



WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS GREAT PARTY?

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You certainly have friends and you like to be them. **Slide 2** You invite them for your birthday, you want them all to be there on "D" day. **Slide 3** There will also be your parents, your brothers and sisters, grandpas and grannies, well... everyone you love. **Slide 4** Your mom bakes cakes, prepares drinks, you decorate the house and you will have **Slide 5** a good time together. It's a party.

Slide 6 In heaven there will also be a very big party. Do you know **Slide 7** who prepares it?

Slide 8 Who are the guests? Who will participate? **Slide 9** Are you one of the guests?

We will listen to Françoise and Michel who will tell us this parable in which Jesus answers all of these questions. **Slide 10** You can read it again in the Gospel of Luke in the chapter 14 from verse 16.

Slide 11 WILL ALL THE GUESTS COME?

Slide 12 This man is kind and generous. He lives in a beautiful house surrounded with lush green lawns, **Slide 13** trees and flowers of all kinds. **Slide 14** He has many servants; he loves them **Slide 15** all and his servants **Slide 16** serve him with joy. Everything takes place **Slide 17** in peace. We often **Slide 18** hear laughter, songs but never arguments. **Slide 19** It is good to live with this master.

Slide 20 One day, he decides to give a reception, **Slide 21** he organizes a big meal where there is will be **Slide 22** a lot of people. **Slide 23** He sends the invitation to all his friends. He buys **Slide 24** excellent quality meat, **Slide 25** fresh vegetables, **Slide 26** the most beautiful fruit, the best cakes. **Slide 27** He decorates the most beautiful room in the house and hires talented musicians. Everything is organized so that everyone can rejoice.

Slide 28 Finally, the big day arrives, the tables are covered with beautiful tablecloths.

Slide 29 Appetizing dishes perfume the kitchens. **Slide 30** The servants put on impeccable outfits, everyone is at their post, **Slide 31** everything is ready, **Slide 32** the guests can arrive. This man is already looking forward to welcoming them. **Slide 33** He sends his servant to

let them know. The servant leaves without wasting time. **Slide 34** He arrives at the first guest.

Slide 35 - I'm coming to take you to my master's feast, **Slide 36** please come, everything is ready!

Slide 37 - What a shame! I've just bought a field and I have to go and see it.

- Is that so! Today?

Slide 38 - Yes today!

- My master is going to be really disappointed. Can't you make an effort?

Slide 39 - No, I can't, but there will be another time. Thank him for me anyway.

Slide 40 The servant goes to a second guest:

- My master sent me to tell you **Slide 41** that the big meal is ready and that **Slide 42** he is waiting for you.

Now is the time to come! We will all be happy together!

Slide 43 - I've just bought some oxen and today I will take advantage of the good weather to try them out in my fields.

- You can try them tomorrow or another day. It's not urgent! If you do not come, my master is going to be really unhappy. He has everything ready.

Slide 44 - No I cannot! But please thank him for his kindness. **Slide 45** Excuse me, but I don't have the time, business is business, it can't wait!

Slide 46 The servant hurries to knock on the house of the third guest.

Slide 47 - Oh! But I can't come, **Slide 48** I've just got married. I must take care of my wife

Slide 49 - Come with her, she's invited too!

Slide 50 - No! No! We prefer to stay here. We are so happy just the 2 of us. Thank you! We will come another time. Don't forget to tell him my regrets

Slide 51 The servant returns to his master, very disappointed:

- I'm sorry but, **Slide 52** they all found excuses not to answer favorably to your invitation. They don't want to come.

The master of the house is very angry.

Slide 53 - Well, go quickly, go to the city squares, to the streets and bring here all the homeless, the poor, the sick, the blind, the infirm, bring them all!

Slide 54 When the servant returns, he is very happy. **Slide 55** All these people have nothing particular to do, nothing is holding them back. **Slide 56** They don't look for excuses and happily **Slide 57** accept the invitation.

Slide 58 The servant is so happy! He brings the good news:

Slide 59 - Master, they have come and there are many of them, **Slide 60** but there is still room!

Slide 61 - Well, go further, out of town, on country lanes, along hedges, under bridges, and invite anyone you find, insist on their coming. They will all be most welcome at my place!

Slide 62 The servant goes in search of those who are on the roads, **Slide 63** under the bridges, **Slide 64** in vacant lots, hidden under boxes or in nooks **Slide 65** and corners:

Slide 66 - Come on, friends! Come, **Slide 67** for my master invites you for a great feast that is already all prepared! He's waiting for you!

Slide 68 - But look, we're dirty. We cannot come in this state!

Slide 69 - Come as you are! At my master, you can wash yourselves, **Slide 70** you will take off your old clothes and we'll give you clean clothes.

Slide 71 - Really? Okay then! Let's all go! We'll follow you to your master's house!

Slide 72 They arrive in such numbers that the great room is full of guests!

Slide 73 What happiness for this man to see all these people participate in the big party he has prepared. **Slide 74** What joy for the participants! They are all together in the presence of this good man who welcomes them and gives them everything in abundance. This is even more beautiful than they could imagine.

Slide 75 And the guests who declined the invitation, do you know what happened to them? Well! The master never accepted them at his home again! The door is closed, **Slide 76** and now it's too late!

Slide 77 **1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!**

*Are you ready to answer Benji's questions? Let's see together! **Slide 78** Who prepares this party that will take place in heaven? Yes, **Slide 79** it's God! He is the kind and generous man of the parable. The feast, what does it represent? It is an image to make us understand that life in the presence of God will be like a feast, **Slide 80** it will be endless happiness, no more tears, disease, suffering.*

And the servant, who does he represent? Well! **Slide 81** All those who make known the invitation of God. For you, the servants today are Benjamin and I.

And the guests, who are they? Do you have a little idea? Come on, I'll answer you with a little word of three letters: **Slide 82** A **Slide 83** L **Slide 84** L! **Slide 85** Yes! All the men! God invites us all; the big ones and the small ones. **Slide 86** You too are invited.

We still have to find out who will attend this party? Well, these are the ones who accept the invitation, who say, **Slide 87** "yes! ".

Slide 88 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!

Our children like ourselves receive daily invitations of all kinds in our everyday life on earth. Invitations to discover, learn, earn and consume again and again.

Are we taking the time to consider **Slide 89** God's invitation? What value do we give to it? It is according to the importance that we give to this invitation from God that we'll talk to our children. It is a solemn invitation and the final decision rests with each, small or big. It has eternal reach. If we ourselves have accepted God's invitation, we become his servants and our mission is to make **Slide 90** it known around us.

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