A WEDDING PARTY WITH STRANGE GUESTS

[Jerusalem] — Jesus went to Jerusalem to die for us. While he was in the beautiful stone temple where Jews came to worship, he taught people about God. Jesus' enemies came to listen to him, but they did not agree with what he told them.

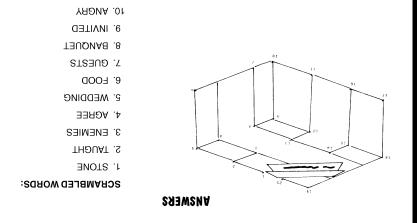
Jesus told his listeners a story about a king who had a wedding banquet for his son. Because he was a king, he invited a lot of important people. But the people he invited all refused to come to the banquet. This made the king so angry he went out into the streets and invited anybody who wanted to come. They didn't have to be special people.

The poor people who were invited to the king's wedding banquet were so amazed, they didn't know what to do. But they decided to come and enjoy the wonderful food in the king's rich palace.

All the special people who had refused to come missed all the fun. Jesus told his listeners at Jerusalem that they were like those people. Jesus was the king's son, but they had all refused to honor him.

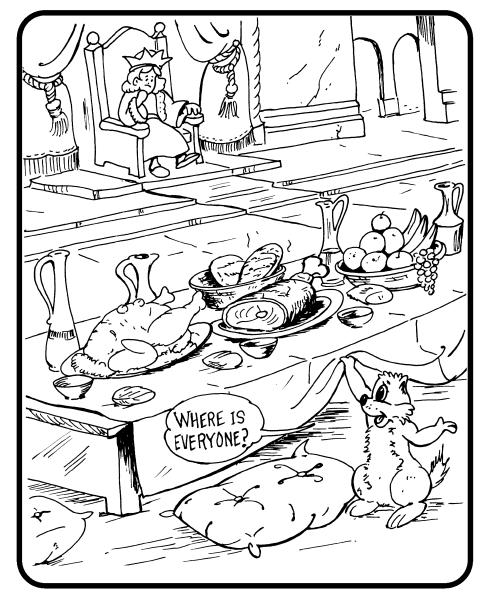
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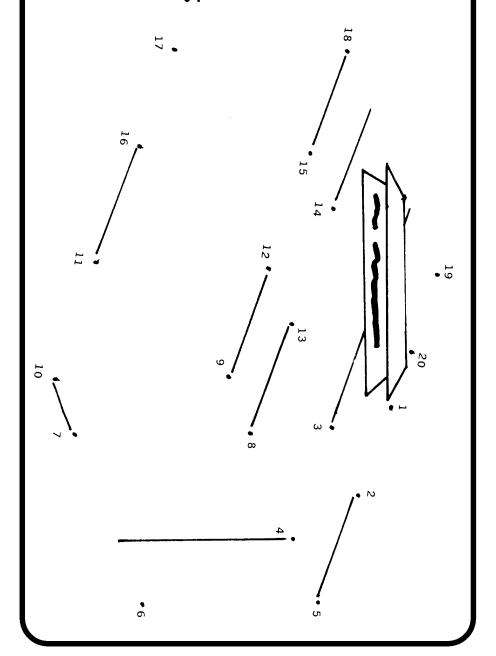


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Finish The Picture. Today's Gospel story is about a king who gave a wedding party for his son. If you were invited to the party, what would you take with you? Finish the picture below to see something you could take.



Scrambled Words. Sometimes our words get all mixed up. Here are some words from today's Gospel story that got all mixed up. Can you figure out how to spell them? The true spellings are in the word list. Some of the letters are filled in to help you.

| WORD LIST: | GUESTS | TAUGHT AGREE ANGRY | BANQUET FOOD WEDDING | |
|--------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| . ENTOS | | 6. DFOO | O | |
| . TAGTUH | _ G | 7. SGEUTS | _ <u>U</u> | |
| . EMEINES N | <u>\$</u> | 8. BQETANU | _ <u>A</u> | <u>J</u> |
| . EARGER | | 9. TIEDNVI _. | _ <u>N</u> T | |
| . WIDEDNG E | 1 | 10. NAGYR _ | G | |

Make a Square. Play this fun game with a friend. Each of you takes turns connecting two lines together. When your line completes a square, you win that square. When you win a square, either write your initial in it or color it your color. Then you get another turn! The one with the most squares wins!

