



Camp RidgeKids 2025 | Elementary Bible Story (Day 3)

Day 3 Bible Story Script: Room at the Table

Text: Luke 14:15-24

Big Idea: *God's invitation is for everyone, not just the expected or important.*

Waypoint: *Belonging – Make Room for Someone New*

Key Verse: Romans 15:7

1. Real-Life Connection – School Lunch Story

Storyteller (standing next to a single chair and a small table):

Let me tell you about one of the scariest places in the world...

The Lunchroom Cafeteria on your first day at a new school.

You walk into the cafeteria with your tray. It's loud. Tables are full. And all you're thinking is:

“Where do I sit?”

You walk past table after table... people glance at you, then go back to talking. You feel like you don't belong.

But then, someone smiles.
They move their backpack.
They pull over a chair and say:

“You can sit with us.”

And in that moment, everything changes.

That is what belonging feels like.

2. Object Illustration – Empty Chairs

(Have 2–3 chairs at the front, around a table with fake food or place settings. Leave 1–2 empty.)

Jesus once told a story about a **great banquet**—a giant feast.

It's like the best dinner party ever:

- Food for everyone
- Lights, laughter, music
- A place where you don't just eat—you feel like you belong

That's what Jesus says **the Kingdom of God is like.**

But not everyone saw it that way.



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4. The Parable – Luke 14:15–24

Scene 1 – The First Guests Decline

Jesus said:

A man once prepared a huge banquet and sent out invitations.

Imagine he's got the table set.

Food is hot. Chairs are ready.

He sends out his servant:

“Go tell everyone—**dinner is ready!**”

But the people who were invited... all made **excuses**.

One said, “I just bought some land—can't make it.”

Another said, “I bought new oxen—sorry, too busy.”

Another said, “I just got married. Pass.”

(Look at the empty chairs.)

One by one, **they said no**.

They had better things to do.

They acted like they didn't need the invitation.

The table was ready. But no one came.

Scene 2 – The Invitation Gets Bigger

So the master said:

“Go out quickly into the streets. Find the poor, the hurting, the forgotten.
Bring them in.”

So the servant ran out—and started inviting **everyone**.

People who had never been invited to a fancy dinner.

People who didn't feel important.

People who didn't feel like they belonged anywhere.

(Start pulling up extra chairs.)

And guess what?

They came.

People who never thought they were welcome found a place at the table.



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Scene 3 – There’s Still Room

The servant said, “I brought everyone I could—but there’s still room!”

And the master said:

“Then go out again. Go farther. Invite **everyone** you find. I want my house to be full.”

Jesus was saying this:

God’s invitation is for everyone.

Not just the impressive.
Not just the religious.
Not just the popular or perfect.

Everyone is invited.
But not everyone accepts the invitation.

4. What This Teaches Us

Storyteller (hold up chair):

This chair? It’s not just for sitting.
It’s a symbol. A reminder.

That in God’s Kingdom, we don’t **protect our spot** at the table—we **make room**.

We pull up a chair for someone new.
We say, “You can sit with me.”
We say, “You belong here.”

Jesus doesn’t want a full table of *the expected*—He wants a full table of *everyone*.

5. Why This Matters to Us

Let’s be honest:
It’s easy to stick with our people.
Our friends. Our circle.
People who are like us. People we already know.

But that’s not how Jesus lived.

He made room.
He saw people no one else did.



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He invited people in.

Belonging doesn't just happen. It takes someone to have the courage to pull over a chair.

6. Key Verse Tie-In

Let's hear today's verse:

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you." – Romans 15:7

"Accept one another" means welcoming someone in—even if they're new, different, or left out.

"Honor one another above yourselves" (from Day 2) taught us to treat people like they matter.

Today, we're learning to go even further:

Make room. Invite them in. Let them belong.

That takes **courage**.

7. Wrap-Up Challenge

So here's the challenge:

- Who's standing with a tray, looking for a place to sit in your life?
- Who's sitting alone, wondering if anyone sees them?
- **Who needs a chair pulled up for them?**

You don't have to be loud or perfect—just **courageous enough to make room**.

Because in God's Kingdom, **there's always room for one more**.