Weekly Pack 33
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The great feast

Story and activities to do at home while we are unable to meet.

Dont worry if you don’t do everything in here. Just do what you fancy and have fun!

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New Living Translation
A man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, “What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!” Jesus replied with this story: “A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. 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.’ Another said, ‘I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.’ Another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, ‘Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ After the servant had done this, he reported, ‘There is still room for more.’ So his master said, ‘Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full. For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet.”

Luke 14:15-24

Simple version
Once while Jesus was having a meal one of the guests said, “those who will attend God’s feast will be blessed greatly”. Jesus answered “listen to this story. Once a man arranged a great feast and invited a lot of people, when the feast was ready, he told his servant to tell his guests that the feast was ready. The first guest told the servant ‘I can’t come, I have just bought some land, I need to have a look at it.’

The second guest said, ‘I am too busy to come, I have just bought some oxen and want to see them working.’ The third guest had just got married and could not attend. Nobody was willing to keep their promise and attend the feast.

The servant went home and told his master what had happened. He told his servant “go out and get all the poor and hungry and bring them back here, I want the house to be full.” The servant came back, the house was full, there was no room for the people he had first invited.

Questions to discuss
After reading the story together, you could discuss these questions as a family:
1. If you were having a party, who would you invite?
2. How would you feel if the people you invited made excuses not to come to the party?
3. What kind of party do you think God would organize?
4. Who do you think is invited to God’s party?
Parable: COME to my feast

Make time in your life for the things of God and don’t forget to take care of the poor and helpless in this world and you will be blessed.

One day Jesus was invited to have a meal at the home of a well known Pharisee. Everyone was watching him. He told this story to the Pharisee.

“A certain man prepared a great feast. When everything was ready he sent his servant to invite his friends to come.

But everyone who was invited made excuses. The first person said, “I cannot come because I have bought a piece of land and I need to go and see it.”

The next person who was invited to the feast replied, “I have bought five oxen and I need to see if they work as a team ploughing, so I cannot come.”

Another person who was invited said he couldn’t come to the feast because he had just got married. People were just too busy to come.

The man was disappointed and said, “Go into the streets and lanes of the city and bring the poor, disabled and blind to my feast.

Encourage them all to come. There’s plenty of room for everyone.”

Take care of the poor and helpless in this world and you will be blessed.
## Board game

**You will need:** Counters, dice  

**How to play:**  
- Each player takes turns to throw the dice and move across the board.  
- Players should move up the green ladders and down the red slides.  
- Who will reach the party first?

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- Get married
- Too busy
- Full up
- Buy a field
- Live in the countryside
- Buy oxen
- Begger
- Blind
- Poor

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**Links**

- Video of the story: [https://youtu.be/o9CfT-YmUxk](https://youtu.be/o9CfT-YmUxk)
- Video of song of the week: [https://youtu.be/UDskp8-6hx4](https://youtu.be/UDskp8-6hx4)
- Cartoon of the story: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEbwiQvo5k4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEbwiQvo5k4)
Short prayer

Father God, thank you for this story Jesus told of the great feast. Thank You that you invite us to your party in heaven through Jesus. Help us to realise how amazing and wonderful you are. Help us to get to know you better and accept your invitation to the special feast. Amen

Puzzles

Feast food

Count how many lobsters and apples are in the picture and note them in the spaces below. When you’ve done this you will have the reference for a Bible verse which you can read. If you don’t have a Bible, you could read it online at: https://www.bible.com/en-GB/bible/116/REV.3.NLT

Revelation ___ verse ___

Half a picture!

Can you copy the picture to the empty grid and draw the missing parts yourself?

The three excuses

Follow the lines to show which pictures of the story go together.
Craft

Rag Heart Welcome Wreath

To make the heart you will need:
- Wire coat hanger,
- scissors, ruler,
- lots of scrap material.

1. Bend & shape coat hanger into a heart.
2. Bend hook into a tear drop shape.
3. Cut a piece of material about 30cm long & 6cm wide.
4. Fold material in half and then wrap tightly around hook.
5. When hook is completely covered, pull material ends tightly together & tie.
6. Cut material into strips measuring about 20cm long & then 1.5cm or 2cm wide.
7. To cover the heart you will need about 100 strips!
8. Tie the scraps of material on to the wire heart.
9. Make sure the strips are tied tightly & pushed together so there are no gaps.
10. The Rag Heart Wreath is complete!
11. Fold card in half & draw a heart about 8cm high. Cut out.
12. Write ‘Welcome’ on one heart & ‘Croeso’ on the second heart.
13. Cut a length of thread. Cover one heart with glue & place thread in the centre. Stick hearts together
14. Tie thread to handle of wreath. Make sure the heart dangles in the middle of wreath.

To make the welcome sign you will need:
- White card,
- felt pens, pencil, scissors, glue stick, thread.
You have been invited to the best party ever - King Jesus’ party. Design an invitation for a friend to your club/Sunday school Zoom.

Set the table for dinner with your family. You should set each place as you see in the picture. Time yourself setting the table. Other members of your family might try to do it faster.

How about holding a party for everyone in your household? You could prepare simple party food and games like charades, Simon says or pass the parcel. Enjoy!
Sing

Balloon prayer

You will need: a balloon and a felt pen
What to do:

- Think about the story Jesus told. Some people loved going to the feast. Some people made an excuse not to go.
- Think about the good things that God gives you. Write what they are, or draw them on the balloon. Say thanks to God as you do this.
- Think about the invitation Jesus gives you to God's amazing party in heaven. Write "thank you" on the balloon because Jesus wants to be your friend.
- You may want to say "sorry" for something you have done or said. Write "sorry" on the balloon. Say "sorry" to God as you write.

Excuses

Do you make excuses to avoid doing things you are supposed to do? When you are asked to do something what do you say? I'm too busy, I'm watching TV, I'm playing a game on the computer. Or do you say you will do it later?

This week ask God to help you do the things you have been asked to do. Think about the story you read today. God invites you to be his friend. Will you say yes?

Jesus has given me an invitation, to history's biggest celebration, with all His friends from every nation, the party of the King!

A party filled with love - no more fears!
A party filled with joy - no more tears!

A party filled with music – we'll all sing!
A party filled with praise – Jesus is King

As Jesus is my saviour, my friend and yet God's Son; I'll be with my King forever where the party will go on and on and on and on

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Watch this song on video and sing along at https://youtu.be/UDskp8-6hx4
If you'd like a copy of the sheet music, contact Andy Hughes - Ahughes@saintygymuned.org