

## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

# The Wedding Banquet

from Matthew 22:1-14.

## God invites us all to love and be loved.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Wedding robe • Invite
- Guests • King

During Bible times, wedding feasts sometimes lasted for many days! Family and friends often made long, hard journeys to be at the wedding. The host would keep the party going until everyone was rested for the return trip home.

## Read the whole story together in the Bible!

*Spark Story Bible* pages 304-305

*Spark Bible* page 1086

## Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus. Through Jesus, we can all come the amazing feast that you have prepared. Amen.

## TALK ABOUT IT

### Family Conversations

- 1 What kind of clothing do people wear to a wedding?
- 2 What might a bride and groom think if someone didn't dress up for their special event?
- 3 Who do you invite to your home as guests? Who invites your family to be guests in their home? What makes someone a good host? A good guest?
- 4 Invite an adult family member to find a few pictures from their wedding. Talk about what happened on that day. Are the people in the picture happy? Discuss why or why not.

### Eye Spark

This week, look for people dressed in clothing appropriate for attending a wedding or other fancy event. When you spot an example, say to yourself or a family member, "I am invited to God's feast."

### Ear Spark

Listen for love songs or Christian songs on the radio. When you hear one, think about the joy, laughter, music, and feasting we will share at the banquet God has prepared for us.

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## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Each night this week, join together to prepare one family member's favorite dish. Talk about the different foods you like to eat at wedding receptions.

### For younger kids

Pretend that dinner tonight is a wedding banquet. Help by setting the table and decorating it for this special meal.

### For older kids

With adult permission, use an online search engine to find a wedding picture of someone you know on the Internet. Copy and paste it to a word processing document, then type Matthew 22:4 at the bottom. Print a copy to hang like a poster in your room.

