

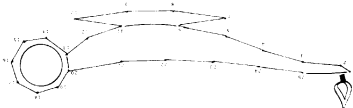
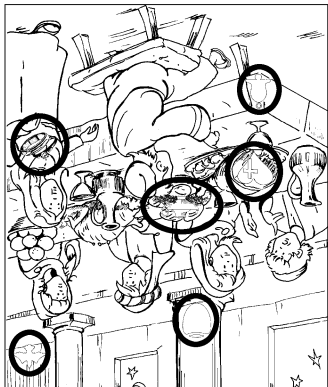
THE GUESTS WHO MISSED THE PARTY

[Jerusalem] — When he was in Jerusalem, teaching about God's kingdom, Jesus warned that some people will be surprised when God sends his messenger. They won't be ready to accept him and will miss all the wonderful things they could have had by being ready. Many of the church teachers in Jerusalem were like that. They knew God would send a special messenger, but they didn't think Jesus could be the one. So they were unready and surprised when Jesus said he was the messenger from God.

Jesus told the people in Jerusalem that it was like a story about a wedding banquet. Everybody was waiting for the guest of honor to come. It was late at night and he still didn't come. Then some of the people saw how low the oil was in their lamps. They didn't want to be standing out in the dark night, so they went to get more oil. Just after they went away, the guest of honor came and the party started. Jesus said if we are not ready, we can miss God's kingdom when it comes to us.

Matthew 25:1-13

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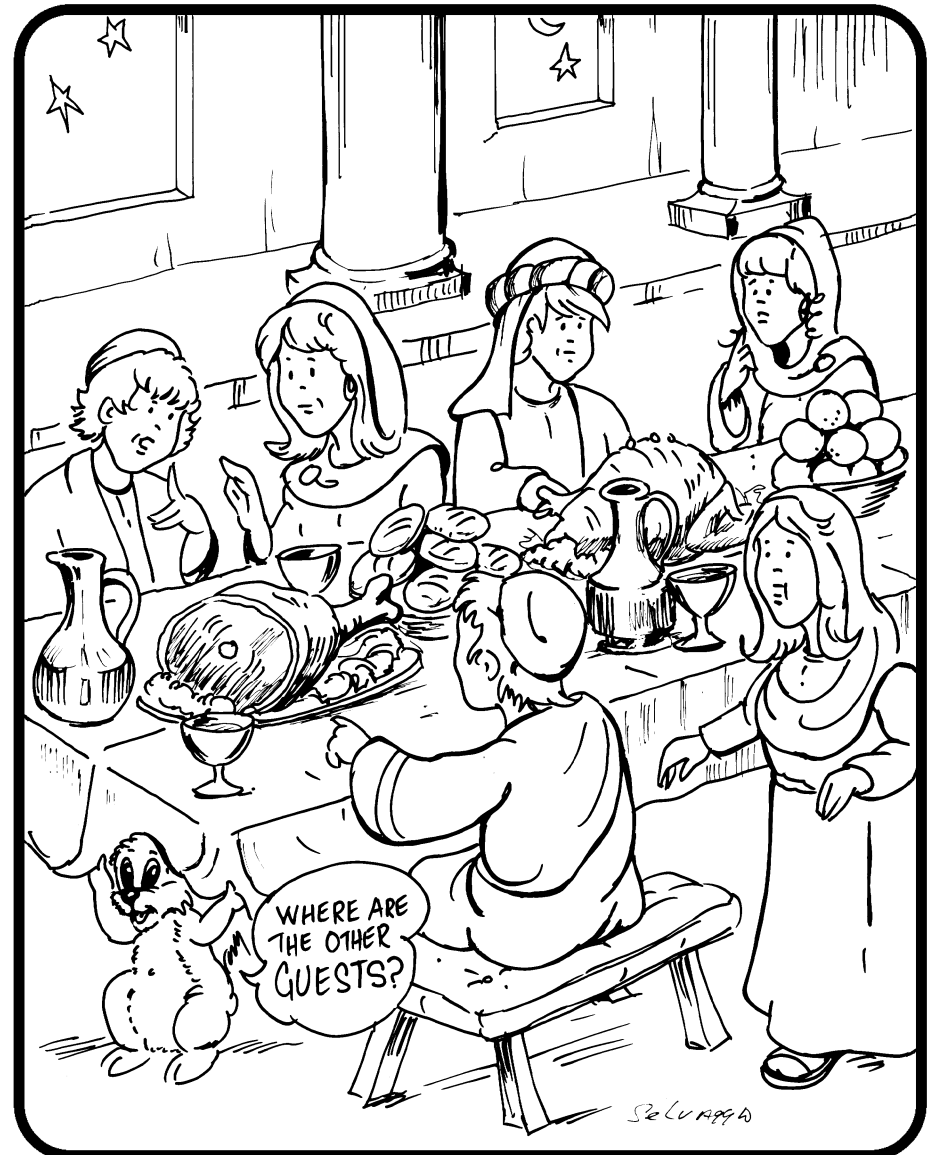


ANSWERS

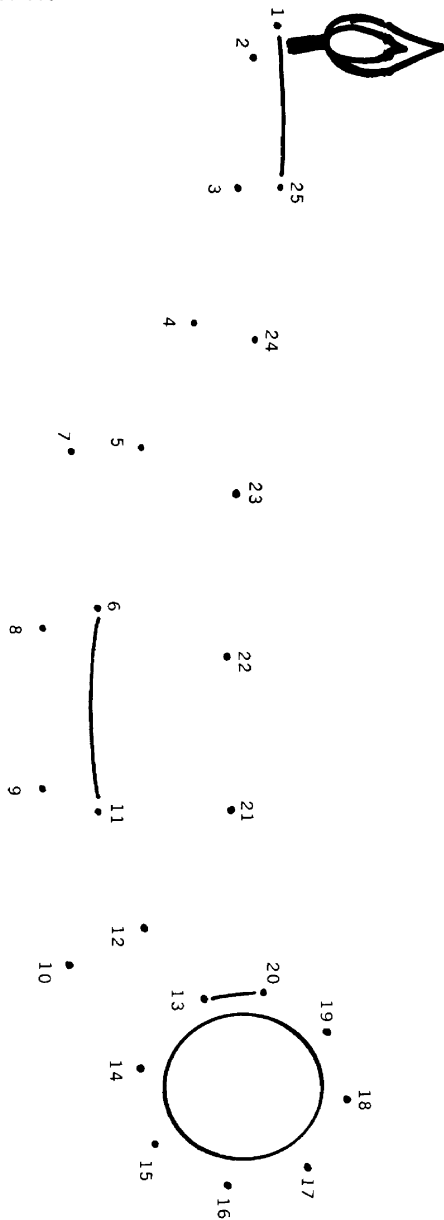
GOSPEL GRAMS



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Finish The Picture. Today's Gospel story tells about some people who were waiting outside, in the middle of the night, for a friend to come. Here is a picture of something they were holding while they waited. Connect all the numbers to see what it is.



Hidden Objects. Below is a picture from today's Gospel story. There are 6 objects hidden in the picture. Can you find all six objects and circle them? The things you need to find are shown above the picture.

