

## Teaching Plan - A big party (The Great Feast)

**Aim** - To show that Jesus will invite us but we must make the choice.



**Welcome**

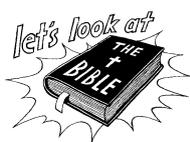


**Game** - Swap your sweetie - you will need a wrapped sweet for everyone)

**The great feast - share a sweetie.**

- Swap your sweet with someone whose hair is the same colour as yours.
- Swap your sweet with someone who is the same height as you are.
- If you are wearing trousers - swap with someone wearing trousers - if you are wearing a skirt swap with someone else wearing a skirt.
- Swap your sweet with someone whose name starts with the same letter.

**Eat your sweet - enjoy it.**



**Bible reading:** Luke 14: 16-24



**Drama**

**A big party (feast) - have a table as a prop**

**Need:** a narrator  
someone to give out invitations  
3 people to receive invitations  
Someone to hold up card saying - **Too busy what a pity**

A man was planning a very big party with lots of lovely food.

Need pictures of food or real food - to set the table.

He sent out the invitations - (Party invites on last page)

When ..... got his invitation he said - I have just bought a field, so I need to go and look at it. So sorry I can't come - I have more important things to do. (Hold up card saying **too busy - what a pity** - everyone says it)

When ..... got her invitation, she said I have just bought 5 cows and I need to see them and check they are okay - my cows are more important than your party. (Hold up card as before)

When ..... got the invitation he said I have just got married so am far too busy to come to your party. I have better things to do. (Hold up card as before)

There is all this food and no-one to come and enjoy it - what a shame. (Hold up card)

Then the man had a great idea - he invited lots of people to come (group give out invitations to everyone)- people who were poor, people who were lonely, people who had disabilities - lots of people who never usually got asked to a fancy party - they were delighted to join the party - lots of great food and music and dancing. (Play party music)

Everyone had a wonderful time and always remembered it.

What a shame that ..... and ..... missed such a great party.



A game about making choices - everyone needs a red and green card. Someone reads out the red choice and holds up the red card - someone else reads out the green choice and holds up the card. Then everyone group makes their choice and holds up their card - results can be surprising!!

Would you rather .....

Would you rather fly in an aeroplane?

Or would you rather go on the bus?

Would you rather eat lentil soup?

Or would you rather eat ice cream?

Would you rather watch X factor?

Or would you rather watch Strictly come dancing?

Would you rather go to the cinema?

Or would you rather go shopping?

Would you rather walk along the beach?

Or would you rather walk in the park?

Would you rather have snow?

Or would you rather have sunshine?

Would you rather be watching TV at home?

Or would you rather be at here at group (name of group or church)?



**Talk** - the big party

Do you like parties? What do you like to do?

Jesus told the story about the big party so that you would all understand that it's not a private party - you are all invited.

The party Jesus talked about is in Heaven - we can look forward to that but we are part of God's family here and now whenever we believe in Jesus - and so we can enjoy family gatherings when friends of Jesus get together - here tonight, in church and wherever Christians meet and enjoy each other's company.

Like the people in the story we get to choose to come to the party or we can choose to be too busy with other things - what's your choice?

Would you **rather be too busy doing things** or **would you rather prepare to go to God's big party?**



### Prayer Time

Thank you, sorry and help prayers

**and/or**

Lord's prayer with actions.

Our Father *hands joined*

In heaven *hands joined and raised high*

Honoured be your name *heads bowed*

Your kingdom come *release hands and make a gesture of invitation*

Your will be done *a salute*

On earth as it is in heaven *all stamp feet for 'earth' and then clap high above heads for 'heaven'*

Give us this day our daily bread *hands out ready to receive*

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us *hands clasped together in front of the body and then released; turn and shake hands with the people either side*

Don't let us be tempted but save us from evil *hands together in front of the face, shielding away temptation and then one hand up as a stop sign*

For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory *one hand pointing up high; the other hand raised in a clenched fist; finally, both hands raised above the head high, with fingers spread*

Forever and ever *draw a large circle in front of yourself with one hand several times* Amen



### Possible Craft - Place mat with party food

Need: A4 coloured card, scissors and glue stick  
Magazines with party food, print outs of party food

Cut out and stick party food and drinks on to the card.  
If you have a laminator, this could be laminated and used as a place mat and a reminder of the story.  
A memory verse could also be stuck on.



### Possible Songs

We are here together  
Come on and celebrate  
Jesus love is very wonderful  
Jesus loves me  
Good news  
Oh, Oh, Oh, how good is the Lord  
I have decided to follow Jesus - first verse only  
Bind us together.



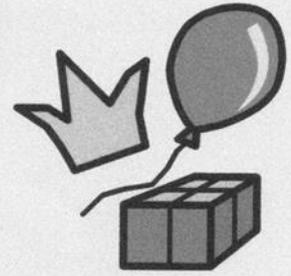
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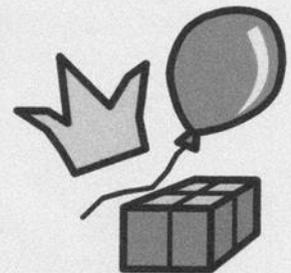
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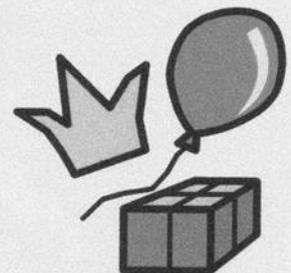
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