

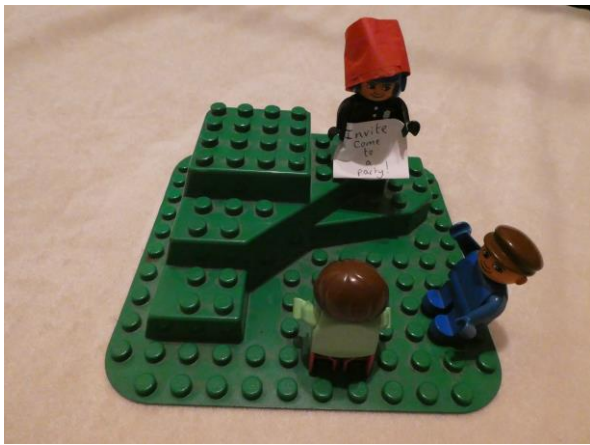


Can you imagine if you invited all your friends to a lovely party. You cooked all the food and bought all the decorations, but when it was time for the party; nobody came!

How would you feel?

The story of the great feast!! Luke 14: 16-24

[The Great Feast read by Heather](#)



Jesus told a story about a man who wanted to have a really big party. He chose the date, cooked a massive meal and invited loads of people. He sent his servant to go and get them all.

But all the guests said that they could not come!



Each guest made a different excuse.

One said, "I have just bought a field and I must go and look at it!"



One said, "I have just bought 5 pairs of oxen to plough my fields and I want to try them out!"



One said, "I have just got married and I can't come."



The servant returned to his master and told him everything that happened.

The master was really angry. He said, "go into the streets and alleyways of the town. Bring the poor and the lame, the crippled and the blind.'

Bring them to the party!



The servant came back, "I have done what you asked but we still have room for more people!"



The master said, "don't worry. Go out and bring in anyone you can find. Go down the roads, look under the hedges. Go in the cafes and bars and call everybody. Tell them all to come. I want my house to be FULL."

"NOT one of the people I invited shall come to the feast!!!!!"



All of the people had a wonderful feast. There was dancing and merrymaking way into the night.

The man in the story is like God. God is generous, kind and loving. Jesus came to call the people of Jesus' day to be friends with him. When they refused to be friends, God called other people to be his friends. People that, perhaps, some people would think not the most important, people that some people didn't respect.

The wonderful thing is that God calls us all to be at his party; whoever we are!

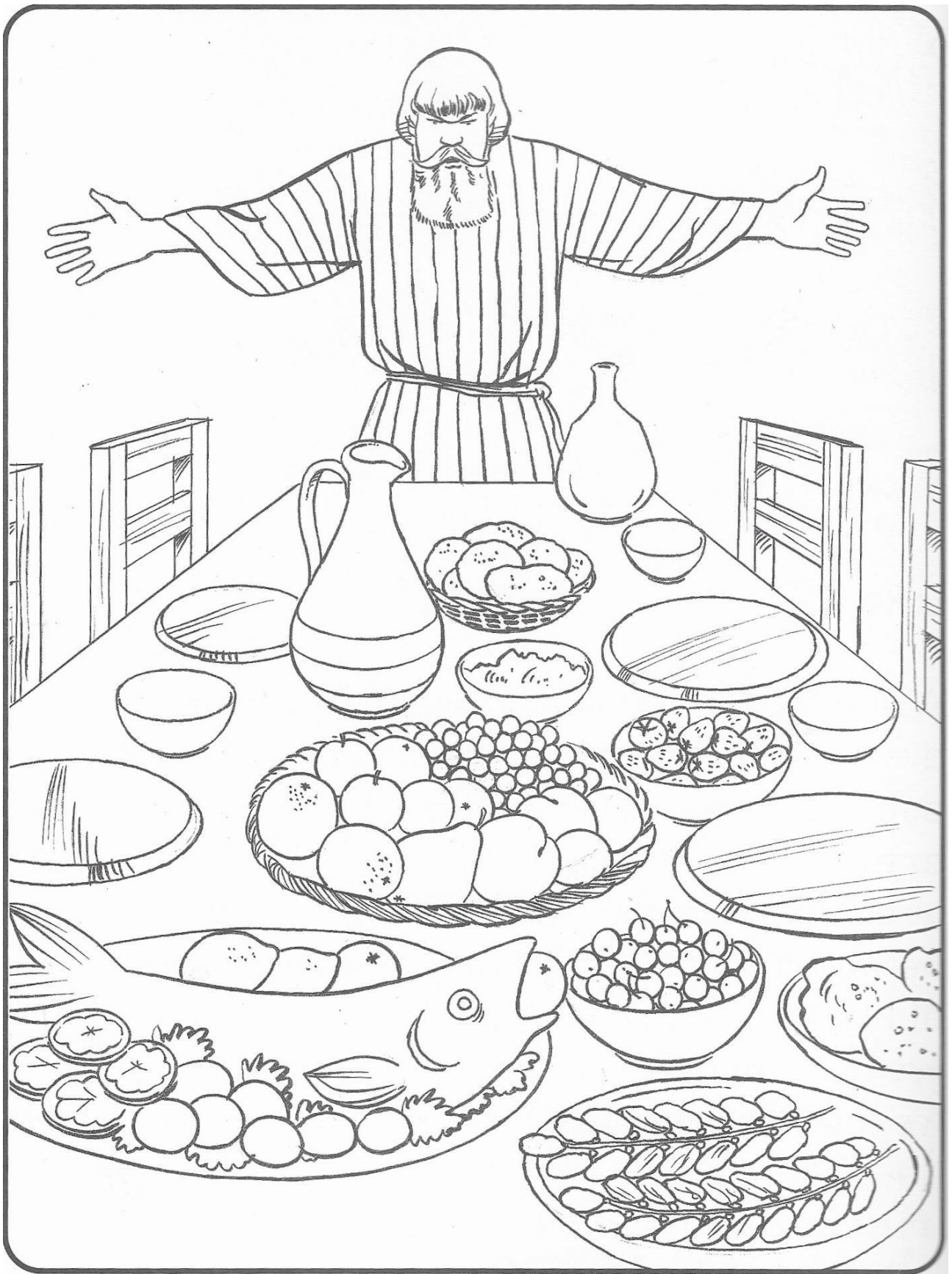


Jesus tells us that if we are thirsty for God. If we really want God's help. We can come to Jesus and He will give us what we need.

We can be friends with God.

Dear Lord, thank you that you call us to be your friend. Help us to love and trust you every day. In Jesus' wonderful name.

Amen



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4f7DZZgAPpY>

Left Out?

"But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed."

Luke 14:13-14a (NIV)

Based on Luke 14:12-14



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DINNER	HOST	CRIPPLED	RELATIVES	REPAY
BANQUET	LAME	BLIND	BROTHERS	INVITE
NEIGHBORS	RICH	FRIENDS	BLESSED	POOR