

family sermon devotional



Date: July 5 | **Text:** Luke 14:15-24, **The Parable of Great Banquet**

Parents,

In today's parable, Jesus used the example of someone who planned a party that no one wanted to attend. God wants us in heaven with Him. Like the man in the story, God has planned and created something incredible for those who follow and love Jesus! Heaven is so amazing that God wants everyone to be there!

Talk about your response to today's message with your family:

1. What is one thing you want to remember from today's message?
2. Why did the man in the story invite the poor, crippled, and lame to his feast?
3. If the man in the story represents God, and the banquet is heaven, why do you think Jesus told this parable?
4. What are some things that get in the way of our spending time with God?



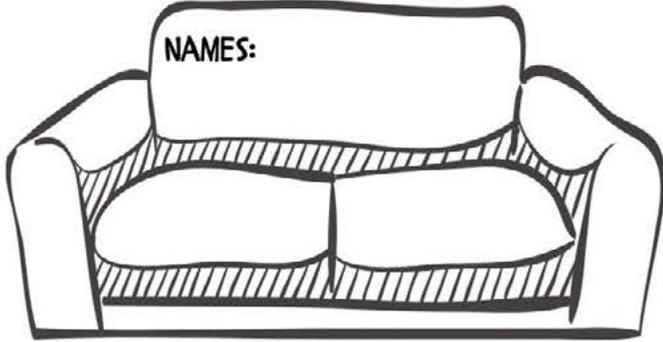
1. **Receive:** God wants to spend time with us right now, too! Let's live lives that show God, "I'll be there! Count me in!" Discuss some ways we can live right now for Jesus and practice those disciplines this week.
2. **Extend:** The invitation to follow Jesus is for everyone! Can you think of someone that you could pray for to accept the invitation to follow Jesus? Write down some names of people you will commit to pray for as a family this week. Maybe God will show you ways you can share Jesus with these friends!
3. **Celebrate:** Create a special celebration family dinner this week. Share special foods, decorate, dress up, and play worship music while you eat. At the conclusion of your celebration, pray this prayer: *God, we can only imagine the incredible things you've prepared for us in heaven. Thank you most of all that you love us enough to want each of us there with you. Thank you for preparing heaven for everyone here...* (begin by saying your name, then let each person in your family take a turn saying his or her name.) When everyone has said their name, close by saying: *Help us to always put you first as we anticipate coming to your party in heaven. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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Sermon Notes From Home



WHO DID YOU SIT WITH ON THE COUCH?



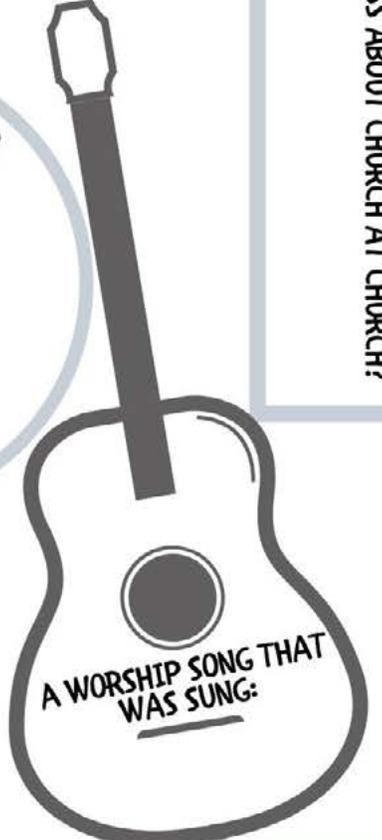
HOW DID YOU WATCH THE SERMON FROM HOME?



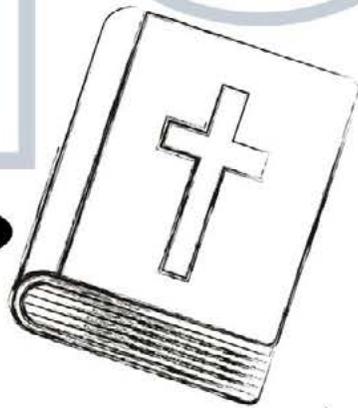
WHAT DO YOU MISS ABOUT CHURCH AT CHURCH?

IF YOU DIDN'T SIT ON THE COUCH, DRAW A PICTURE OF HOW YOU VIEWED TODAY'S SERMON OR DRAW A PICTURE OF WHO YOU WATCHED THE SERMON WITH:

ARE YOU IN YOUR JAMMIES OR CLOTHES?? DRAW A PICTURE:



TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE:



3 BIG THINKS FROM TODAY'S SERMON YOU CAN ASK GOD TO USE TO GROW YOU CLOSER TO HIM:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

SOMETHING SPECIFIC THAT WAS PRAYED FOR:

SOMETHING SPECIFIC YOU ARE PRAYING FOR:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT CHURCH AT HOME?