


Connect with God

Engagement Activities



READ

When the following words appear in the Bible Story, draw the corresponding image:

	God
	Jesus
	Banquet/Feast/Luncheon
	Invite/Invitation
	Kingdom
	Excuse/s

Then Jesus turned to his host. “When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,” he said, “don’t invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.

Hearing this, 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 14:12-24 (NLT)



PRACTICE

How would you respond to the following invitations? (Circle One)

Your friend invites you to go on a camping trip...in the middle of the winter.	Yes	No
A famous person you've been wanting to meet invites you to their house.	Yes	No
Your math teacher invites you to do fifty more worksheets.	Yes	No
A classmate has rented out an entire amusement park for a day and invites you to attend.	Yes	No
Your mom invites you to eat a plate full of brussel sprouts.	Yes	No

Think about it: Why would you say yes to some invitations and no to other invitations?

God has an invitation for you! You're invited...to come close to God, to receive forgiveness, to learn to live and love like Jesus, God's perfect son and to live with God forever! How would you respond to this invitation?



PRAY

Talk to God!

Dear God,

Thank you for sending your Son to invite me into your kingdom and into a relationship with you. Thank you for inviting me to experience your love, forgiveness, joy and peace. Please help me to respond with a yes to your invitation by showing me how great your love really is!

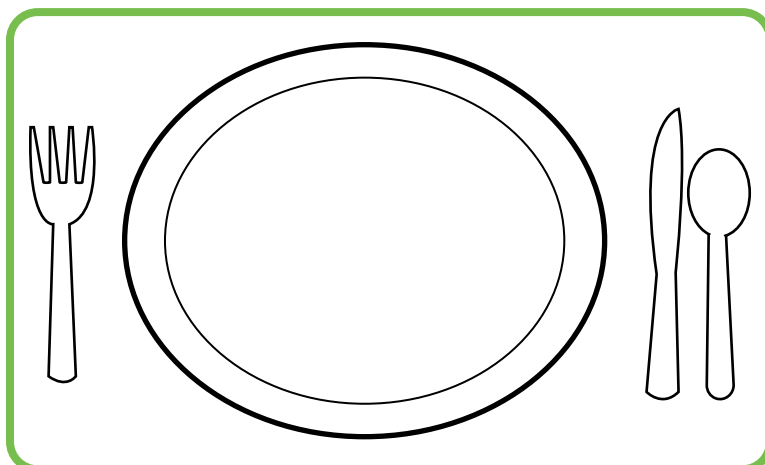
Amen.



JUST FOR FUN

If you could host your own thanksgiving party, what would you serve for dinner?

If you could invite anyone to your Thanksgiving dinner, who would you invite?



Go to crossroadskidsclub.com/contest and enter to win a popcorn bucket!