

# THE GREAT SUPPER

Luke 14:15-24



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Message	God's invitation to be saved is for all people.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Jesus tells the parable about many people who were invited to a great supper but who all had excuses not to come.</li><li>■ Jesus invites everyone to come to Him to be saved.</li><li>■ Through our faithful life as a Christian, we can invite others to come to church and share God's invitation with us.</li></ul>
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## The Great Supper



It was the Sabbath day. Jesus was invited for supper by an important Pharisee. One of those who sat at the table with Jesus said, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God."

Jesus then said to him, "There was once a man who wanted to host a great banquet and he invited many people. When the meal was ready he sent a servant to tell the guests, 'Come! Everything is ready.' One after the other, they began to make excuses.

The first one said, 'I have bought some land and must go take care of it. Please excuse me.'

The second said, 'I have bought five teams of oxen and have to go try them out. I am sorry. Please excuse me.'

The third said, 'I cannot come because I have just gotten married.'

The servant returned and reported all this to his master. Angry, the master said to his servant, 'Go out into the streets in the town and bring in the poor, the disabled, the blind, and the lame.'

The servant did as he was told and said, 'Master, I have done as you asked. But there is still plenty of room.'

The master sent the servant out again, 'Go out into the country lanes and tell the people to come so that my house is full. Not one of the guests I originally invited will have any of my food.'"

### Suggestions for the Teacher

#### Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress....

#### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What is an excuse? (Giving a reason if you refuse to do something.)
- What does the master feel when all people make excuses not to come? (He is sad.)
- What is his reaction? (Jesus invites everyone to come to Him to be saved.)

Have the children repeat...

- Many people, who were invited to a great supper, had excuses not to come.
- Jesus invites everyone to come to Him to be saved.
- Through our example we can invite others to come to church.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Jesus wants to have all at his great feast.
- Our heavenly Father wants us to accept His invitation to His feast.
- How can we support this?  
(Through our faithful life as a Christian and our invitation to others to come to church with us.)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Repeat the Message</b> God's invitation to be saved is for all people.</p>
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