

KID'S LESSON 11/29



LESSON

THE TABLE – A Place for Everyone.

TODAY'S BIG IDEA: A Place for Mission (Luke 14:12-24) Who you invite says a lot about who you are.

MEMORY VERSE: "Tell the people there to come. I want my house to be full." Luke 14:23b

We have an exciting Bible lesson to explore today. What are some reasons for having a party? What things do you do when you're getting ready to have a party or big celebration at home? Today we will be looking at one of the parables that Jesus told. Remember what a parable is? A story with a message. Jesus shared this one in the book of Luke in Chapter 14 and we will open our Bibles to those verses in a few minutes. First, let's imagine that we are decorating our house for a party. What would you do? Balloons? Streamers? Confetti?

Great job decorating in your imagination!

Now let's take care of the invitations! It's really fun to plan a party and make a list of people to invite. Who would you invite to your party? Imagine that you invited all of your friends and neighbors but they all said they couldn't come! How would you feel if no one came to your party?

In today's parable, Jesus used the example of someone who planned a party that no one came to. God has planned an incredible party for all of His children and He has invited all of us. But people make excuses even to God! Let's open our Bibles and see how this parable unfolds as Jesus tells it.

BIBLE STORY - LUKE 14:12-24

One Sabbath day, Jesus went to have dinner at an important Pharisee's home. While He was there Jesus noticed that the other people the Pharisee had invited were those who were considered 'important' people and friends of the Pharisee. Jesus told them that the better thing to do would be to invite the poor, the crippled, and the blind. Jesus said they should invite the people who often were left out and ignored. He said that in heaven, "God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you." It made everyone start thinking about what heaven would be like and one man even called out, "It's going to be a great dinner party in heaven with God!" So Jesus told this story.

"Jesus said to him, "A man gave a big banquet and invited many people." When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.' But they all began making excuses. One said, "I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me." That person didn't want to come. Another said, "I have just bought five pair of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me." Guess he didn't want to come either. Another said, "I have a new wife, so I can't come." Everyone that the man had invited to the feast had some excuse for not coming.

The master was very upset. Actually he was angry. He had gone to a lot of trouble to put this party together and no one he invited wanted to come! Look at verse 21 and see what the master told his servant to do. "Go at one into the streets and alleys of the town. Bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." The servant returned and told his master there was still room at the table for more people. So the master sent him further. In verse 23 he sent him out to the roads and country lanes and invite all the people. Because ...

Here is our memory verse today! **Luke 14:23b "Tell the people to come! I want my house to be full!"**

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BIBLE STORY CONTINUED

God wants us in heaven with Him! Like the man in the story, God has planned and created something incredible for those who follow and love Him! Heaven is so amazing that God wants everyone to be there. The doors are wide open! YOU are invited to this feast! YOUR FRIENDS are invited! It is important that we share with everyone with meet that they have an invitation to the table of God.

How do you think God feels when He sees so many people make excuses to not spend time with Him? God wants us to be in heaven with Him someday! And he wants us to tell others how much He loves them so they can be there too! What are some ways we can share Jesus' love with others so that they come to know how much they are loved and so that they understand how they can have a place in heaven? Let's thank God today for loving us enough that He wants each of us in heaven with Him someday.

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