

Left Out?

Theme

Jesus doesn't leave anyone out and neither should you.

Object

An invitation to a party.

Scripture

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Luke 14:12-14 (NIV)

Did you receive one of these invitations? You didn't? I wonder why you were left out? How does it make you feel to know that you were left out of what promises to be a great party? Are your feelings hurt? Do you wonder why I got an invitation and you didn't? It isn't a very good feeling to be left out, is it?

Do you ever leave someone out when you are having a party or doing something special? Do you only invite your very best friends? Do you perhaps leave out the child who doesn't have much money and wears old and ragged

clothes? Or maybe you leave out the child who is physically handicapped and has to get around in a wheelchair. Maybe you leave out the child who isn't very smart and the other kids make fun of him. Maybe you leave out the child whose skin is a different color. How do you think those children feel when they are left out?

Jesus said that when we are having a party, we shouldn't just invite our best friends or the most popular kids in school. In fact, he said that we should be sure to invite the very ones that we might leave out -- the poor, the crippled, and those who are less fortunate than we are. He said that if we only do good things for those who can do good things for us that we already have our reward, but if we do good things for those who cannot do good things for us in return, that we will receive our reward in heaven. Would you rather be rewarded now, or in heaven? If you want to be rewarded in heaven, be careful who you invite to your next party.

Oh, by the way, you know this invitation that I told you about? It isn't a real invitation. I just made it up to help us to understand how it feels to be left out. It feels pretty good to know you haven't been left out, doesn't it?

Dear Father, help us to be loving and caring toward those who may not have as much as we have. Help us to include them in the special things that we do. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

Sermon Title: "Left Out"

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:12-14

BANQUET RELAY:

Divide the children into 2 teams. Each team will have a basket at the front of their team line. On the other side of the room will be a long table full of various types of food for children to run to the table and grab ONE food item and bring back to their team's basket. The next player will do the same and continue until all the food on the table is gone. At the end of the game when all the food is gone, the teams will count how many items are in their basket. The team with the most "banquet items" will be the winner.

MUSICAL CHAIRS:

Play a game of musical chairs as time allows. At the end of the game, children can sit in a circle and ask children how they felt when they had to sit out and watch the others continue to play the game and how did they feel when they were allowed to remain in the game. Tell today's Bible story to the children.

PARTY RELAY:

You can divide the children into teams or play the activity as a group. The teacher can supply items for the children to use to dress up as a blind, lame, poor or a crippled person and then run back to their team. Provide walking sticks, crutches, bandaids, sunglasses or bandanas for the blind, torn or tattered clothes for the poor. Make sure to take a picture of the children when everyone is dressed up.

PARTY INVITATIONS:

Provide supplies such card stock, stickers, markers, ribbon, etc. for the children to use to make party invitations. Encourage the children to make a party invitation that says, "EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A PARTY AT SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT SUNDAY. Tell the children to invite less fortunate children or older church adults to the party. NEXT SUNDAY, be sure to have some balloons, treats, and cups of juice. Decorate the room with ribbons and other party decorations. Make sure on the day of the party to make EVERYONE feel special!

REWARD RIBBON:

Provide children with a wide ribbon of any type of material. Tell the children to write words from today's Bible verse on the ribbon or suggest a phrase from our lesson today about loving and caring for others who don't have as much as we have.

PARTY BALLOONS:

Let children first use a marker to write a word on a balloon that might describe someone less fortunate than the child might be. For example: crippled, lame, blind, or poor. Then blow the balloons up and tie a string to the balloons and let children march around a designated room area to announce a PARTY FOR EVERYONE!

SPECIAL THINGS BOOKLET:

Give the children construction paper squares to staple or tie together with yarn. The title page can say LOVE OTHERS and each page in the booklet can have a word or phrase from our lesson today. The children may wish to draw pictures on some pages of the booklet as well.

SING A SONG:

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN

SHARE A SNACK:

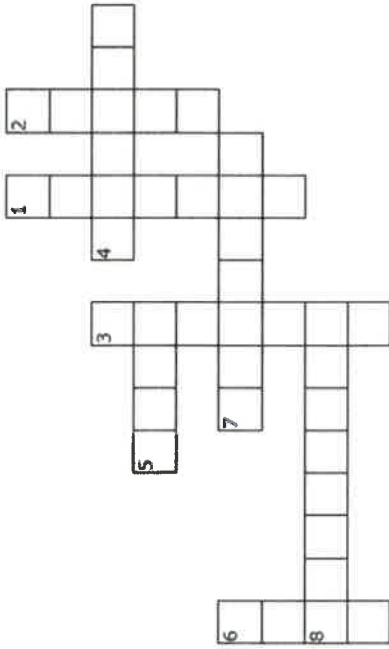
Balloon treats - The teacher will place small candies in balloons and inflate one for each child. At the end of class, let the children break their balloons and enjoy their snack.

Song: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- To ask someone in a friendly way to do something
- Having very little money or possessions
- To be highly favored by God
- To be lame or disabled in the feet or legs

DOWN

- A dinner party for many people
- Unable to see
- People that you know well and like very much
- Having a lot of money

BLIND	FRIENDS	BANQUET	BLESSED
RICH	POOR	INVITE	CRIPPLED



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Luke 14:12-14

Word Search Puzzle

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 U N P S E O U K P R B G E E A
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DINNER	HOST	CRIPPLED	RELATIVES	REPAY
BANQUET	LAME	BLIND	BROTHERS	INVITE
NEIGHBORS	RICH	FRIENDS	BLESSED	POOR

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Psalm 106:3

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Decoder Puzzle

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- 1-8-19-17-17-16-6-21 _____
- 17-10-10-8 _____

CRIPPLED	LAME	RELATIVES	FRIENDS	POOR
BLESSED	RICH	NEIGHBORS	BLIND	INVITE





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