

The Great Party/Banquet

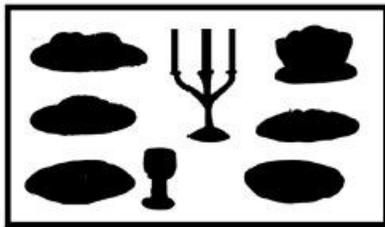
*Light a candle and remember the presence of God is with you.
Lay out the green felt underlay.*

Jesus told us sacred stories called parables.
Sacred means that something is extra special.
Jesus was extra special.

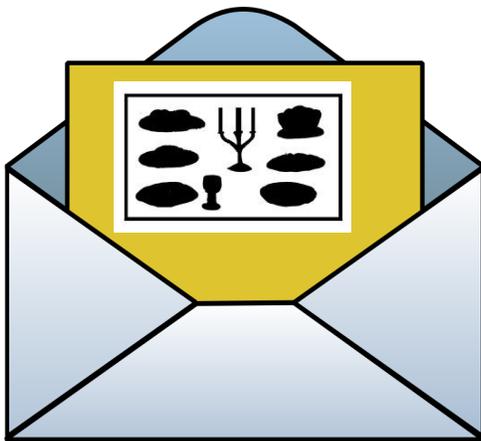
The stories Jesus told were messages about how to love God and love each other.

Let us wonder how this parable helps us love. (pause)

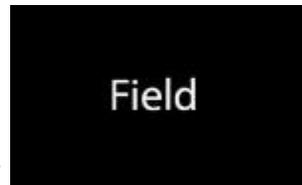
Place the table on the center green felt underlay. (see insert)



It was is the most special invitation to a really big party.
Lots of people were invited.



"I really want to come,
BUT I have to water my
plants," one person
said.



Place the field on the underlay.



"I really want come, BUT I need to take care of my
animals," another person said.

Place the animal on the underlay.

"I really want to come, BUT I am
married and need to be home," said
another. So many people were just
too busy to go to the party.



Place the rings on the underlay.

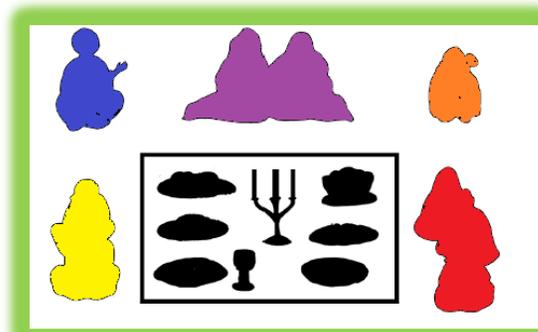


The host of the party was mad that no one
wanted to come to the party. The host had put
so much work into making it special for everyone!



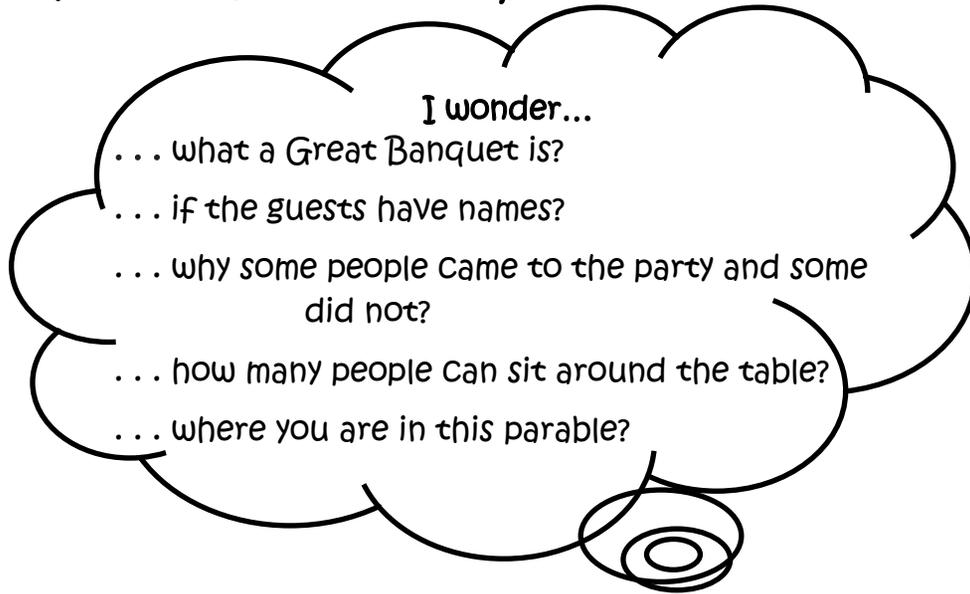
The host then decided to send out more special
invitations. Strangers were invited! Poor people were
invited! Sick people were invited! Children were invited!
*Those people that usually never get invited to a party
were invited to the Great Party!*

Place the people around the table.



It was so special!

Wondering with God's Story



Working with God's Story



1. Have each person retell the story without reading the words.

Just use items.

2. Find the story in your Bible and highlight it. You can also look in a Storybook Bible or online.

3. Ask the wondering questions more than once. Dinner? Car? Bedtime?

Check the "Weekly Faith FITness Plan" card.

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Come close to this story/parable of Jesus.

Luke 14:21b-23

(Common English Version)

“Go as fast as you can to every street and alley in town!
Bring in everyone who is poor or crippled
or blind or lame.”

When the servant returned, he said, “Master, I’ve done
what you told me, and there is still plenty
of room for more people.”

His master then told him, “Go out along the back roads
and fence rows and make people come in,
so that my house will be full.”

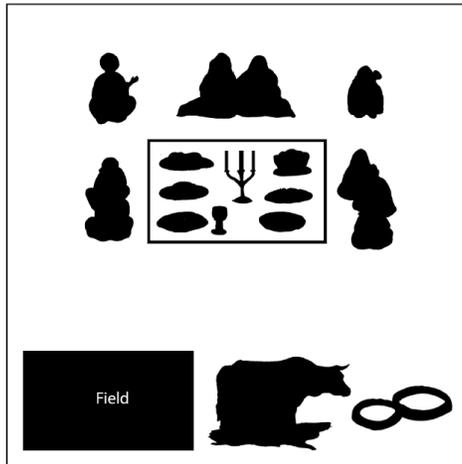


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Diagram



Working with the Story (Parable)

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2. Lay the brown felt (the table) down.
3. Place the host (any person) at the top of the table.
4. Place the table items (food platters, cup, and candles) on the brown felt.

Now you are ready to share this parable.

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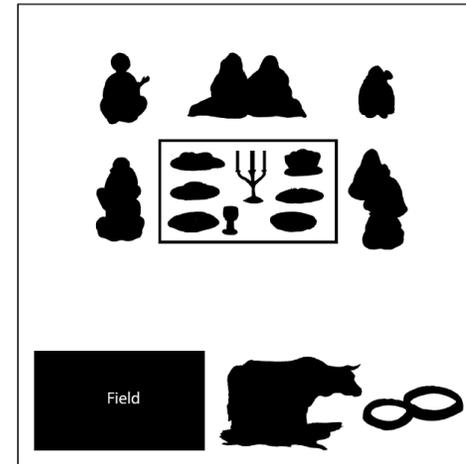
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