Many Are Invited, Few Are Chosen
(Lower Elementary)

October 11, 2020 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Overview

In this week's Gospel passage, Jesus tells the parable of the wedding feast, in which those invited to the feast choose not to go. The invitation to the wedding feast is extended to whomever can be found, though those unprepared are cast out. In this week's lesson, students will consider how they will respond to their invitation into the Kingdom of God.

Directions

A. Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.
B. Explain to your students that a parable is a simple story used to illustrate a spiritual lesson. In the Parable of the Wedding Feast, each part of the story represents someone or something in Salvation History, the history of God's saving actions toward mankind. Explain that the Wedding Feast in the Parable also represents Holy Mass, in which we are invited to participate every day!
C. Have students complete the Wedding Feast Match-Up activity, followed by the Mass preparation list.
D. When they are done, review their answers as a class and invite volunteers to share their lists with the class.
E. Finally, have your students draw a picture of themselves at Holy Mass. Be sure to remind them to draw themselves dressed in their Sunday best!

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. The king's son.
2. Some ignore the invitation and go away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest lay hold of his servants, mistreat them, and kill them.
3. He sends his servants to the main roadways, where they invite the good and the bad alike.
4. The king asks, “My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?” The wedding guest is reduced to silence. The King has the guest’s hands and feet bound and has him cast out into the darkness.

**The Parable of the Wedding Feast**

- The King=God the Father
- The King’s Son=Jesus Christ
- The King’s Servants=Moses and the Prophets
- The Wedding Feast=Heaven
- The Wedding Garment=How we show ourselves to God