

Yr 2 Parents' Cheat Sheet

Great Banquet Luke 14: 16-24

1. Who did the man having the banquet represent and who are the servants?

He represents God the Father. Like the man in the story God wants his house to be full. The "House of God" is the church! God invites all people in the world to come to His house. We are the servants that love and serve God. We get the great job of inviting all the people to come spend time with us and with God in church!

2. What banquet does God invite us to every week?

Every Sunday we are blessed to be invited to the Divine Liturgy. At this Great Banquet we spend time with other people that love God, we spend special time with God and we receive the Holy Eucharist. Jesus invited his friends on Great and Holy Thursday to take part in this banquet and to remember Him and all He had done for them and for all of humanity. He did this at the Mystical Supper. We have to try hard and pray for God's help not to be lazy or to find excuses like the people in the story not to come and be with him at this very special banquet.

3. Why doesn't God just force people to do things instead of inviting them?

If God forced people to do everything then he wouldn't love us. God gave us free will because we are not puppets. We are deeply loved by Him. We discussed with the children that love must entail free will. When we have friends or when we marry someone, we WANT to spend time together because we love each other. If one person forced the other person to do everything they wanted and forced them to spend time together that would certainly not be love. God invites, and He waits patiently, and He sends others to remind us that He is still there waiting, but He does not force us to come.