

# The great banquet



**Bible verses:**  
Luke 14:15–24



**Aim:**  
To better understand the  
reason for Jesus' parables, and  
think about sharing inclusion



**Today's fruit:**  
Joy and  
kindness

**Resource:** *Acts of kindness*



## Memory verse

**'Depend on the Lord.  
Trust him, and he will take care of you.'**  
(Psalm 37:5 *ICB*)



## Start it

Today we are going to hear a story Jesus told  
about an amazing party with lots of food!



## Share it

Share a child-friendly version of Luke 14:15–  
24 (eg Biblegateway.com *ERV/EASY*) or use  
images from **FreeBibleimages.org**.

Sit in a circle and ask the group to share  
together:

- Using a big piece of paper, write or draw  
on it all the things you might need for the  
best party ever! Can you all agree on the  
five most important things on your list?

- Who would you invite to this party? What  
would you do at it?
- The man in the story planned a big,  
amazing party – but no one came!
- What did you think the man would do  
next? Why?
- Why do you think he invited everyone he  
could to the party?
- What do you think the party was like, with  
everyone there?
- Why do you think Jesus told this story?
- What does it tell us about God?



## Sing It

**'Every day of the week' (pre-school  
worship)** by KidSpring Children's Ministry  
(1:29)

**'Shine! (from the inside out)'** by Nick  
Jackson uploaded by Tangy Crayfish (2:20)



## Action it

Games and activities to reinforce the Bible passage:

- Talk together about something kind you can do for someone else, and write/draw your answer to take away as a reminder – use the *Acts of kindness* handout
- Play music and do a conga line, where you ‘pick up’ people to join the line around the room!
- Pray together: ask the children to think of someone they know who sometimes gets left out. Ask them to close their eyes and imagine that person, and ask God to help them be inclusive.
- Ask everyone if they can bring a teddy and you can share a teddy bear banquet, including and sharing together in a drink and snack. Encourage the children to share and serve each other, making sure everyone is included. **Please be aware of allergies.**