

**Scripture:** Luke 14:12-14, Luke 5:29-32

**Main Idea:** In our Bible readings for today Jesus is talking about the best ways to decide where to eat and who to eat with. The only problem was—he was doing it all different than we as humans normally want to do things. He was telling people to sit in the least special seats AND to eat with people that no one else was inviting to their table. Then he goes and does this and gets people all worked up. Well, some people. But how do you think the people Jesus ate with felt? What would it feel like to be at the table for a party with God?

The Good News is that you will ALWAYS be invited to God's party. It doesn't matter if you do everything just perfectly right or if you get in trouble sometimes at school for talking a little too much or not paying attention like you should. Or if you are invited to every party ever or you've missed a few parties yourself. God's invite is never taken back—it's unconditional and it is going to be the biggest and best party ever.

**Activity:** We are all invited to God's party and all welcome with God—anytime, anywhere. On the next page you have cupcakes for a party. Design each cupcake to look different to remember that at the party all of God's children—no matter how different are invited, welcomed, and loved.

