

Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way

October 11, 2020

Isaiah 25:1-9
 Psalm 23
 Philippians 4:1-9
 Matthew 22:1-14



19th Sunday after Pentecost

Hello friends! What's your favorite kind of party? I like them all...birthday parties, slumber parties, pizza parties, Halloween parties. If it's a party, I'm there! It's really just wonderful to celebrate with people, isn't it?

In our Gospel message from Matthew, we hear Jesus telling another parable to help people understand what he's trying to teach them. Today's parable is about a huge party that a king threw for his son's wedding. Now, when you throw a birthday party, is it just you? Or do you have friends come over? Or, do we Zoom our friends in to be with us? Birthday parties by yourself are just birthdays. A slumber party by yourself would just be going to bed. And a wedding reception by yourself would just be dinner.

The King didn't want just a dinner for his son, he wanted something special, a party! So he invited all his friends, and all his family, and all of the people that were important to him and his son, and since this was a king throwing a party for a prince, he invited a whole BUNCH of people!

How many people do you think showed up? ... Zero. Not a single person. Not one!

The king even sent some messengers out to get them, but they all said they were just too busy. They didn't have time for all that, and their lives were much more important than the prince's or king's lives. The king was upset, but he wasn't going to let this party become just a dinner, so he sent out his messengers again, and this time he told them to invite anyone and everyone they saw.

The room began to fill up and that dinner turned into a party! These people weren't special. They weren't the king's friends or family. They weren't rich or famous. But they came. And the king was very happy.

That's kind of like how heaven is going to be...filled with all kinds of people, because God wants all of us to be there. Everyone is invited to have a relationship with Jesus...ALL are welcome to the party! *adapted from Ministry-to-Children*

God, you love ALL of your children and you sent your Son Jesus to show us how to love. Help us to follow his lead and to remember that everyone is invited into your glorious Kingdom. Amen.

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Activity: This week, make some paper invitations to hand out to neighbors that do not currently have a Church community. Invite them to come to worship with you if you are worshipping in person, or write the link to your online worship service on the invitation.

Discussion Question: Who would you be surprised to see in Heaven? Who do you KNOW will be there? Remember, we are ALL God's children.

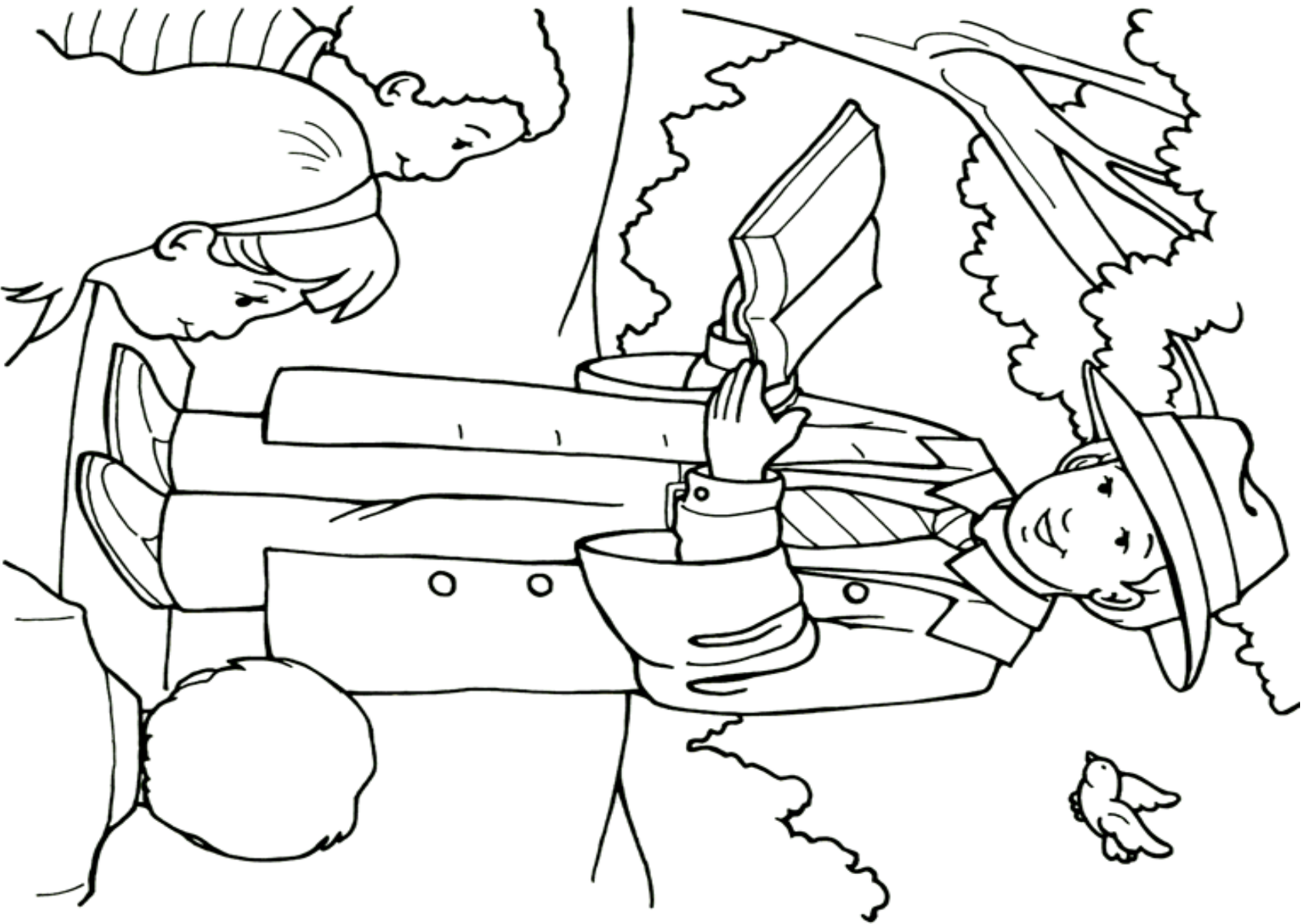
Family Table Prayer for October:

October brings hoodies, pumpkins, and spooky fun.

God, we are thankful for all that you have done.

With each happy thought we are reminded of the glory of our days and how you are with us in so many ways. Amen.

October Memory Verse: Psalm 19:1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the sky proclaims God's handiwork.



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