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*Many Hearts Walking Together*

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# The Parable of the Great Feast



Today we are going to look at a parable that Jesus told. A parable is a story Jesus told to make a point. The parable today is about a banquet, or a fancy party, someone was having.

Let's look at our story:  
LUKE 14:15-24  
*Parable of the Great Feast*

Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, "What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!"

**16** Jesus replied with this story: "A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. **17** When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.' **18** But they all began making excuses. One said, 'I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.' **19** Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.' **20** Another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

**21** "The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' **22** After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.' **23** So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full. **24** For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet.'"

Remember, a parable is a story that makes a point. Jesus told this story to a group of religious leaders called the Pharisees. The Pharisees thought God was only for some people... pretty much just them. But they hated Jesus!

Jesus includes everyone. Jesus was making the point that He is the invitation to be in God's family. The Pharisees were Rejecting the invitation, but Jesus was inviting everyone to be part of the family of God. Jesus includes everyone, and he would've loved to have the Pharisees accept his invitation. But all they could focus on was how much they hated Jesus. That is not what God wants.

Jesus includes everyone, so we include others. It does not matter where they are from or what they do, we are all part of God's family and we should treat each other like family. When we include people like this, we're showing Jesus to other people! When we're kind, caring, and accepting of everyone, we show with our lives that Jesus includes everyone. Think of someone from school who may be left out of games or who is always by themselves. Draw a picture of how you can include them and show them the love of Jesus.



Click below to watch a video of our story, and complete the following coloring pages.



# **The Great Banquet**

## **Jesus Talks about God's Kingdom**

The kingdom of heaven is like what happened when a king  
gave a wedding banquet for his son.

Matthew 22:2.



*The Parable of The Great Banquet*

