

# THE WEDDING BANQUET

*Matthew 22:1-14*

## Matthew 22

<sup>1</sup>Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

<sup>4</sup>“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

<sup>5</sup>“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup>The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

<sup>8</sup>“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not

deserve to come. <sup>9</sup>Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ <sup>10</sup>So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup>‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless.

<sup>13</sup>“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

<sup>14</sup>“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Who does the king represent in this parable?
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5		3.) What does the wedding banquet represent?
5		4.) Why do you think the people refused to come to the banquet?

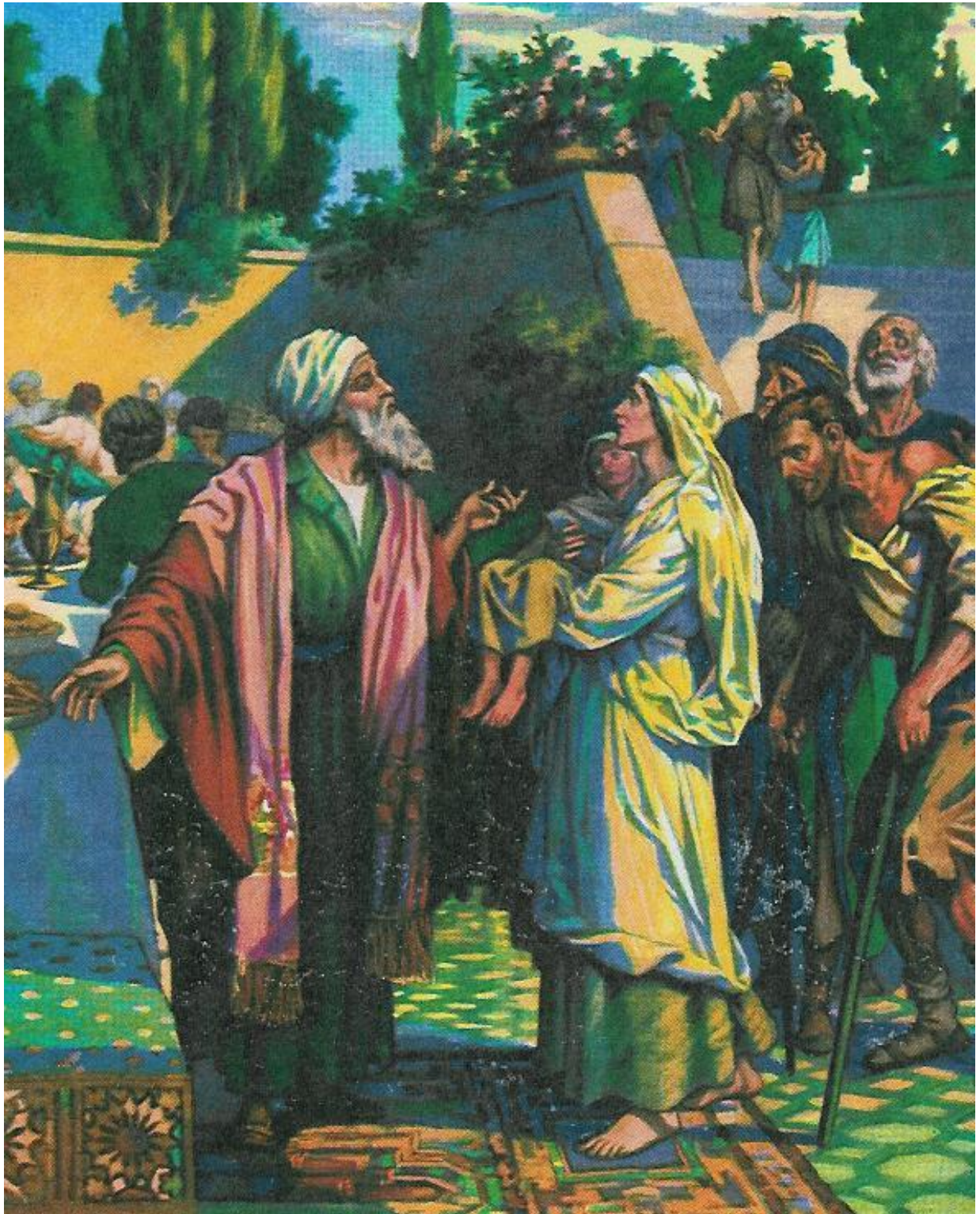
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'"  Matthew 22:37

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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*The king invited anyone that would come to his feast*

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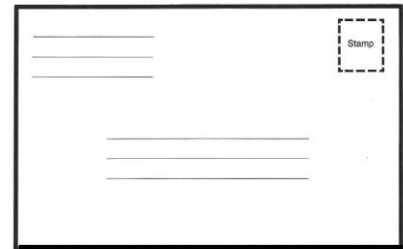
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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: INVITATIONS

Students will make an invitation to give to an unsaved friend to remind them of the parable of the wedding banquet.

### MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Envelope & Invitation Pattern
3. Glue
4. Scissors
5. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
6. Stickers



### DIRECTIONS

1. Copy an envelope & invitation pattern for each student on 67 lb. Cardstock.
2. Have students cut out the envelope & invitation pattern on the solid black lines. Fold on the dotted lines.
3. Have students write down the church address in the top left hand corner of the envelope.
4. Instruct students to write the name of a person they know of that does not know the Lord on top line in the center of the envelope. (If students know the mailing address, they may write that in too.)
5. Cut out the invitations.
6. Allow students to color the invitation and make it colorful.
7. Fold the envelope, insert the card, glue the envelope shut, and place a sticker in the corner for a stamp.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their invitations, remind them that in the parable of the wedding banquet, the king prepared a wedding banquet for his son and invited people to come. Those who were invited refused to come, so the king told his servant to invite anyone to come. When the king saw one of the guests unprepared for the wedding banquet, he was not allowed to feast with the king. God sent his son Jesus to die for our sins. God, the king, invites us to have a relationship with Him. The guest in the parable was not allowed to feast with the king because he was not adequately prepared. We need to be prepared also by accepting the invitation and receiving Christ as our personal Lord and Savior.

**TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:** Approximately 15 minutes

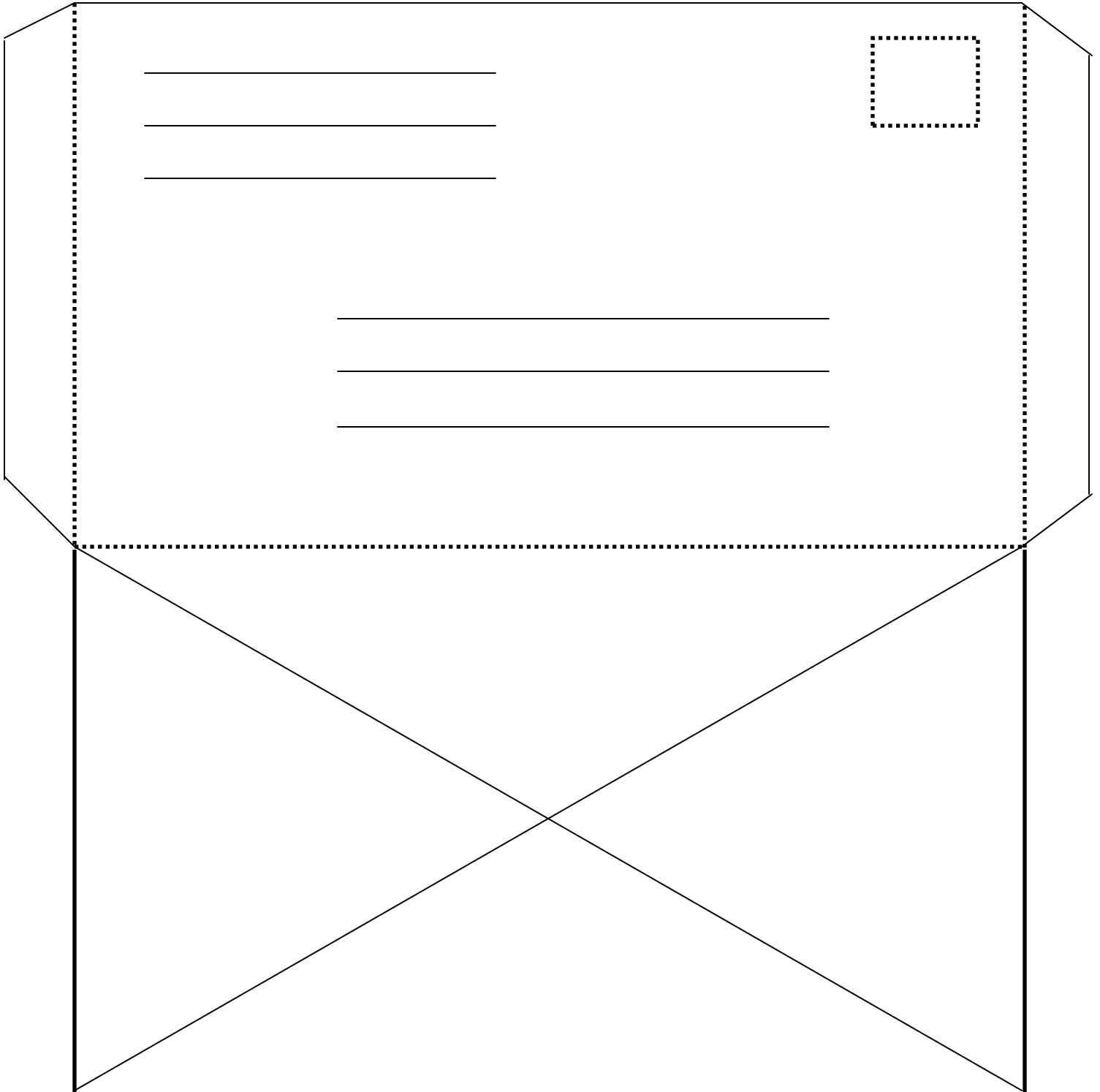
### MEMORY VERSE

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ENVELOPE PATTERN



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INVITATION PATTERN

Would you like to have  
Jesus as your savior?

Just pray this prayer,  
"Dear Jesus,  
please forgive me of my sin.  
Please come into my heart  
and be my Lord and savior.  
Amen"



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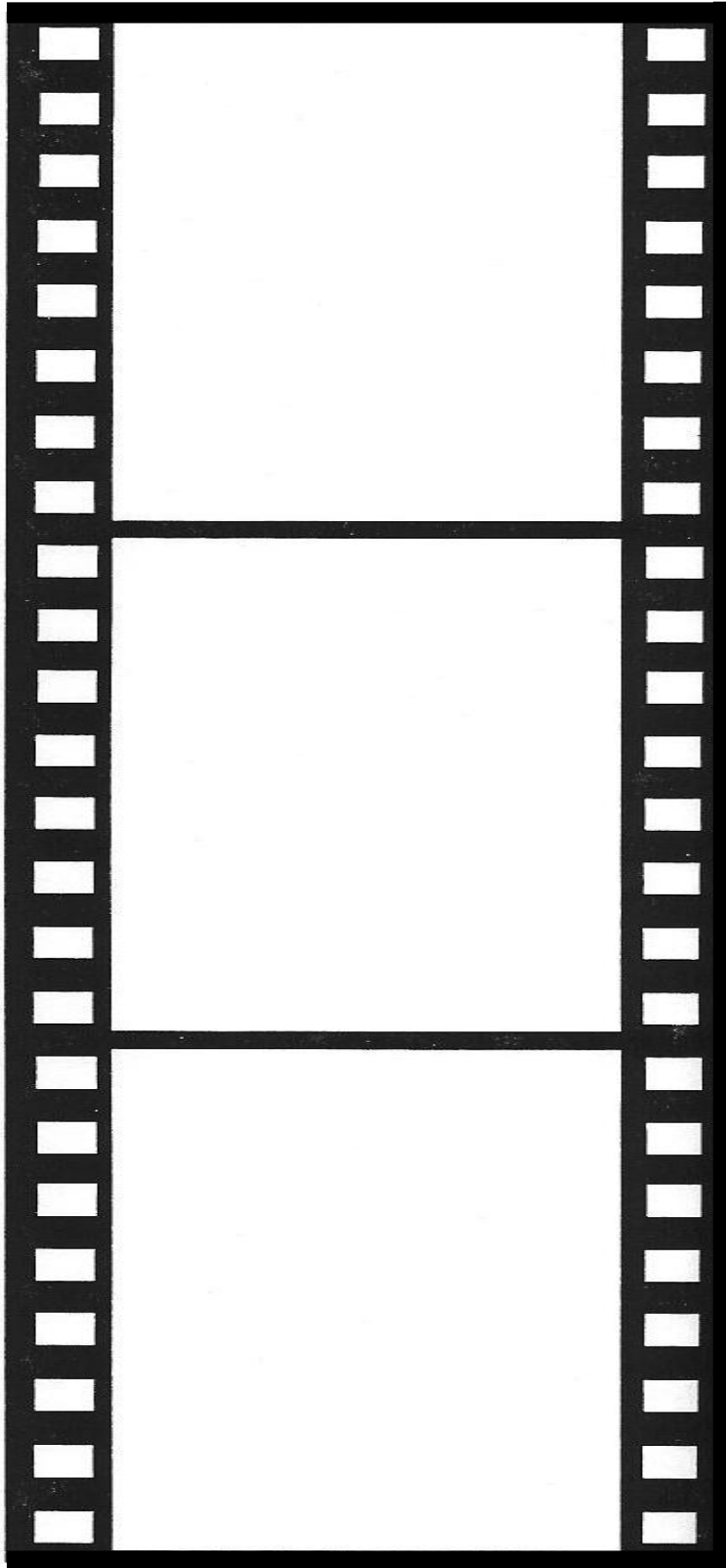
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**Directions:** Turn this paper to the side. Draw a picture in each frame. Then underneath each picture, write a sentence describing what you drew.

At the end of the story...

In the middle of the story...

At the beginning of the story...



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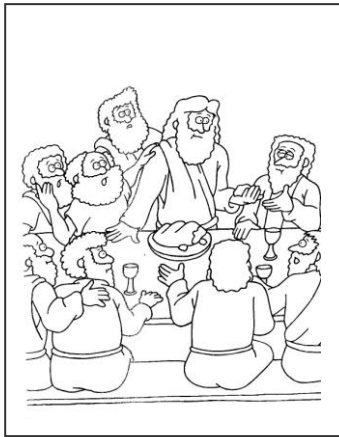
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A SPECIAL REPORT ON MATTHEW 22:1-14

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Then he said to his servants, “The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.” So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

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Then the king told the attendants, “Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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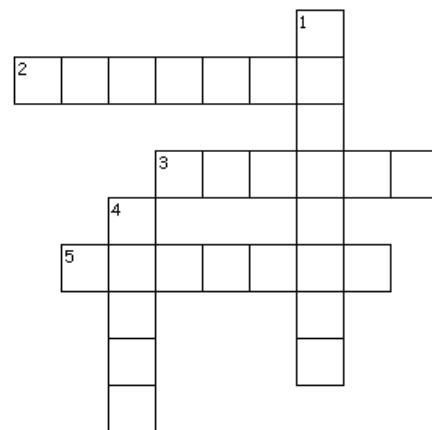
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## MEMORY VERSE

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## CROSSWORD



Across

2. A story with two meanings
3. What this story is about
5. an event where two people marry

Down

1. told the guests that the feast was ready
4. the one who told the story