



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for April 25, 2010**  
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**"Jesus Includes Everyone"**

**Lesson Text:** Luke 14:15-24

**Background Scripture:** Luke 14:7-24

**Memory Verse:** "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind" (Luke 14:21).

**Luke 14:15-24**

15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21 So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

**THE OBJECT IN VIEW:**

Teach that everyone who comes to Jesus will be welcomed; so we should come to Him ourselves and invite others to do the same.

**TRUTHS TO STRESS:**

1. God invites everyone to come to Him through Jesus, His Son.
2. God does not force people who do not want to come.
3. God wants us to make sure that everyone knows about His invitation.

**PLANNING LESSON AIDS:**

For Telling the Lesson, make a big card using a piece of paper folded and decorated to look like a party invitation. Write on the card in large letters "COME."

For Helping to Remember, bring a folded paper for each student and pencils, markers or crayons, glue, and glitter or other decorations to make their own invitations.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search for each student.

**TEACHER'S NOTES:**

Time: A.D. 30

Place: Perea

In this week's lesson Jesus told a parable about calling people to a feast. We see that the offer to come was made to many but that not everyone chose to come. The master of the feast decided to open the party up to even the lowliest, who would not ordinarily be invited to such an event, and to actively try to convince people to come.

The message is clear. The feast is in the kingdom of God (Luke 14:15). Not everyone will accept the invitation, but God wants us to make sure everyone is invited to come. No one who comes will be turned away. Even those that are considered to be the lowliest by society are welcomed.

**BEGINNING THE LESSON:**

Belinda was having the worst birthday ever. She had made decorations with her mother. Her mother had stayed up late to bake and decorate a cake. Together they had cleaned the house and put up balloons for the party- but no one came. Not one friend came to her birthday party.

Belinda had invited all the girls in her class. She had invited the neighbor girls and others she knew. What a sad party that was when no one came! Belinda did not even feel like eating her cake.

Jesus told a similar story about a man who planned a big feast.

**TELLING THE LESSON:**

The Bible does not tell us what food was going to be served at the big feast, but I know it must have been the man's very best. The man sent out many invitations.

When all the good food was ready, the man sent out his servant. He was to let the people know that it was time to come enjoy all the good food. (Show your invitation that says "COME.")

But those who had been invited began to make excuses for why they could not come. One of them said that he had just bought a piece of property and needed to go see it. Another said he had just bought five sets of oxen, an animal used to help the people in their work. He said he had to go make sure they were good.

Wait a minute. Did the one man buy land without seeing it first? Did the other man buy five sets of oxen without making sure they were good first? Hmm. Or were those just excuses because they really did not want to go to the feast?

Another said he had just got married; so he could not come. Wait a minute. Everyone was invited. I am sure the man could have brought his new wife. Or was that just an excuse because he really did not want to go?

The servant came back and told his master that no one wanted to come. Everyone who was invited was making one excuse or another.

The man became very angry. He had made a special dinner and now no one wanted to eat it? He told his servant to go out into the streets and the back alleys of the city and invite anyone and everyone to come to his dinner.

The servant was to invite the poor, the handicapped - everyone. So the servant went out and invited everyone he could find. Some came to the dinner but not many. The servant reported to the man that he had invited everyone, but there was still room.

The man sent the servant out again to urge people to come to his dinner. He wanted his house to be filled. In the end, those who were originally invited did not enjoy the wonderful dinner. They chose not to come. Everyone who chose to come was welcomed at the dinner. No one was turned away.

**TELLING HOW TO LIVE:**

Jesus told this story to show us that God invites all of us to His wonderful home in heaven. Everyone is invited, but only those who trust Jesus will be there. God wants heaven to be full, just as the man in the parable wanted his home to be full for the dinner.

We can invite people to God's home in heaven. We can do this by telling them what we know and what we are learning about Jesus. We can do this by inviting them to come to Sunday school, where they can learn more about Jesus. (Show your invitation.)

#### **HELPING TO REMEMBER:**

One way to invite people to know Jesus is to invite them to church or Sunday school, where they can learn more about Him. Let each child create an invitation to Sunday school to give to a friend. Help them compose the invitation, or you can write something and let them copy it. They can then decorate their cards to give to a friend this week.

#### **EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:**

**"Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind" (Luke 14:21).**

When those who were invited did not come to the dinner, the man had his servant invite anyone and everyone. He welcomed everyone, just as God welcomes everyone who comes to Jesus. The excuse makers represent proud people who feel there are more important things than accepting God's invitation. Humble people, however, are excited to enjoy God's blessings.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

This lesson shows us the importance of recognizing and accepting the invitation of Jesus. It also teaches us the urgency of letting others who do not know Him know that the invitation is for all.

God has no favorites. If we have accepted His invitation, one day we will be at the feast with our Lord. Acceptance of the invitation does not cost us anything, and we need to share that with everyone.

#### **PRAYER:**

Dear God, thank You for inviting us to come into Your kingdom. Thank You for welcoming us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:**

Next week's lesson is "**Learn Together**" and teaches that God wants us to be a part of the church, learning and growing together. Study Colossians 1:1-14.

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**WORD SEARCH**

**“Jesus Includes Everyone” (Luke 14:15-24)**

**Find each of the following keywords from the lesson:**

FEAST

MAIMED

EXCUSES

LAND

INVITATION

HALT

OXEN

SERVANT

EVERYONE

STREETS

GUESTS

POOR

BLIND

MARRY

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KINGDOM

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