

Sunday, October 11, 2020

**Bible Story:** Matthew 22:1-14

**Bible Verse:** Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you can find.  
Matthew 22:9

**Lesson:**

The gospel reading today is a parable, which is a type of story Jesus told to help his followers understand about God and about the kingdom of heaven. The parable is about a king who has prepared a wedding feast for his son. Think about these questions when you read the Bible story.

- Do you think people would want to be invited to a wedding given by a king?
- When the first invitations went out, did the people come to the wedding?
- How many times did the servants go out to invite people to the wedding?
- Did the king get angry when the people refused to come to the wedding?
- Who eventually came to the wedding feast?
- If people were just invited from the street, do you think everyone would have on their wedding clothes?
- How did you feel when the king sent away the man who was not wearing wedding clothes?
- Why do you think the king sent the man away?
- This story is supposed to help us understand what the kingdom of heaven is like.

What seems good about this kingdom? Is there anything you don't like?

Usually we understand that God has mercy on all of us, the good and the bad, the righteous and the sinners. This story seems difficult because a man is denied heaven for a seemingly trivial reason of not having on the right clothes. But sometimes, we feel "not right" with God, we do not have on our "wedding clothes." This may be because we have done something wrong. When that happens, we can pray and ask for forgiveness. We know that through Baptism, we will always be children of God.

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**Activity:**

Have you ever planned a party? Let's plan a party together. Find pictures or draw how your party will look. Maybe you can even have a small party with some friends or family.

When should you have the party?

After school or on a weekend?

Is there a theme?

A birthday or Halloween?

Who do you want to invite?

List them.

Will there be food?

Snacks or a cake?

Will there be games or other activities?

List ideas.

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Once you have the plans ready, it is time to start.

Prepare and send invitations.



Decorate the party space.



Get the materials for the games.



Make the food.



Have fun!