The Great Party/Banquet

Light a candle and remember the presence of God is with you.
Lay out the green felt underlay.

Jesus told us sacred stories called parables.
Sacred means that something is extra special.
Jesus was extra special.

The stories Jesus told were messages about how to love God and love each other.
Let us wonder how this parable helps us love. (pause)

Place the table on the center green felt underlay. (see insert)

It was is the most special invitation to a really big party.
Lots of people were invited.

“I really want to come, BUT I have to water my plants,” one person said.

Field

“The host of the party was mad that no one wanted to come to the party. The host had put so much work into making it special for everyone!

The host then decided to send out more special invitations. Strangers were invited! Poor people were invited! Sick people were invited! Children were invited!
Those people that usually never get invited to a party were invited to the Great Party!

Place the people around the table.

It was so special!
Wondering with God’s Story

I wonder...

...what a Great Banquet is?
...if the guests have names?
...why some people came to the party and some did not?
...how many people can sit around the table?
...where you are in this parable?

Working with God’s Story

1. Have each person retell the story without reading the words. Just use items.

2. Find the story in your Bible and highlight it. You can also look in a Storybook Bible or online.

3. Ask the wondering questions more than once. Dinner? Car? Bedtime?

Check the “Weekly Faith FITness Plan” card.

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Come close to this story/parable of Jesus.

Luke 14:21b-23
(Common English Version)

“Go as fast as you can to every street and alley in town! Bring in everyone who is poor or crippled or blind or lame.”

When the servant returned, he said, “Master, I’ve done what you told me, and there is still plenty of room for more people.”

His master then told him, “Go out along the back roads and fence rows and make people come in, so that my house will be full.

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2. Lay the brown felt (the table) down.
3. Place the host (any person) at the top of the table.
4. Place the table items (food platers, cup, and candles) on the brown felt.

Now you are ready to share this parable.

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2nd place the animal next to the “Field square” when that person shares this excuse.
3rd place the wedding rings next to the animal what that person shares the “date” excuse.

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Family Prayer
There are so many ways to pray. This week’s prayer challenge is to write a family prayer that pays attention to how and who helps get food to your tables.

Thank you for the food that we eat. . .

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Amen.

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