



## Bonus Activities

Date: March 29th

**Bible Passage:** Luke 14:12–24  
(Parable of the Great Banquet)

### Jesus invites us

#### Additional activities for younger children:

*You may choose to do these all on Sunday, or spread them out throughout the week, reminding your children what they learned in the past lesson.*

#### Option 1: Plan a Celebration activity

Just like the man in the parable who was preparing a great banquet you and your child work together to plan a celebration.

##### SUPPLIES

- Paper and pen

##### SET UP

Prepare your note taking supplies for planning with your child

##### RELATE

The lesson plan for today is covering the story of the great banquet. Ask your kids to help you plan a celebration. Use the following questions as a guide. Write their answers on a board, if available.

- What would you eat?
- Where would you want it to be held?
- What special entertainment would you want?
- What activities would you plan?
- Whom would you invite?
- How would you invite them?

If you want to guide them into make realistic plans and then invite the rest of the family to come. (example: goldfish, my room. VBS train worship video, dance party, dad, brother and sister, make an post card invitation)

## Option 2: RSVP to Jesus craft

To help them remember that Jesus loves them very much, children decorate an RSVP card in response to God's invitation to us to love and celebrate his son Jesus.

### SUPPLIES

- paper

Markers, crayons, or colored pencils

### SET UP

Write

RSVP

I love you Jesus

large on the center of a piece of paper

### RELATE

Invite children to join you at the table. **Jesus wants us to remember that He loves us so much. The story we just read about the man and the party was told in order to remind us that God invites us to his celebration! God wants everyone to be close to him and he invites everyone everywhere. Every person who hears the invitation must choose whether to accept or reject it. Jesus is the one who provides us the way. We are invited to love God and Jesus with all our hearts, then we can celebrate and to be close to God now and forever.**

## Option 3: Find the party guests game

Like when the man sent his servant to find more people to invite to the party, have your children search for 'things' around the house to invite to a party

### SUPPLIES

- table or picnic blanket

### SET UP

Prepare the 'space' you will bring the guests to for your party.

### RELATE

Invite children to join you around the table or picnic blanket. **Remember how in the story Jesus told about the man who was having a big party and He said that the man sent his servant out into the town and into the city to invite everyone. Let's search around our house for 'things' to invite to our party!** Demonstrate finding a baby doll, stuffed animals, a truck, and/or a pretend animal etc to ask to come and join you for your celebration at the table or on the blanket. Set them all up around the blanket and act out the scene of a party using pretend play and telling them the story of the great banquet and reminding them that Jesus loves them too.

## BLESS::: 5 min.

*Children receive a blessing from their leaders and sometimes one another. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide. Read this over your children at least once this week.*

Gather children around you for a blessing:

**Children, may you always remember God's greatest invitation is for us to love his son Jesus.**

Open a Bible and read Revelation 3:20

**Remember that Jesus said: 20** "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.