



At-A-Glance: Camp Venture  
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus  
Unit 5, Lesson 27

## The Great Banquet

Lesson Aim: To see that we need to respond to Jesus' invitation.

### THE WELCOME – CAMP GAMES

**CAMP GAMES:** Everyone Is Invited

### THE WORSHIP – AT THE CAMPFIRE

**JESUS AS THE KING WHO TEACHES**

Jesus is the King who teaches. As our Teacher, Jesus told stories called parables to teach us about His kingdom. Today, we will hear the Parable of the Great Banquet. Just as the man invited everyone to his great banquet, Jesus invites all of us to live forever with Him in His kingdom. We join His kingdom by following Jesus as our Lord. Jesus invites us all to come to Him—including children. Read Matthew 19:14.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Critter Kingdom script or read storybook. Recite Camper's Code.

### THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME

**KINGDOM PARABLE**

Camp Covenant.

**Welcome to Tent Time.** At the campfire, we heard about the Parable of the Great Banquet. A banquet is a special formal dinner with many invited guests.

**Let's read the parable for ourselves.** You'll find it in Luke 14:15-24. If you brought your Bible, you may read along silently with me. Read Luke 14:15-24.

**What did the first people invited to the banquet do?** (They made excuses to not come.) **The next group the man invited were people that might not usually be invited to a banquet.** These guests were poor and unable to give a banquet to repay their host. **Did they come when they were invited?** (Yes.)

**The guests who come to the banquet stand for all who come to**

heaven. The ones who make excuses stand for those who won't come to heaven because they refuse to follow Jesus. Just like the man in the story, God invites everyone to come to Him, no matter who they are or what they have done. He invites us even though we can't repay Him.

**How can we accept His invitation and come to God?** (Campers respond.) **We come to God by following Jesus every day.** Later, we will be with Him in heaven, where God has prepared a great banquet for all who follow Jesus. Praying, reading the Bible, and doing things His way are all ways we can follow Jesus. **What are some excuses we give for not doing those things?** (Too busy, tired, plan to do it later, activities, homework, plans with friends, etc.)

**PARABLE PAL**

**During Tent Time,** we always open our Camp Cooler to find something from our Parable Pal about the kingdom of God. Let's see what our Parable Pal can show us about the great banquet. Counselor opens cooler and reads the letter from Parable Pal.

**SHARE A PRAYER**

Requests and the Lord's Prayer

**FINAL FIVE MINUTES**

- KINGDOM PARABLE JOURNAL: The Great Banquet Kingdom Parable Sticker
- CHALLENGE: DAILY WAY OR W<sup>3</sup>
- PARABLE POSTER PROJECT: The Banquet Invitation
- LETTERS FROM CAMP
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** The Great Party Food

**GAME:** Banquet Relay Race

**CRAFT:** Parable Wind Chimes–The Great Banquet

**PARABLE PAL:** Invitations

**BONUS PARABLE:** The Ready Servant

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Color Decode, The Wave