

PARABLE OF THE GREAT BANQUET

Everyone is welcome



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR EDUCATORS

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This Bible story teaching pack is titled “Parable of the great banquet: Everyone is welcome”. This is the retelling of the parable of the great banquet in the book of Luke. While explaining this story to your students, it is important to emphasize the following:

- The good news is for everyone (Romans 1:16; Galatians 3:28).
- The invitation to be a part of the kingdom of God is given to everyone (Matthew 11:28 – 29; Revelation 22:17).
- Jesus wants us to tell everyone about the good news (Mark 16:15).

The bible reference for this story is Luke 14: 15 – 24.

We ask that you take the time to prayerfully read the bible references provided and study the materials too. We pray “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him” (Ephesians 1:17)

We do not take for granted the call and ministry of training kids in a godly way – right from their childhood. “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

We do not underestimate the potentials for kids to understand and store God’s word in their hearts from their early age. “And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”

(2 Timothy 3:15).

Ultimately, we do not underestimate the power and will of God to bring these children into an enduring relationship with Him. But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14). This is our desire, hope and joy – that each child might come to experience love and grace in Jesus as they understand His words.

In this Bible story teaching pack, you have the following:

1. Story book/cards

You will get a book or a pack of large cards depending on how you print yours. This section has the retelling of the parable of the great banquet. There are words and pictures to hold the attention of the children.

2. Conversation cards

These cards will provide some questions for you to explore with the kids. Encourage them to explore the story and lessons from the parable of the great banquet using the questions in these cards. Use these cards in a group activity. You will be amazed at what you find out.

3. Story starter cards

Each of these cards has a story prompt or beginning sentence and a corresponding picture to help kids retell the parable of the great banquet in their own words. Use these cards in a group activity. They will feel confident that they can tell the story and even go on to tell their friends and families. Are you a parent? You will enjoy listening to your child retelling this story.

4. Memory verse and prayer cards

Print these memory verse cards and ask the children to recite them a few times after the study. Then, ask them to take them home, so they can learn to recite the verses during the week.

You can quickly ask them to recite the verse before the next study in the following week.

A prayer card is also provided – please use this only as a guide. The goal is for each child to be able to use their own words while praying to God.

5. Quiz cards

Questions are provided in the quiz cards. The questions are related to the study; thus, you can assess their understanding in this group activity.

6. Crossword puzzle
Print the puzzle to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the puzzle sheet.
7. Maze
Print the maze to be used as assignment or solved after the study.
8. Word search
Print the word search to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the word search sheet.
9. Word scramble
Print the word scramble sheet and get the kids to unscramble the words. A list of words is provided to make this quick, easy, and fun. If you are using with an older kid, you might want to cut out the word list section and get them to unscramble the words without using the word list.
10. Learn and colour
Another activity aimed at emphasizing the study as kids interact with the pictures and the words.

Please note that the instructions are generic to educators. You know your child/children best; so, feel free to use language that is right for the age group you are teaching.

We hope you will find these resources useful in your homes, classes, churches, or any other location where you teach children the word of God.

We welcome any feedback you might have about using these resources. Please send an email to contact@godlypearls.com or reach out to us through our [Facebook page](#).

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Bible References: Luke 14: 15 -24

You can use this resource to:

- ❖ *Discuss the parable of the great banquet from the Bible.*
- ❖ *Discuss lessons from the story and what it means for kids today. Some suggestions are provided in the main story.*
- ❖ *Engage kids in the various activities to reinforce the story and the lessons.*

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One day, Jesus told a parable, which is a story to teach people about God's Kingdom. He explained that a man held a great feast and invited many people. The man sent his servant to tell the guests, "Come, for all things are now ready".

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But the guests made excuses and didn't want to come.
One said, "I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please excuse me".

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Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them".

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Another said, "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come".

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When the servant told his master, the master felt disappointed.



The master then told the servant, “Go out into the highways and hedges, and urge them to come in, that my house may be filled”.

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The master wanted everyone to share in the great banquet. But he said, "None of those men who were invited shall taste my supper".

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Jesus explained that God's Kingdom is like this great feast or banquet. He invites everyone to come, but not everyone says yes. Those who accept the invitation will share in the joy of being with God forever.

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Jesus is inviting
everyone to come
to Him, but not
everyone says yes.
Will you say yes to
Jesus?



Like the servant,
Jesus wants us to
invite others to
join God's great
feast.



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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We will be happy to help as much as we can.

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What is the meaning of the word, “parable”?

In this parable, what did the master ask the servant to do?

Give examples of some of the excuses people gave for not accepting the invitation

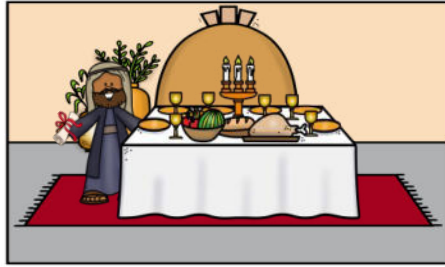
How did the master feel when the servant told him about those who rejected the invitation ?

Why did the master ask the servant to go everywhere and look for people to invite for the great banquet?

What two things did you learn from the parable of the great banquet?

1

One day,
a man ...



2

But ...



3

When the servant ...



4

The master
asked ...



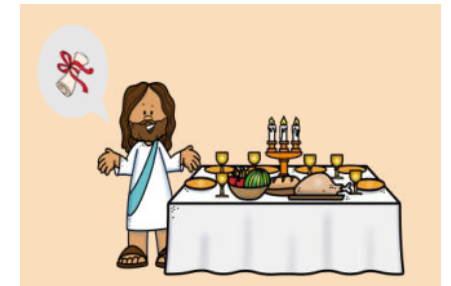
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The master ...



6

Jesus explained ...



STORY STARTERS

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Your friend attended a big party where the host had told them, “bring everyone you can”. But your friend did not invite you. How would you feel? 1

How would you feel if you invited your friend to your birthday party and they said, “no, I don’t care about you”? 3

Why do you think people might say “no” to Jesus? 2

Have you said “yes” to Jesus? If you haven’t, why not? 4



I CAN MEMORIZE

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Revelation 3 : 20

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I CAN PRAY

Dear God, thank You for inviting me to be a part of Your kingdom.

I say yes to your invitation today. Help me to also tell others about this invitation from Jesus. Amen.

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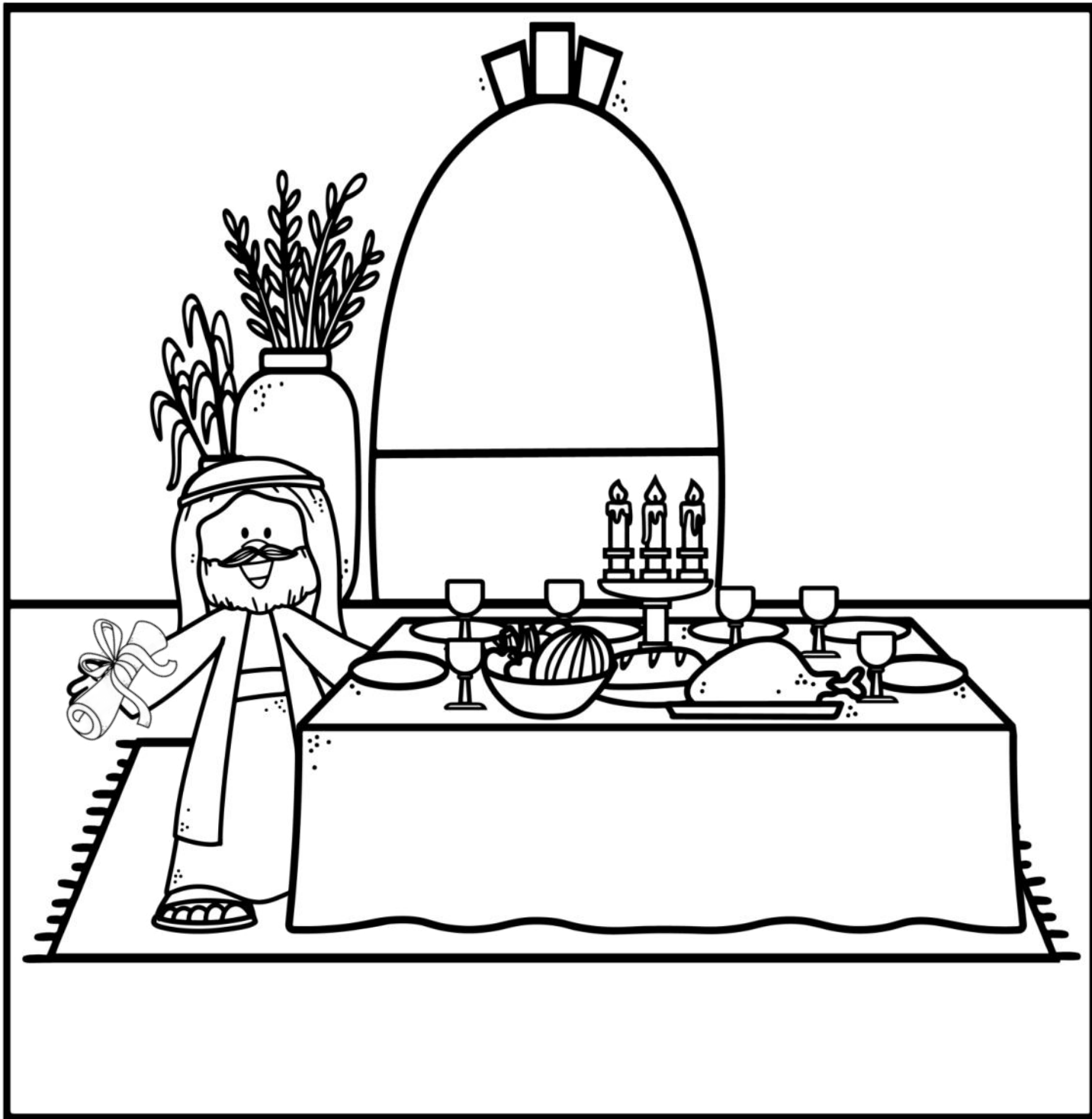
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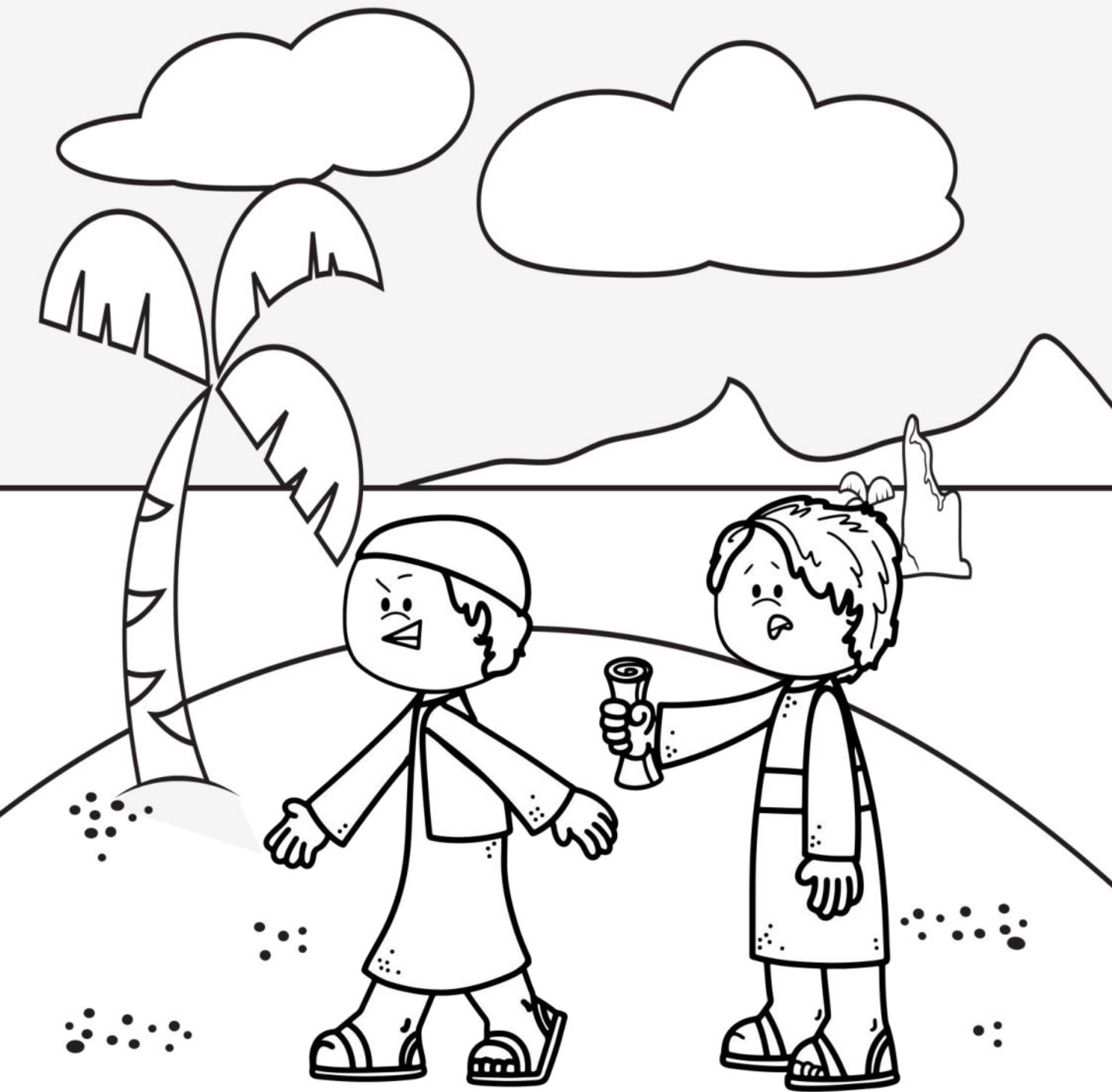
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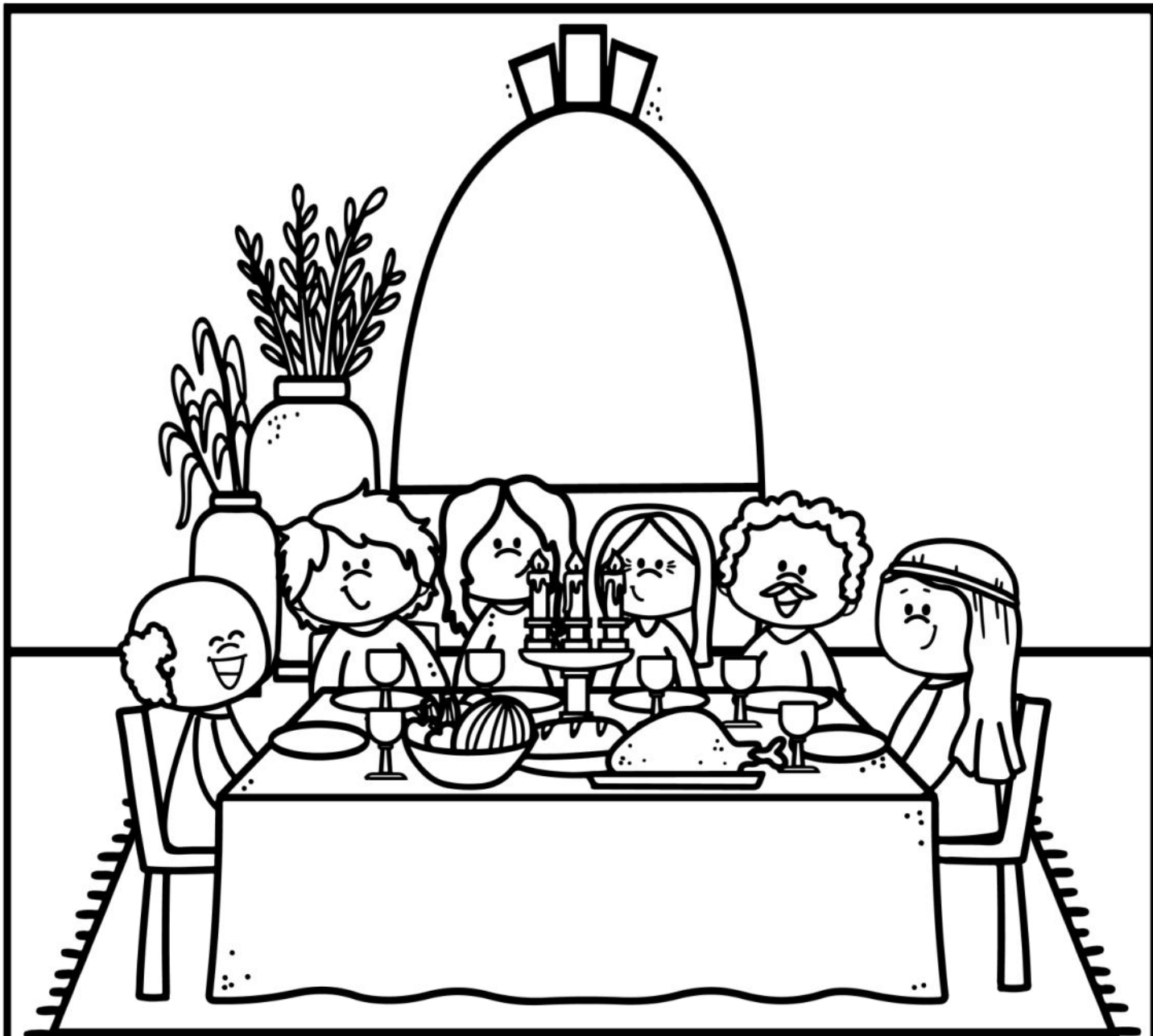
A man held a great feast and invited many people.
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“Come, for all things are now ready”.

Name:



One of the people invited to the great feast said,
"I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it.
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The master wanted everyone to share in the great banquet. But he said, "None of those men who were invited shall taste my supper".

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Word Search

Find and circle the words below

Name:

k	r	d	e	x	c	u	s	e	s	n
i	t	i	r	e	d	d	o	a	o	h
n	y	s	i	y	g	s	w	i	l	b
g	i	a	u	s	a	d	t	f	m	a
d	r	p	w	v	d	a	e	r	a	n
o	z	p	a	h	t	i	x	h	r	q
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n	k	n	g	w	d	a	h	h	e	t
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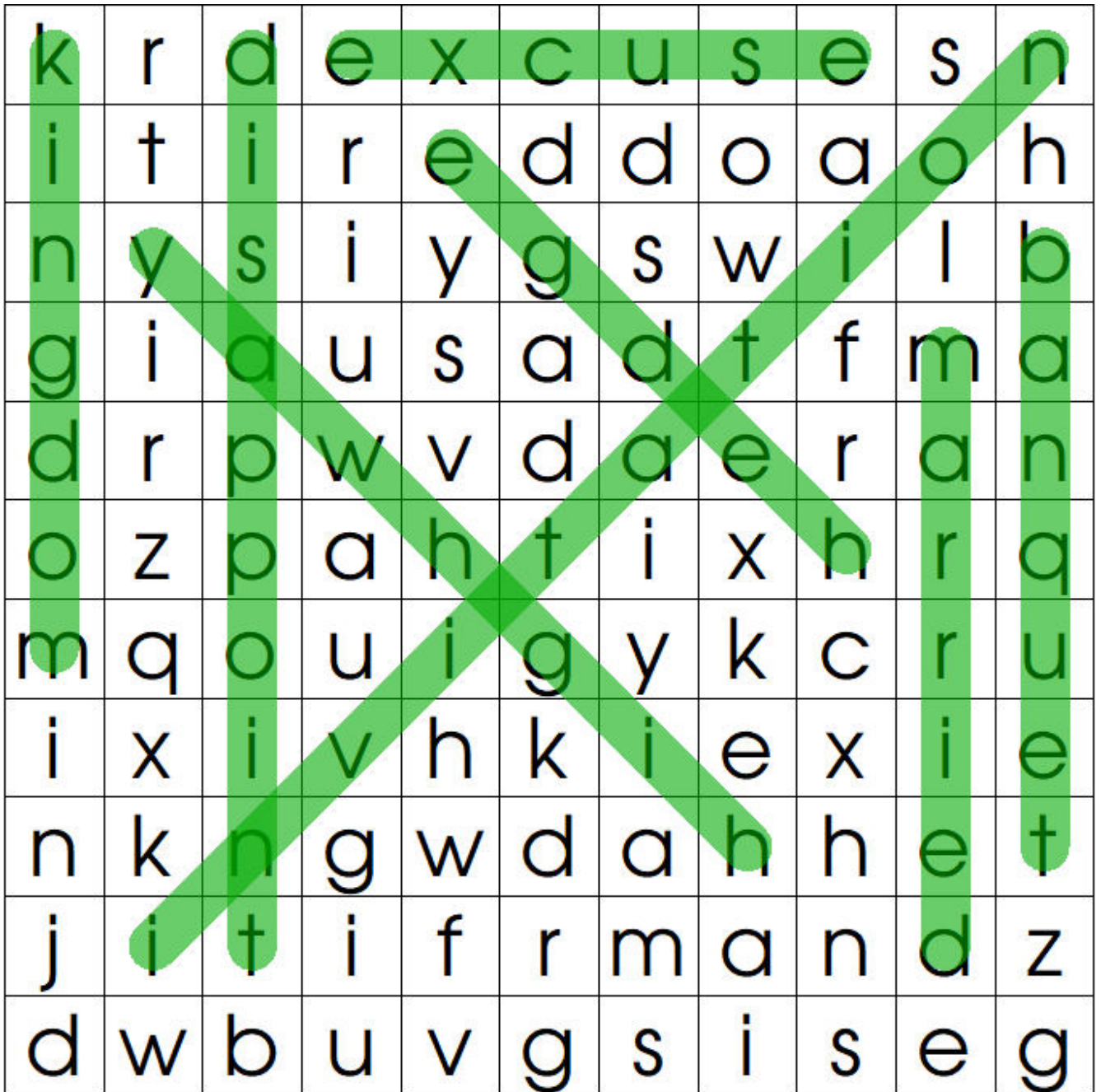
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Hedge
Banquet

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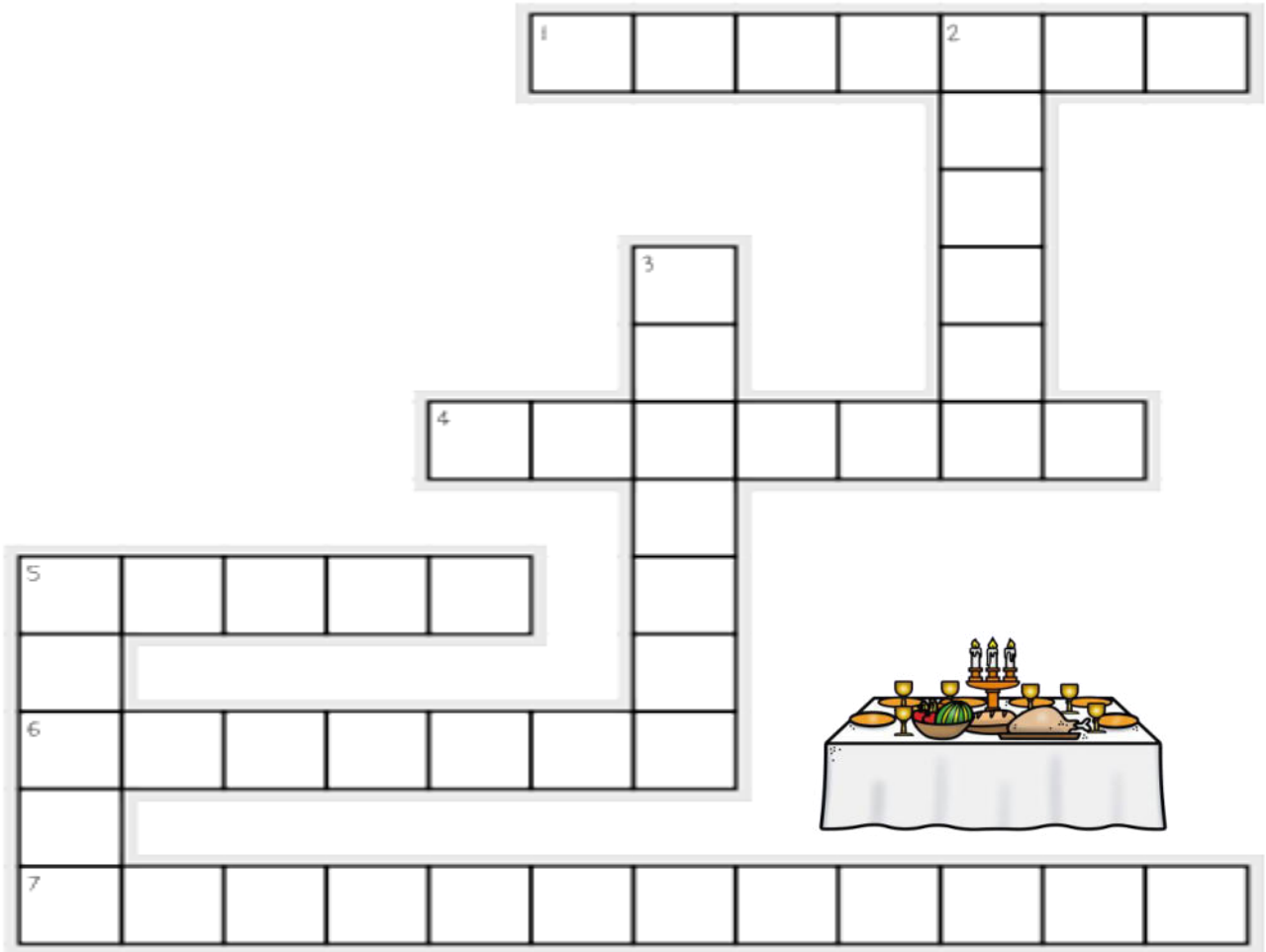
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Crossword Puzzle

Read each clue. Then, write the missing word in the puzzle.

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Across

- 1. A guest said he had just a wife and could not come (7)
- 4. Jesus said those who accept His invitation will share in the joy of being with God (7)
- 5. In this parable, a man held a great (5)
- 6. The guests did not want to come and made (7)
- 7. The master felt when he heard the excuses people gave (12)

Down

- 2. The man asked his servant to many people to the feast(6)
- 3. The master asked the servant to go into the and lanes of the city and invite the poor or hurt (7)
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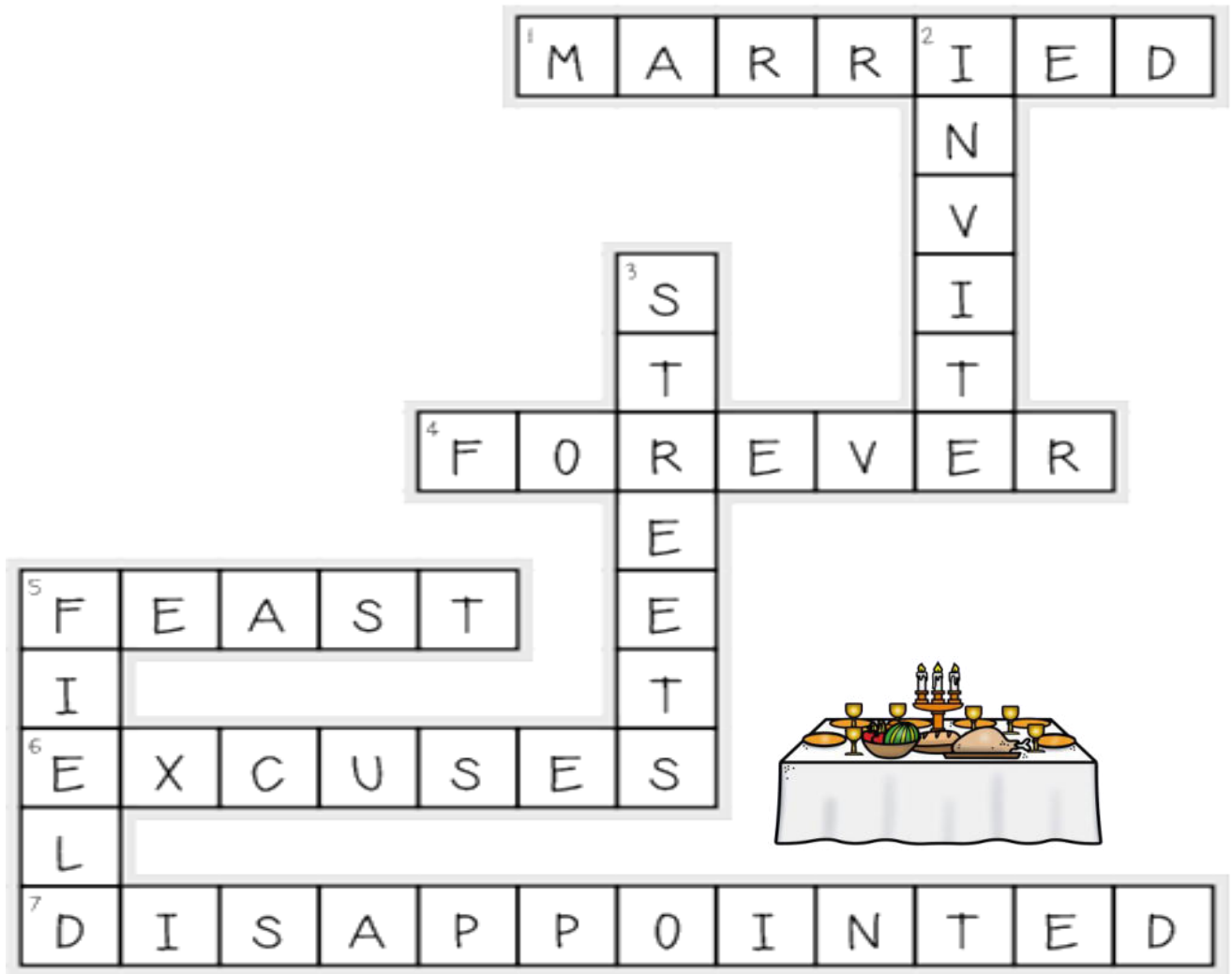


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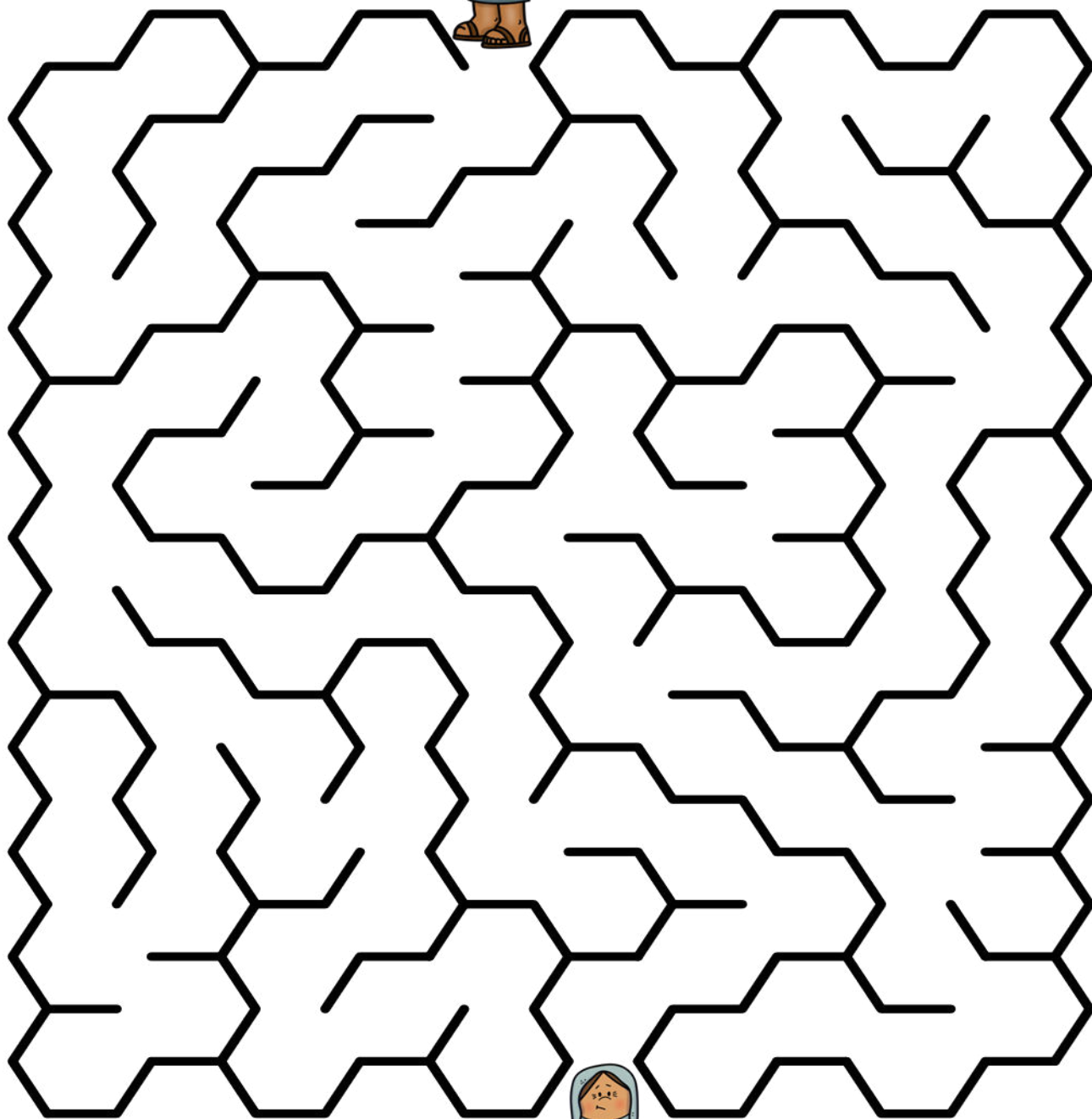
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Puzzle sheet

Help the servant get to the old woman. He has a message for her.

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Word Scramble

Instruction: Unscramble the words below using clues from the word list

Name:

ARLPEAB

FSETA

GSTEU

DEILF

RATESM

NRETVSA

RSTETE

PUPSER

Word list

Guest
Servant
Feast
Supper



Field
Parable
Street
Master

