

Bible Stories for Young Children

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THE GREAT FEAST

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LUKE 14:1, 7-24
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**A Pharisee invited Jesus
and some friends
to his house for dinner.**

**Jesus noticed that everyone
chose the best seats.**

**He wanted them to
learn how everything is
different in God's kingdom.**



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**First of all He said,
'If you go to a wedding feast,
don't choose the best seats
because you may be asked
to move to an ordinary seat.
It is better to start with
an ordinary seat,
then you can be asked
to move to something better.
This is how it will be in
God's kingdom.'**

**'Anyone who tries to
make himself great
will be humbled.
The person who is humble
will be made great.'**

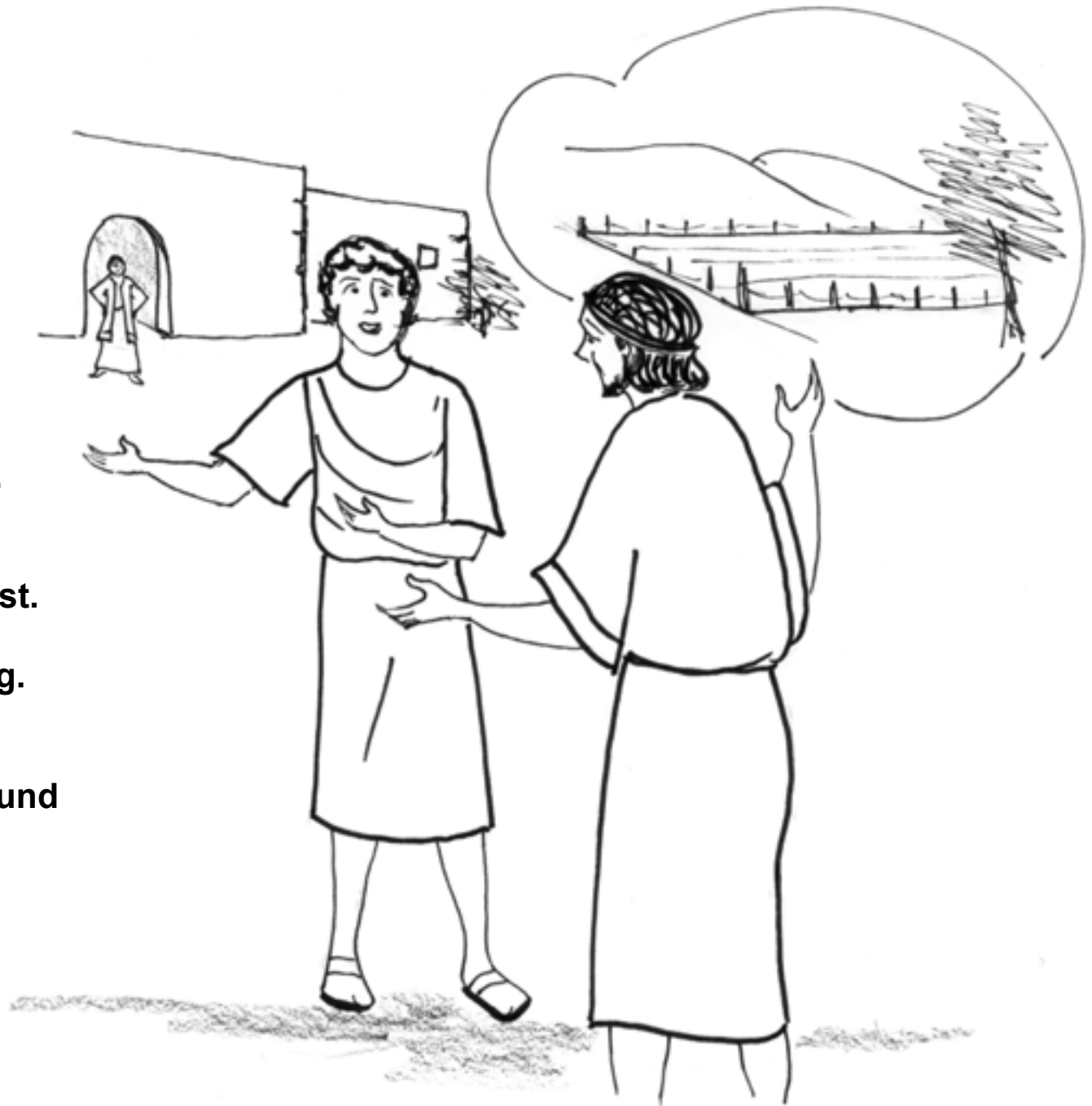
**Jesus also said,
'When you have a party,
don't just invite those
who will invite you back.
Include those
who can't invite you.
Live for what God will give you
when He takes you to heaven.'**



Then Jesus told this story:

**A man made a big feast
and he invited lots of people.
When everything was ready,
he sent his servant
to bring the guests to his feast.
All of them
had an excuse for not coming.**

**One man said,
'I have bought a piece of ground
and I must go and see it.
Please excuse me.'**



**Another man said,
'I have bought a pair of bullocks
and I'm going to try them.
Please excuse me.'**

**A third man said,
'I have just got married.
I cannot come.'**



**The servant went home
and told his master saying,
'None of your guests can come.
All of them want to be excused.'**

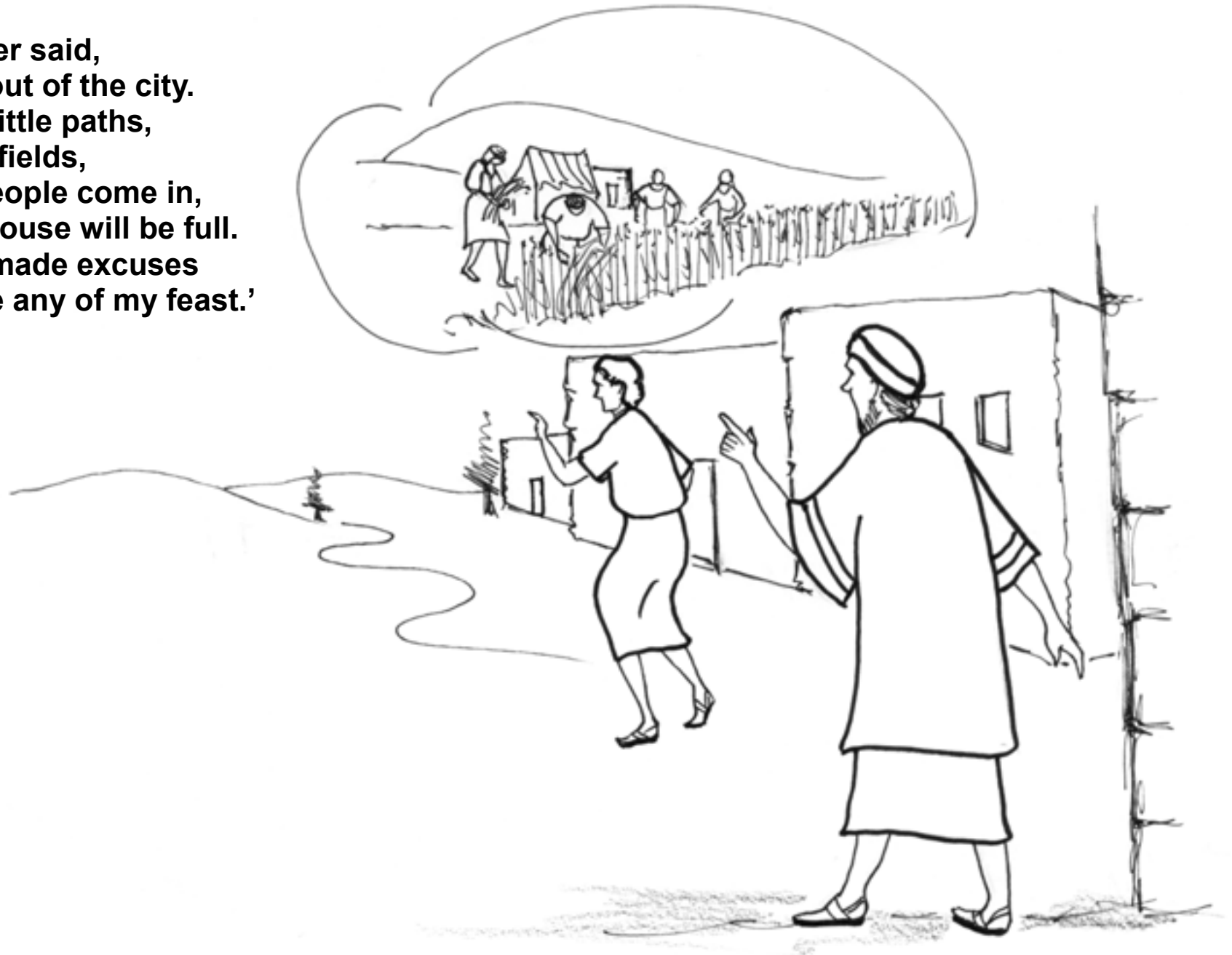
**The master was very angry.
He said to his servant,
'My feast is ready.
Go out into the streets.
Find the poor,
the lame and the blind people.
Bring them in.'**





**The servant went out
and brought lots of people
back to the feast.
However, there was still
room for more people.'**

**So the master said,
'Go further out of the city.
Go into the little paths,
through the fields,
and make people come in,
so that my house will be full.
Those who made excuses
will not taste any of my feast.'**



***The invitation has gone out to everyone
to believe in Jesus Christ,
and He will bring us to God's banquet.***

***Some who were listening to Jesus
would not come
and enjoy what He was giving them.***

***But Jesus has commanded
that His message
be announced everywhere
so there will be lots of people
in His Father's kingdom.***

