activity.)

**Quote:**

“Each of the parables spoken by the Savior seems to teach a principle or give an admonition regarding the attributes necessary to qualify for exaltation.”

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