Messy Church Special - The Parable of the Great Banquet

Question
If you were planning a party, who would you invite? What would you eat? Games and special treat?

Game
Play musical statues to some worship music… try this one https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yopo6DvV9Z8
'Nothing's too big' - Doug Horley

Bible Story
From Luke 14:15-24 Read the story from the Bible or look it up and watch it online

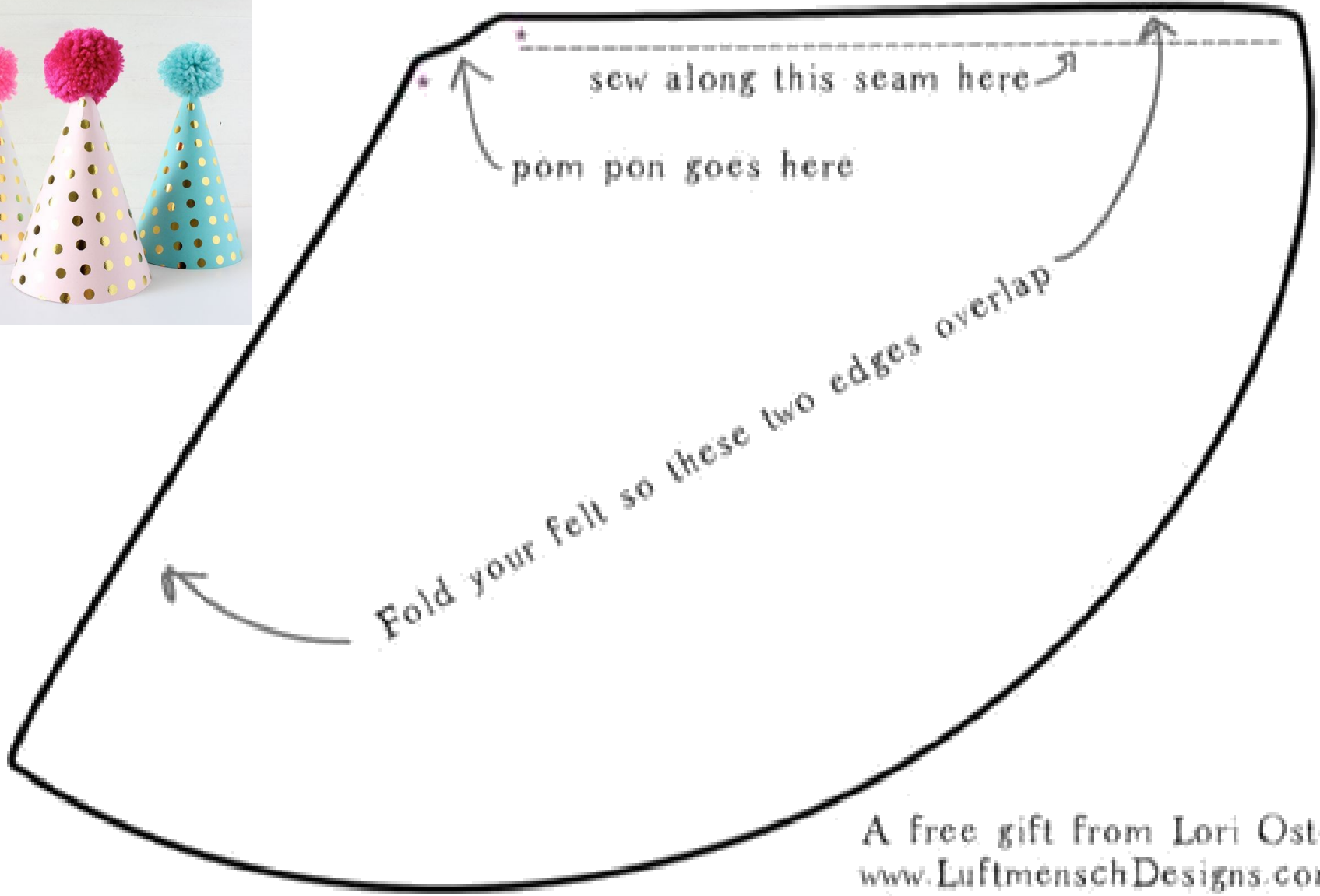
Questions to choose from and chat about after the story…
- How did the man get ready for his party? (food, invites)
- What kind of excuses did the people who had been invited give? (too busy, just bought something, too many things to do)
- Who did the man invite instead? (The homeless, refuges, poor etc)
- What party was Jesus really talking about in this story? (Heaven's party)
- Who's invited to join Jesus in heaven's party? (Everyone)
- What sort of good things of God can we enjoy now? (His love, strength, peace, protection, good gifts etc)

Prayer
Chat to God and ask him to help your friends, family and anyone you know who needs his peace

Crafts and Challenges
- Do some jobs for your family and ask your parents to give any money you would have earned to your local food bank
- Make party hats (see template)
- Decorate paper plates, serviettes and party name badges,
- Follow the recipes to make some party food
- Colouring and activity sheets (see below)
- The last two sheets allow you to draw in the pictures of the story in the boxes provided!

Come to the party Luke 14:15–24

PARTY HAT TEMPLATE



A free gift from Lori Oster
www.LuftmenschDesigns.com

You could make this hat with card and them decorate it with material, felt, pom poms, feathers or felt tips

PARTY FOOD

Mini-pizzas

(for those with access to a grill or microwave)

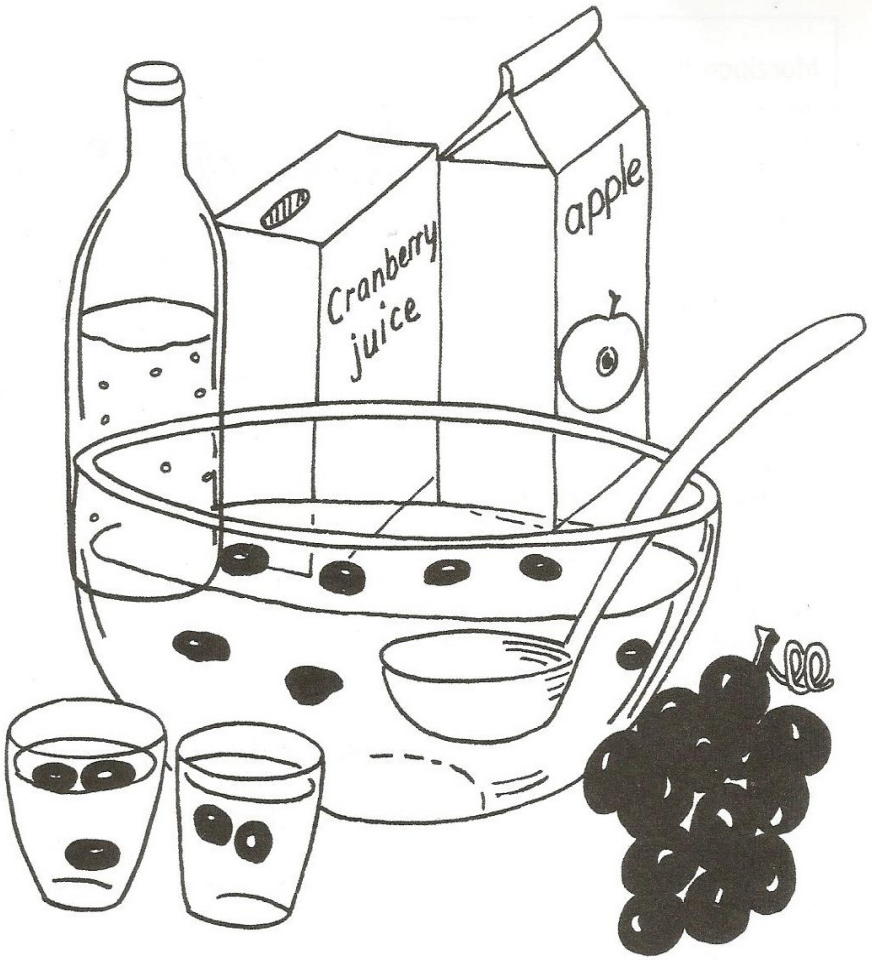
Cut a French stick into thin slices. Supply a variety of toppings, eg cheese, chopped ham, small pieces of cooked sausage. Spread each slice with a little tomato sauce, passata or puree and let children create their own toppings. Cook under a medium grill for a few minutes (or in a microwave oven for about 30 seconds) until the cheese is melted and meat heated through. If more time is available, baking the pizzas in an oven would give a crispier base. *Conversation topics while cooking could include: Jesus gave bread to hungry people; God provides us with food.*

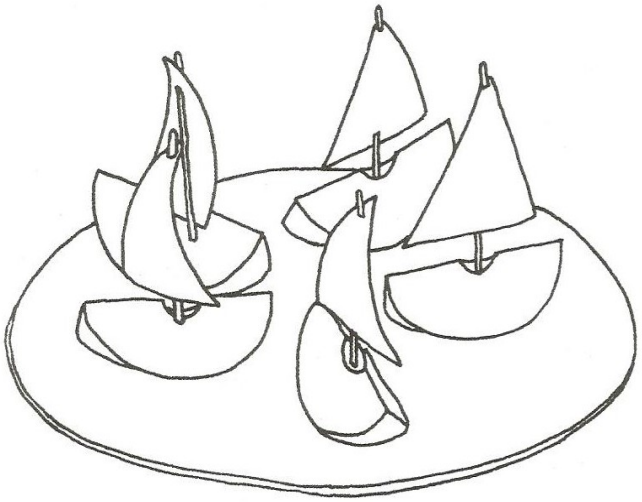
Apple boats

You will need:

- Firm eating apples
- Wooden cocktail sticks
- Paper triangles
- Lime jelly (made beforehand)

Method: Cut an apple into quarters and remove the core. Make sails from cocktail sticks and paper triangles (if small children are involved, cut off one sharp end and stick the other point into the apple). Chop up the lime jelly to make a sea for the apple boats.





Red Fruit Punch

You will need:

- Cranberry juice
- Red grape juice
- Apple juice
- Sweet black grapes
- Large bowl
- Sparkling water or lemonade (optional)

Method: Cut grapes in half and remove pips. Mix equal amounts of the fruit juices together. Add sparkling drink if desired. Pour out and add a few pieces of grape to each cup.

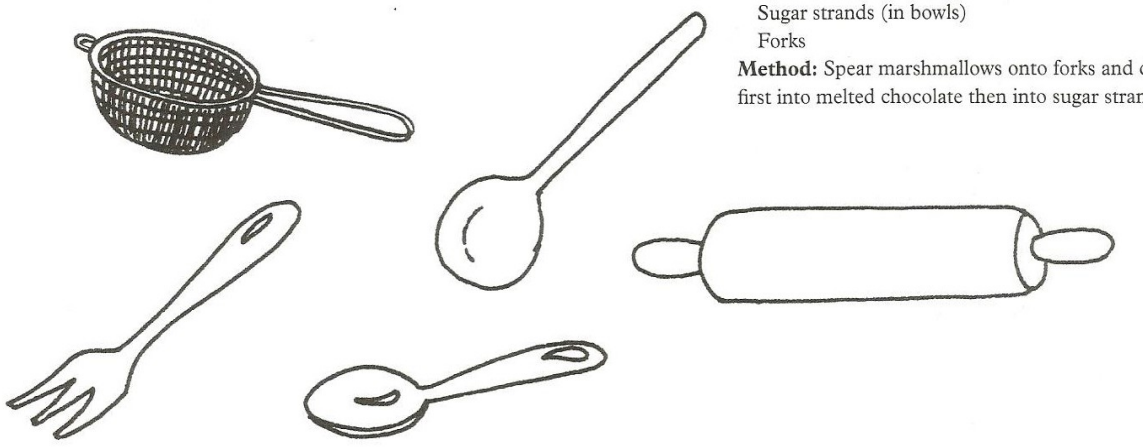
Party mallows

(no cooking required)

You will need:

- Marshmallows
- Pre-melted chocolate
- Sugar strands (in bowls)
- Forks

Method: Spear marshmallows onto forks and dip first into melted chocolate then into sugar strands.



Marzipan fruits

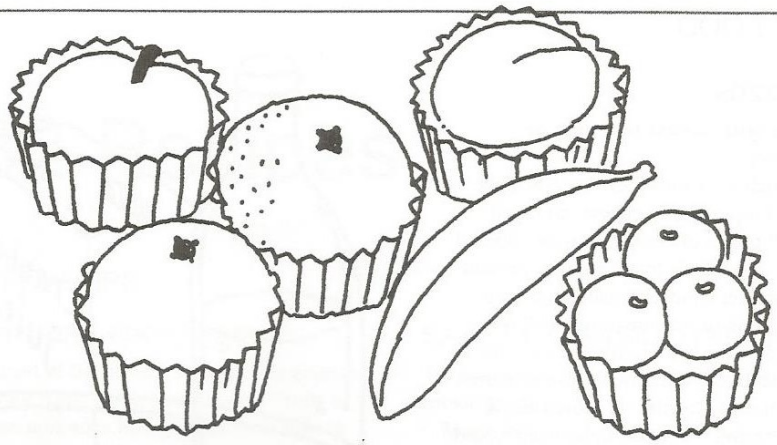
(no cooking required)

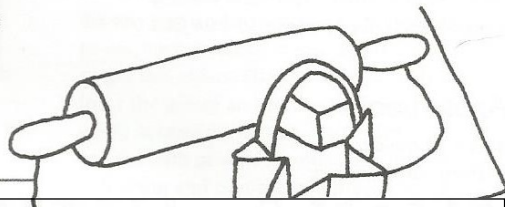
NB As marzipan is made from almonds, check for nut allergies.

You will need:

- Marzipan (preferably white)
- Food colouring
- Cloves (optional)
- Icing sugar or fine cornflour
- Flat plates if you have no suitable working surface
- Petits fours cases

Method: Colour pieces of marzipan with food colouring – this can be done beforehand if you are short of time. Give each child a piece of marzipan and show them how to mould into small fruits such as oranges, apples, plums, cherries and bananas. Inserting a clove into one end of fruits like apples or oranges makes them look very authentic, and rolling the 'fruit' against the part of a grater used for nutmegs gives the mottled appearance of orange skin. Finished fruits can be placed in petits fours cases. Store in an airtight container.





Fruity flapjacks

You will need:

- 120 g margarine
- 50 g demerara sugar
- 50 ml golden syrup
- 250 g porridge oats
- 175 g dried fruit
- Shallow greased baking tray

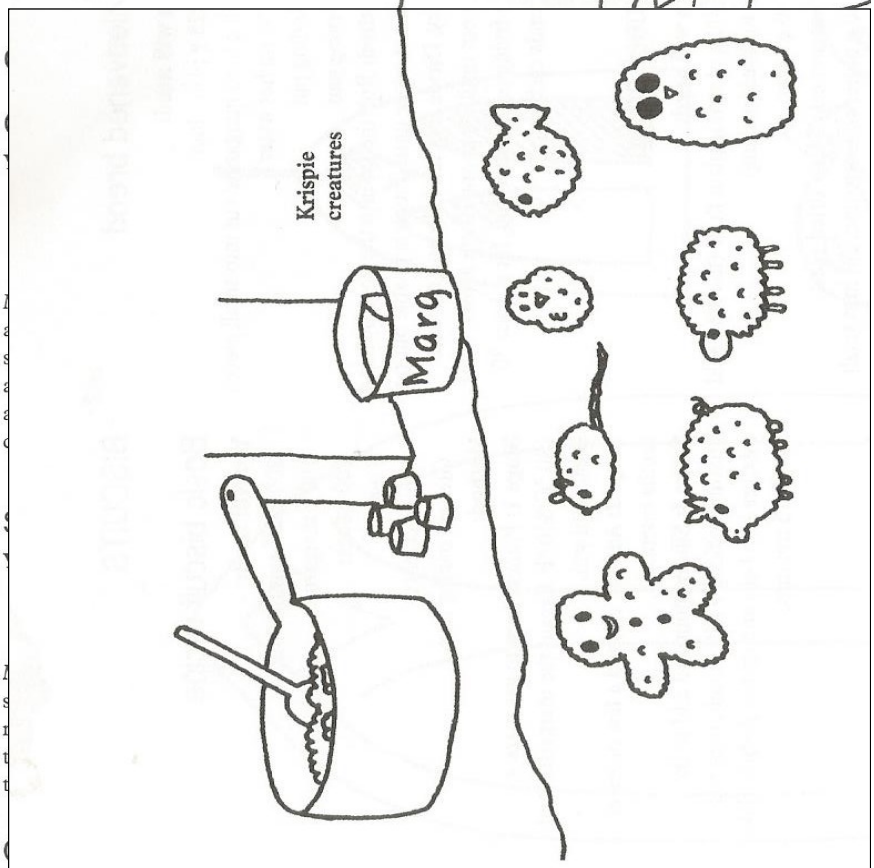
Method: Preheat oven to Gas Mark 4/ 180°C/ 350°F. Melt the margarine, sugar and syrup together in a small saucepan or microwave. Stir the oats and fruit together in a large bowl, carefully pour on the sugar mixture and stir well. Tip mixture into the greased tin. Press down and smooth the surface. Cook for 15 minutes. Leave to cool and then mark on cutting lines. When the flapjack is cool and firm, break along these lines.

Tiffin

You will need:

- 100 g margarine
- 100 g sugar
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 tbsp cocoa powder
- 200 g crushed digestive biscuits
- 150 g bar of chocolate (approximately 3 regular-sized bars)
- Greased traybake/Swiss roll tin

Method: Melt margarine in a pan over a low heat. Add sugar and stir until dissolved. Remove from heat, add beaten egg and stir well. Add cocoa powder and crushed biscuits. Spread in tin to thickness required. Cook at Gas Mark 3-4 for 10-15 minutes. Leave to cool, and when still warm cover with melted chocolate or chocolate glacé icing and leave to set.



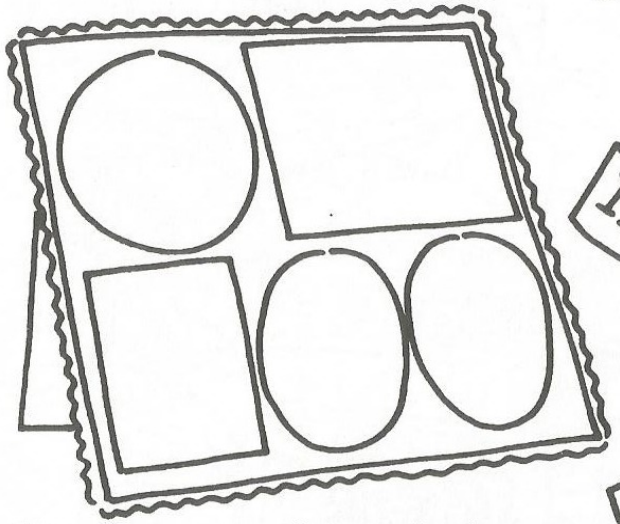
Krispie creatures

You will need:

- 2-3 cups of Rice Krispies®
- 50g margarine
- 250g marshmallows
- Currants and dried fruit for making features

Method: Melt the margarine in a saucepan or microwave. Add the marshmallows and stir until melted. Add enough Rice Krispies® to make a stiff consistency. Turn mixture out in small quantities on to pieces of lightly greased foil. Whilst it is still warm but not hot, let children mould it into animals or people, using currants etc. for eyes and so on.

Jesus is my friend.



What do you think makes a good friend?
Draw lines to the things you choose.

likes you

doesn't laugh at your jokes

hits you on the nose

A GOOD FRIEND

lets you down

is fun to be with

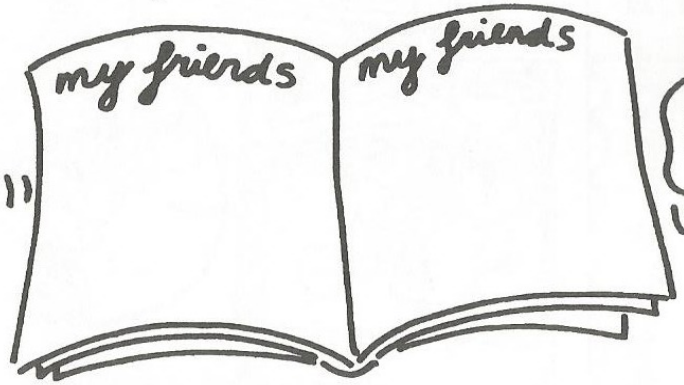
shares things with you

forces you to do stupid things

understands you

sticks up for you

Draw your friends here:



Write their names in this book.

Jesus likes you all the time~
when you're a pain as well as when you're the most wonderful person ever. What you do may make him sad, but he NEVER goes off you.

When does Jesus like you?

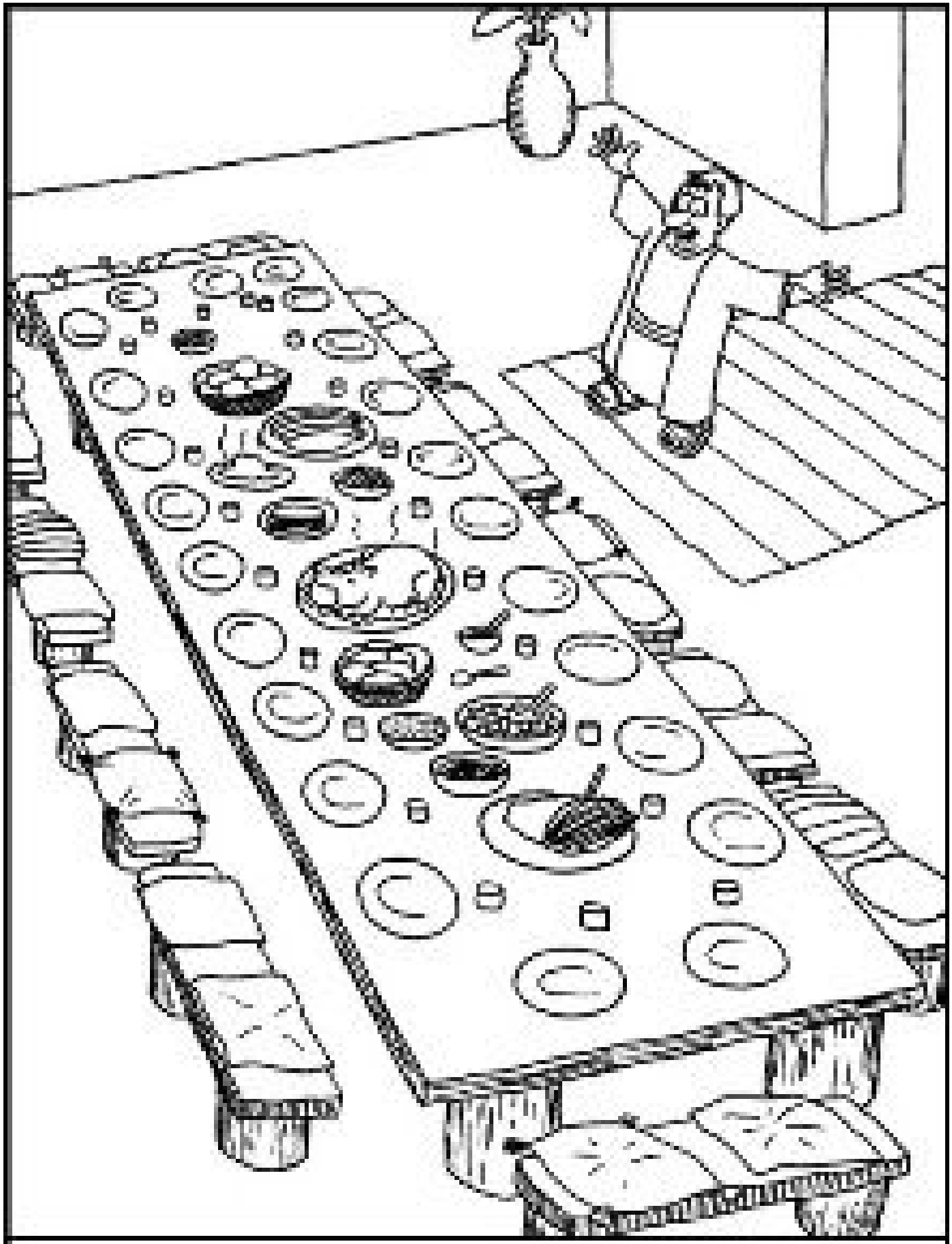
When you're clean ☐ When you're dirty ☐

When you are being good ☐ When you are being grumpy ☐

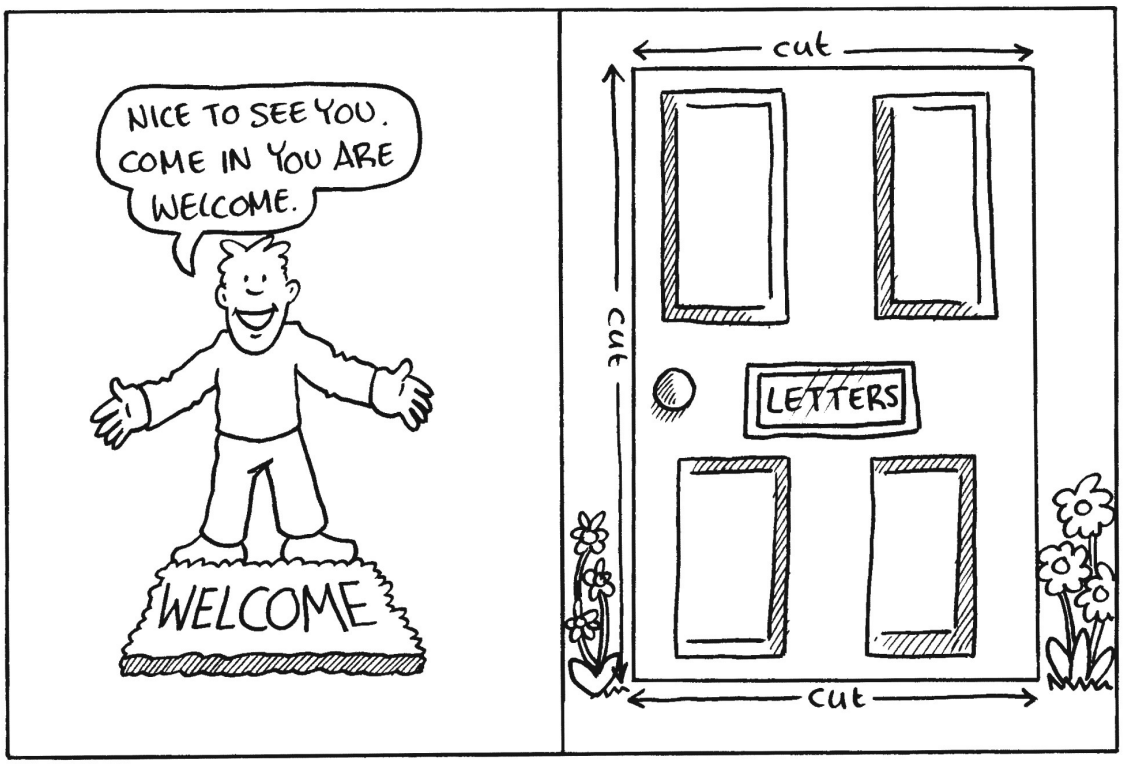
On Sunday ☐ Everyday ☐

When you pray to him ☐ When you forget all about him ☐

When you do what you're told ☐ When you wind someone up ☐



"Everything is ready."



Make a 'welcome' card. ① Fold your paper in half. ② On the front draw a door. ③ Carefully cut 3 sides of the door so that you can fold it open. ④ Open the door and draw a WELCOME MAT and yourself welcoming someone.

Write an invitation to Jesus. Write in the time and place.

Invitation

I look forward to meeting you at my prayer time at

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signed _____

PRAY

Lord Jesus, I welcome you into my life and home. As you love me, I give my love to you.

The Story of the Great Feast

Luke 14:15-24

A man invited many people to a party.

When the party was ready he sent his servant to tell all the guests to come.

All the guests made excuses. 'I have bought a field and must look at it.'

'I have bought 5 pairs of oxen and must try them out,' said another guest.

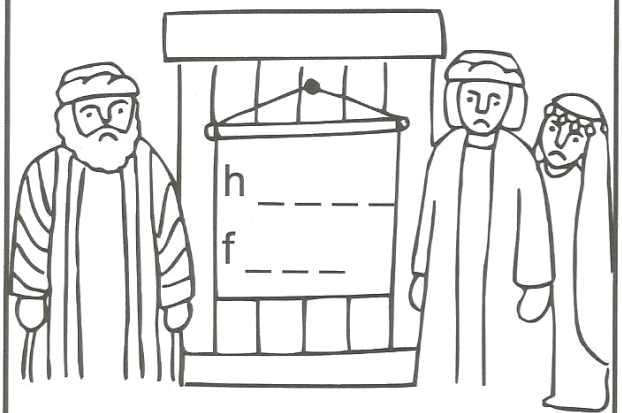
A third guest said, 'I can't come because I have just got married.'

The servant told all this to his master. The master was very angry.

He sent his servant to bring in all the poor, crippled, blind and lame people in the town.

But there was still room for more people.

So the servant was sent to the country roads to find more people to come to the party.



The man said, 'None of those people who refused to come will taste my dinner.'

Seek _ _ _ _ _

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and _ _ _

righteousness.

Matthew 6:33