S 25 The Parable of the Great Feast Luke 14:12-24

Jesus said, 'When you give a feast, do not invite your friends, relatives or your rich neighbours as they will invite you back. In this way you will be repaid, Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind, and you will be blessed by God.



Jesus said "There was once a rich man who was giving a feast to which he invited many people to come.'

The Rich Man called to his servants: "It is time for the feast. Go and tell my guests.!"

The servants went to all who were expected and announced. "Come! Everything is ready!"

But they all began, one after another, giving excuses as to why they could not come.

One said, "I need to test out my new plow to make sure it works."

Another one said, "I am buying more oxen for my farm and needed to inspect them." Another said, "I just got married! I must be at home with her."

Everyone had an excuse!!!!

The servant went back and told all this to his master.

The master was furious and said to his servant, 'Hurry out to the streets and alleys of the town and bring back the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.

Soon the servant came back and said, 'We have invited all we could find but there is still room.

The master said, "Go out into the country and down the lanes until my house is full! These people are forever welcome in my home!"

One of the servants said to Jesus, "How happy are those who will sit down at the feast in the Kingdom of God!"

I CAN COMFORT OTHERS Who is someone who needs comfort? Say a prayer and make a plan to help them. Do your plan!

Let's sing about Jesus!

Tell me the stories of Jesus, I love to hear.

Things I would ask Him to tell me, if He were here.

Scenes by the cities, Tales of the sea.

Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First, let me hear how the children, stood round His knee.

And I shall fancy His blessing resting on me. Words full of kindness, Deeds full of grace.

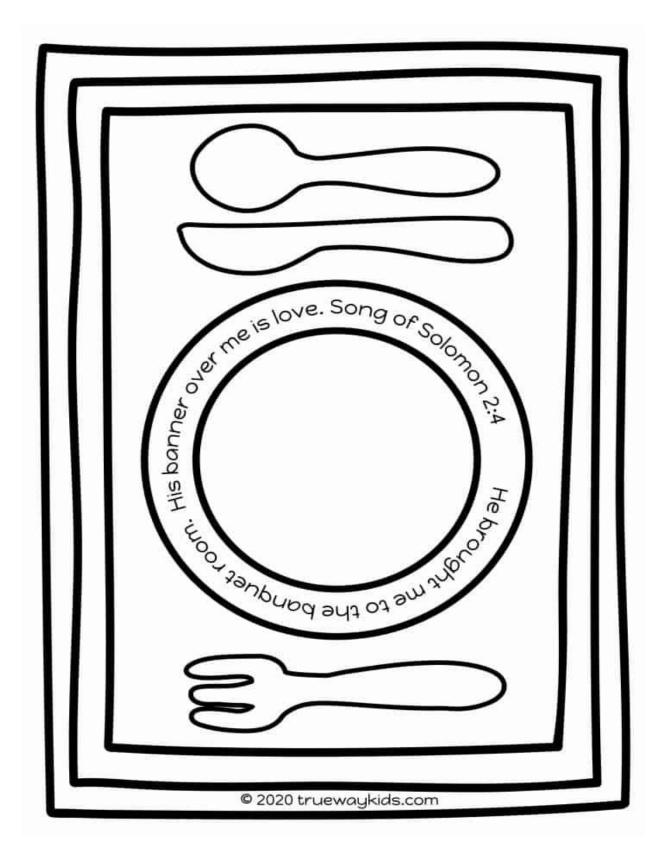
All in the lovelight of Jesus face.

Teach me to follow His lessons, I love to hear.

We'll be His sons and His daughters, when He comes near.

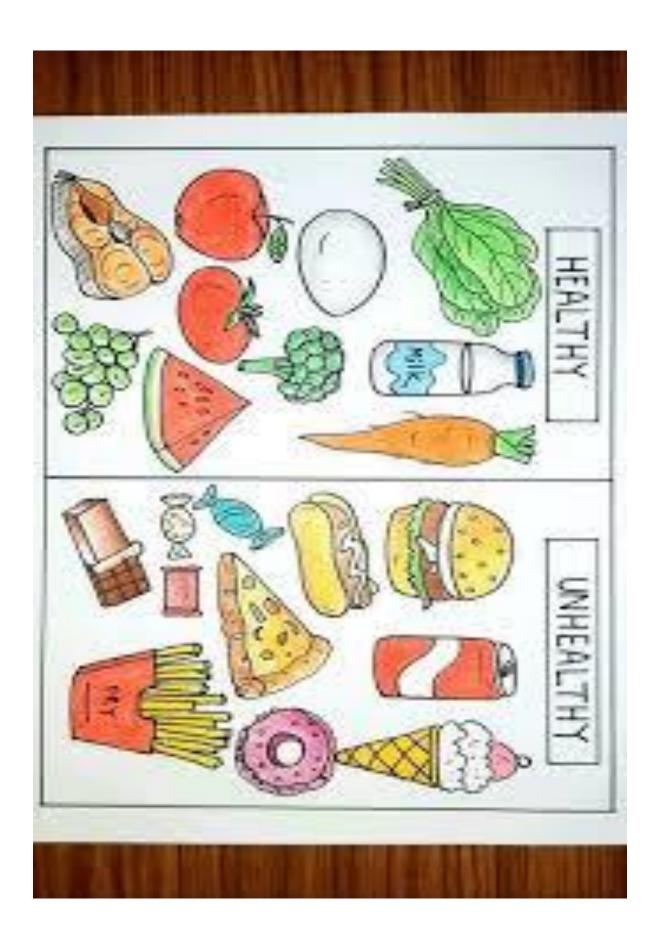
Love one another, forgiving each one.

Listening to Jesus, He'll say "Well done!"



Craft

You will need; (the picture above or..) a placemat, paper plate, plastic cutlery, napkin. A Flyer from a grocery store. Let them cut out and glue on the best of everything to share with someone in need. Have fun!!!!





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To prepare ahead of time, find a long wooden dowel and a long handled wooded spoon. Tape them together. Find a large bowl and fill it with marshmallows. Place it in the center of the circle. Have each child try to get a marshmallow on the spoon for their selves to eat. Then, *try it another way*. Share it with someone on the other side of the circle.



The Parable of the Spoon

By: Rabbi Haim

One day a man said to God, "God, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like.

God showed the man two doors. Inside the first one, in the middle of the room, was a large round table with a large pot of stew. It smelled delicious and made the man's mouth water, but the people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. God said, "You have seen Hell."

Behind the second door, the room appeared exactly the same. There was the large round table with the large pot of wonderful stew that made the man's mouth water. The people had the same long-handled spoons, but they were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The man said, "I don't understand."

God smiled. "It is simple," He said, "Love only requires one skill. These people learned early to feed one another. Those who are hungry are greedy people, and they think only of themselves

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