



Faith Together at Home

A Blessed Banquet

Share Your
Faith

Gather Together

Gather in a cozy room around a world map or globe. Have someone close their eyes and point to a place on the map or spin the globe and then point to a place on it. Name the country (or closest country) that is pointed to. Offer a prayer for the people who live there. Share highs and lows from the day. Turn in a Bible or children's Bible to Luke 14:12-14. In this passage, Jesus tells us it is better to invite unlikely guests to a meal.

Discover Together

Jesus helped his disciples understand the importance of generously giving to others. He told them to invite unlikely guests to a banquet—guests who would not be able to return the favor. Jesus also taught his disciples about receiving from others. Read verse 14 again. The act of giving is rewarded with God's blessing. Has your family helped distribute food at a food pantry? Think about what you learned from the people who came to receive the food. Did they seem sad? Grateful? Uncomfortable? Think of how your family might feel in a similar situation.

When you serve others at a food pantry, soup kitchen, or by bringing meals to those who need it, you may feel uncomfortable at first. But Jesus challenges us to step out of our comfort zone and serve unlikely guests. When we step outside of our familiar world we get to experience more of God's world. Consider serving food to others in your community.

Talk Together

Ask these questions of each other:

- What can people give if they don't have extra money?
- How can knowing someone who is in need change our impression of all people in need?
- Name people who inspire you to give.

Create Together

Make placemats as a reminder that God welcomes all people to God's table. Cut out pictures from magazines or printed from the internet that show diverse people. Glue the pictures to a sheet of construction paper or cardstock. After the glue dries, cover the placemats with clear self-contact paper or using a laminator. Use the placemats at mealtime, offering prayers for our siblings in Christ around the world.

Serve Together

Contact a local nonprofit organization and ask if they could use volunteers. Find a time that works for your family to volunteer. Talk afterward about how the experience felt for you and how it may have felt for the people receiving support they need.

Family Prayer

Say this prayer or blessing at the close of your time: **Generous God, you feed us with your generous gift of grace. Help us feed others. Amen.**