TEACHING THE LITURGICAL YEAR

Many Are Invited, Few Are Chosen
(Middle and Upper 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. Have your students read the Gospel passage, or read it aloud to your students, and then answer the focus questions.
B. Review and discuss the answers when they have completed the focus questions.
C. Explain to your students that a parable is a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson. In the Parable of the Wedding Feast, each figure represents someone or something in the context of Salvation History, the history of God's saving actions toward mankind.
D. Have students complete The Parable of the Wedding Feast worksheet and then break out into small groups for discussion.
E. When they are finished, have students share their findings with the class.

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. The invited guests refuse to attend the wedding feast.
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 troops to destroy the murderers and burn their city.
4. He sends his servants to the main roadways, where they invite the good and the bad alike.
5. The king asks, “My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?”
6. The wedding guest is reduced to silence.
7. The king has his hands and feet bound, and he is then cast out into the darkness outside, where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

**The Parable of the Wedding Feast**

The Israelites: d.
Heaven/The Mass: e.
God the Father: a.
Man presuming his own Righteousness: h.
Temple destruction in 70 A.D.: f.
Jesus: b.
Moses and the Prophets: c.
Gentiles/All of Humanity: g.