

## Wendy's Weekly Worship Workshop

### "The Great Banquet"

Matthew 22 1-14

We all know how lovely it is to get an invite to a party and how sad it is if we do not. We feel even worse if we throw a party and nobody turns up. Today's story is about a very grand party; it is a party fit for a prince, but it did not turn out exactly as planned.

<https://youtu.be/LEbwiQvo5k4>



Have any of you have ever given a party? Of course, you have! We have all given a party at some time. Perhaps it was a birthday party, or a slumber party, or a fancy-dress party. No matter what kind of party you give, it is a lot of work to get ready for a party, isn't it?



First, you must decide what kind of a party you are going to have.



Then you must go out and buy the decorations or make them yourself. You must plan what games you are going to play and make sure that you have all the proper equipment for the games. Next you must decide what you are going to serve and go and do the shopping .

After you have made all the plans, you make a list of who you are going to invite and send out the invitations.

Have you ever planned a party and sent out the invitations, but no one showed up? Oh, I hope not! If that happened, how do you think it would make you feel? Would you be angry? Would your feelings be hurt? What do you think you might do?



Jesus once told about a king who threw a party, but none of the people he invited showed up for his party. In Jesus' story, the king was going to have a party for his Son who was getting married. Since he was a king, and this was his only son, you can imagine that it was going to be quite a celebration and it was a tremendous honour to be invited!



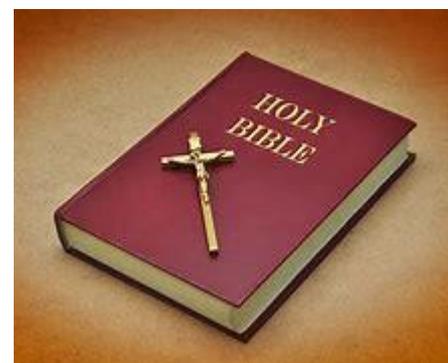
All the plans had been made, the food was prepared, the invitations had been sent. The day of the celebration came, but no one showed up! The king sent his servants to see where the people were and why they had not come to his celebration. The people all began to make excuses about how busy they were.



The king was terribly upset, so he told his servants to go out into the streets and invite everyone they saw to come to his son's wedding celebration. They did exactly what the king told them to do and the Bible tells us that the wedding hall was filled with guests.

Can you guess who the King was in the story that Jesus told? It was God. I am sure you know who his Son was in the story. Right, it was Jesus.

Jesus has sent you an invitation. You will find his invitations in here. The Bible is full of invitations from Jesus. He says, "Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14) Jesus has invited us to come to him, and yet, some people are still making excuses.



To continue with our Party theme, I thought we would have some party type praise songs , so get ready !!!!!

<https://youtu.be/x6r3eWJmCbE>



<https://youtu.be/vdMIxCdly-c>





# The Wedding Banquet

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Based on Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)



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PARABLES	STREET	INVITED	BANQUET
GUESTS	HEAVEN	KINGDOM	CORNERS
SERVANTS	CATTLE	COME	OXEN
FILLED	REFUSED	WEDDING	DINNER

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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2. 22-18-3-22-8-12-14 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 14-22-18-18-12-2 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 1-13-2-13-17-9-12 \_\_\_\_\_
5. 6-12-14-14-22-18-4 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 7-12-2-3-13-18-8-7 \_\_\_\_\_
7. 17-13-18-11-21-12-8 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 2-12-16-21-7-12-14 \_\_\_\_\_

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And as usual to finish we have our prayers, remember to make these prayers your own finish with Amen. I hope you have enjoyed Wendy's Weekly Worship Workshop again; next week we will be thinking about Harvest.

Dear Father, thank you for inviting us to join you in your heavenly celebration. If there are any here today who have not accepted your invitation, we pray that today will be the day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Father, thank you for Jesus, your Son. We thank you for his invitation to come and receive the gift of life which he offers. Without making excuses, we say, "Yes, Lord, Yes!" Amen.



Dawn's prayer !

Dearest Lord

We thank you that you have given every single one of us a special invitation to enjoy a life following you, just like being invited to an incredibly special banquet. We are sorry that we do not always respond to your invitation as we should, or as instantly as we should. Please help us to remember that a life following our own desires is incomplete and unsatisfactory, whereas a life following you is filled with a special kind of joy and blessings.

Amen