

The Big Party

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Luke 14:15-24

Characters: Jesus, Host, Servant, Invited guests, Poor and outcast

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JESUS TOLD A story about a man who threw a HUGE party:

The man worked hard to prepare everything. The food was ready! The decorations were up! He sent his servant to tell all the invited guests: 'Come on! The party is starting!'

But something weird happened. EVERYONE made excuses!

'Sorry, I just bought some land. I need to go look at it.' (Really? Right now?)

'Sorry, I just bought some oxen. I need to test them.' (Can't that wait?)

'Sorry, I just got married.' (Bring your wife to the party!)

The man was hurt and angry. He'd worked SO hard, and nobody wanted to come!

'Fine!' he told his servant. 'Go into the streets. Find the poor people, the disabled people, the blind, the lame—bring them ALL!'

The servant did. But there was STILL room!

'Go even farther!' the man said. 'Go to the highways and country roads. MAKE people come! I want my house FULL!'

And it was! The party was amazing—full of grateful people who never expected to be invited.

Jesus was teaching: God invites everyone to His kingdom! But some people are too busy with other stuff. They make excuses.

So God invites EVERYONE else—people the world looks down on. His kingdom WILL be full!

Don't be like those excuse-makers. When God invites you, say YES!

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