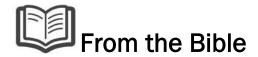


The Great Feast



We are all invited to God's heavenly feast.

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Jesus said:

"A certain man was preparing a great banquet. He invited many guests. Then the day of the banquet arrived. He sent his servant to those who had been invited. The servant told them, 'Come. Everything is ready now.'

"But they all had the same idea. They began to make excuses. The first one said, 'I have just bought a field. I have to go and see it. Please excuse me.'

"Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen. I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'

"Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

"The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry. He ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the town. Bring in those who are poor. Also bring those who can't see or walk.'

"'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done. But there is still room.'

"Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads. Go out to the country lanes. Make the people come in. I want my house to be full. I tell you, not one of those people who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.' "

Luke chapter 14 verses 16-24 (New International Reader's Version)

Ask the person who is looking after you today to let you watch this story on the computer https://youtu.be/h7dvrXUUBgk

? To think about

If you went to a banquet or a feast what would be your favourite thing to eat? Who would you like to sit next to at the feast?

Have you ever made an excuse because you didn't want to do something or go somewhere?

How did that make you feel? How did the person who asked you feel?



A feast picture

You will need:

- Pictures of food (from old magazines or printed from the internet)
- A large piece of card
- Scissors
- Glue

Choose pictures of all the different things you would like to eat at a feast. Maybe you could ask some other people to choose pictures of their favourite food too. Cut round the pictures and stick them on the card to make a collage of a great feast.



Craft Activity

Reverse Advent Calendar

You will need:

- An empty box or strong bag
- Spare items of food tins or packets, things that will last

Ask the person who does the shopping for your family if you can do this activity and if they will help you.

Next week is the start of Advent – a time to get ready for Christmas. Often people have an Advent Calendar where they get a piece of chocolate out of it each day.

A reverse Advent Calendar is when you put a **small** item of food **in** your box or bag each day. It must be things that will last a long time like pasta, a tin of beans or a packet of soup.

Towards the end of Advent, you will have a lot of food gathered together. You can donate it to a local foodbank for families who are struggling to have enough to eat over Christmas.



Outdoor Activity Suggestions

Food walk

Take a walk with the person who is looking after you today and see how many different sorts of food you can spot. This might be food in shop windows or food in posters. Perhaps you can see things that animals and birds like to eat. Be careful not to touch wild food - it could make you ill. Wash your hands very well if you have touched anything like berries or toadstools.



Building Challenge

Can you build a table? How much will your table hold? How could you make it stronger so you could make a bigger feast?



♣ Song

Who I am

Ask the person who is looking after you today to let you sing along to this song on the computer. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mldP6dGpAVY



Prayer

Father God. Thank you that you invite us to a party. Help us to join in with your party and to invite others so that everyone can enjoy being with you. Amen.

(Amen just means 'I agree' in the language that Jesus spoke.)



Can you think of something to eat for each letter of the alphabet? For example, A is for apple, B is for bread, C is for How many unusual foods can you thing of?