Preschool–Grade 6

The Great Supper

Sunday School Lesson for Preschool (Ages 3–5), 20–30 minutes

Main point: God invites me to come.
Bible passage: Luke 14. Read Luke 14:15–24 yourself before class.
Memory verse: "Come; for all things are now ready." *Luke 14:17 (KJV).*
You need: a Bible, a blanket or tablecloth spread on the floor (the supper table), crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: spread the blanket on the floor. Put a bookmark in your Bible at Luke 14.

1. Opening game: Come to the Table (5 minutes)

Kids play anywhere in the room. When you say, "Come; for all things are now ready!" everyone hurries to sit around the blanket. Then they get up and play again. Play a few times. Say: "You all came! Today we will hear a story Jesus told about a big supper."

2. Bible story (5 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to Luke 14. Say: "Jesus told this story. It is in God's Word." Read each line slowly and do the motion. When you see **Say it with me**, the kids say the line back to you.

A man made a great big supper (Luke 14:16). *(Rub your tummy: yum!)*
He invited many people (14:16). *(Wave your hand: come here!)*
His helper said, "Come; for all things are now ready" (14:17). *(Cup your hands by your mouth.)*
Say it with me: "Come; all things are ready!"
But the people all made excuses. They would not come (14:18). *(Shake your head no.)*
One man had a field. One man had oxen. One man got married (14:18–20). *(Hold up one, two, three fingers.)*
The man sent his helper out to bring in more people (14:21). *(Walk in place.)*
The helper brought in poor people and people who were hurt (14:21). *(Wave them in.)*
And there was still room (14:22)! *(Stretch your arms out wide.)*
He sent him out to the roads too, so his house would be full (14:23). *(Walk in place again.)*
Say it with me: "God wants everyone to come!"

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3. Questions to ask (3 minutes)

1. What did the man make? *(A great supper, Luke 14:16)*
2. What did the helper say? *("Come; for all things are now ready," 14:17)*
3. Was there still room? *(Yes! 14:22)*

4. Memory verse (3 minutes)

Say: "God's Word says, 'Come; for all things are now ready.'" Teach the motions: wave your hand toward you for "Come," then open both hands like a plate for "all things are now ready." Say the verse with the motions three times: in a normal voice, in a whisper, and in a happy loud voice. Then say "Luke 14:17" and clap three times.

5. What this means for us (3 minutes)

Say: "God invites you to come to Him! God loves you! Everyone has done wrong things. That is called sin (Romans 3:23). Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins. He was buried. Then He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us what to do (Acts 2:38). We repent: we tell God we are sorry, and we stop doing wrong. We are baptized in Jesus' name, down under the water, and our sins are washed away. And God gives us the Holy Ghost. That is God's own Spirit in us. When people are filled with the Holy Ghost, they speak in other tongues, words God gives them (Acts 2:4)."
Pray with the kids, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.

6. Activity: There Is Room for Me (5–10 minutes)

Give each child a take-home sheet. In the drawing box, help them draw a long table with bread on it, and then draw themselves and a friend sitting at it. While they color, ask: "What did the helper say? Was there still room?" Kids who finish early can play Come to the Table again.

7. Prayer

Say each line, and the kids say it after you:
"Thank You, God, for inviting me.
I want to come when You call. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tips for little ones: keep the excuses short and simple. If a child asks why the people said no, say: "They all began to make excuse (Luke 14:18). But the man still wanted his house full." Send the take-home sheet home so parents can tell the story again this week.

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