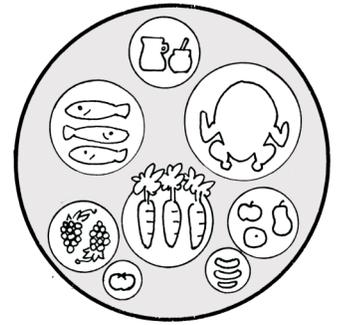


**Lesson #1-25****THE WEDDING BANQUET**

Matthew 22:1-14

**Key Verse:**

“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Matthew 22:14

**The Point:**

All are invited to be part of God’s feast.

**Unit Theme (February 22—March 26)**

The Ways of the Kingdom

**PLAN A FEAST***Plan a celebration.**Supplies:*

- † Pens or pencils
- † Paper

*Preparation:*

1. Look into church ministries or local ministry outreaches that your congregation is involved in. This will give you a list of possibilities to present to the youth as they brainstorm ideas for a celebration. It may also be helpful to have cleared a date and location for the party.

*Instructions:*

1. In today’s parable, the wedding guests came from all walks of life. Some of the guests were probably surprised they were invited.

**Others might have been surprised at who they were sitting next to. Let’s plan a celebration for people we might not usually celebrate with.**

2. Remind participants of the upcoming Easter season. Ask them to begin to plan a brunch or other festive meal to share with a group of people that they do not usually spend much time with. This could be for younger children, single parents, older people, people experiencing food or housing insecurity through an existing outreach, or another group of people that you help them to identify.
3. **The main task for today is to come up with groups you can invite and to begin plans for what kind of a feast it will be and what resources you can draw on to help create it.**