

## PARABLE OF THE GREAT BANQUET

### Memory Verse

At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

### Story Characters

Narrator  
Jesus  
Master  
Servant  
Guests-4

Narrator:

*Jesus told stories about the kingdom of God everywhere. Here is a story of a master who gave a feast and the guests he invited.*

Jesus:

When you give a dinner, don't just invite your friends and your relatives. Invite those who are poor, who can't walk, the blind, the disabled. Then you will be blessed. Your guests can't pay you back, but you will be paid back.

(Story music transition)

Jesus:

A certain man was preparing a big dinner celebration. He called his servant:

Master:

Servant, come quickly.

Servant:

Yes, sir.

Master:

I have prepared a big dinner party. I have invited many guests. My dinner is ready. Go, and tell all of my guests to come quickly because everything is ready now.

Servant:

Yes, sir, I will do so.

(Music transition)

(Sounds of knocking on door)

Guest 1:

Yes, what do you want?

Servant:

Sir, my master has sent me to tell you to come now to his dinner celebration because everything is ready.

Guest 1:

Now? I cannot come right now. I have just bought a field. I have to go and see it. Please excuse me.

Jesus:

The servant traveled to another guest's home.

(Music transition)

(Sounds of knocking on door)

Guest 2:

Yes, what do you want?

Servant:

Sir, my master has sent me to tell you to come now to his dinner because everything is ready.

Guest 2:

What? I cannot come today. I have just bought five pairs of oxen. I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.

Jesus:

The servant went on to the next guest.

(Music transition)

(Sounds of knocking on door)

Guest 3:

Yes, what do you want?

Servant:

Sir, my master has sent me to tell you to come now to his dinner celebration because everything is ready.

Guest 3:

Sorry, not today. I just got married, so I can't come.

(Music transition)

Jesus:

All of the invited guests made excuses why they could not come to the dinner party.

Servant:

I'm sorry, sir, but all of the guests you invited told me that they cannot come today to your dinner.

Master:

What? I am so angry. Servant, go quickly into the streets and lanes of the town. Bring in those who are poor. Also bring those who can't walk, the blind, and the disabled. I will not cancel my dinner party.

Servant:

Yes, sir

(Music transition)

(Sounds of knocking on doors)

Servant:

Please come to my master's dinner. He has sent me to invite you to come to his house.

Guests:

(various voices) Really? Me? Okay, I will come. I'm so excited!

Jesus:

The servant returned to his master with many guests.

Servant:

Sir, what you have ordered has been done, but there is still room.

Master:

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 first invited will get a taste of my dinner.

(Story music transition)

Narrator:

*God invites many, many people to join Him in His kingdom. If you say you cannot come, He will invite others. If you think you are too busy, you will be left behind. When God invites you to join Him, say "yes."*

*If you want to read more stories Jesus told about the kingdom of God, read the book of **Luke**. It's in the New Testament part of your Bible.*

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