

The Parable of the Great Banquet



Baking Through the Bible

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Week Four Overview

Family Devotion - The Parable of the Great Banquet
(Luke 14:15-24)

Color of the Week - **Red**

Bible Memory Verse - Luke 14:17b

Bible Story Recipe - Using the Bible story, create a recipe that tells this story

Baking Through the Bible Art - Draw a picture of the story of the Parable of the Great Banquet

Baking Through the Bible Craft - Utensil Holder

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Recipe of the Week - Sour Cream Banana Cake



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Family Devotion



Luke 14:15-24

Let's talk about excuses for a minute. What kind of excuse have you given to your parents when they ask you to do something? Or what kind of excuse have you given your teacher when she asked you why you didn't do your homework? Or what kind of excuse have you given to a friend when they invited you to their house but you didn't want to go? Discuss these types of excuses with your family now.

In today's Bible story, a man decides to throw a great banquet and he invited so many people. When all was ready, he sent out his servant to tell everyone to come. But you know what all the invited guests did? They made excuses! One said they bought a field and had to go see it. Another said he had to go try out the 5 oxen he just bought. And another said he just got married so he couldn't come. Lots of excuses not to come to his banquet!

So the man sent his servant back out again and invited more people. He sent him out into the streets to "bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." (Luke 14:21b). Those people came and there was still more room! So he sent his servant out again to bring in more people. He wanted his house to be full!

Jesus told this parable (a story) to help people understand about Him. Jesus is the man in this story who is giving the banquet. He invites all of us into the kingdom of God. He wants all of us to join Him in heaven one day. He wants all of us to have a relationship with Him. He has set a place for us at the table in the kingdom of God. But some people decide they don't want to know Jesus. They make excuses and turn their back on Jesus' love for them. And that makes Jesus sad because He wants everyone to spend forever with Him in heaven.

If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, then your job is to help others accept Him, too. You can do that through your actions and through your words. You can show the love of Jesus by doing something kind and treating others the way Jesus would treat them. You can speak kind words to others. You can smile and be friendly to others. You can share your favorite Bible verses with others. You can be a light for Jesus and help others come to know Him, too.

If you haven't accepted the invitation from Jesus, I pray that you will one day soon. It's the most important decision you'll ever make in your life. And it's the best decision, too! All you have to do is pray and talk with Jesus. Tell Him you love Him, that you believe in Him and how He died for you, and ask Him to forgive you of all the bad things you have done. If you would like to pray with someone else, ask your mom or dad to pray with you, or maybe a pastor or Sunday school teacher. You will be so glad that you chose to follow Jesus!

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to save me. Help my words and my actions be a light and lead other people to come to know You as their Savior, too. I pray now for _____, that they will give their life to You. Bless them and lead them to You. Amen.

Bible Memory Verse



**"Come, for
everything is
now ready."
Luke 14:17b**



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Bible Story Recipe

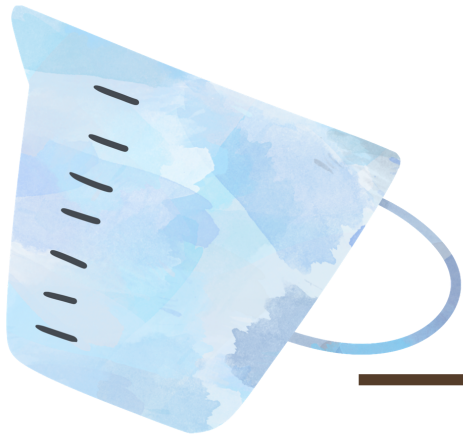


On the following sheet of paper, you are given a recipe template. Using this template, create a recipe using the different parts of the Bible story!

For example...the title of the recipe could be the name of the Bible story. The ingredients could be the people and places in the Bible story. The directions could be a version of what happened in the story. Be creative!



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Recipe for

Ingredients

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Directions



Baking Through the Bible Art



In the space below, draw a picture of the Parable of the Great Banquet.



Baking Through the Bible Craft



Utensil Holder

Supplies Needed: glass jar (can use Mason jar, pickle jar, or any kind of glass jar you have at home), acrylic chalk paint (you can buy small bottles at Walmart or any craft store), paintbrush, twine

Utensil holders are great to use for hosting parties!

Paint your glass jar (or jars) using acrylic chalk paint. Put on at least two coats (more if needed). If you're using a mason jar, you can give it a distressed look by using sandpaper. After it has completely dried, wrap some twine around the top of the jar several times and then tie off. Add your utensils and set out for your next party!



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Baking Through the Bible Family Activity



Host a Party

Supplies Needed: food of your choice, decorations if you like

The man in Jesus' parable today hosted a banquet (a party). He just wanted to celebrate!

Host your own party! Invite friends, family, neighbors. Send out invitations. Decorate your house if you like. Plan a menu with your parents and help them make lots of yummy food.

As you gather around the table with your guests, say a prayer, giving thanks for them and asking God's blessing upon them.



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Recipe of the Week



Sour Cream Banana Cake

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| 1/2 cup shortening | 1 tsp. baking soda |
| 1 1/3 cups sugar | 3/4 tsp. salt |
| 2 eggs | 1 cup sour cream |
| 1 tsp. vanilla | 1 cup mashed bananas |
| 2 cups all-purpose flour | 1/2 cup chopped pecans |
| 1 tsp. baking powder | |

Cream together the shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla and blend well. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Add this dry mixture into the creamed mixture alternating between it and the sour cream. Make sure to begin and end with the dry mixture. Add bananas and pecans and mix until well blended. Spoon batter into a greased and floured 13x9 pan. Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes. Cool completely and frost with cream cheese frosting.

Cream Cheese Frosting

- 1 8oz pkg cream cheese (softened)
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1-1lb box powdered sugar

Mix all ingredients until well blended. Spread onto cake after it has cooled completely.



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