

You will need...

- 2 puppets (King and Servant)
- Large 'party invitation' (i.e. this script)
- Pictures to show poor, hurt, and lonely people

The story

Story	Actions
Who knows what this is? It's an Invitation to a party. Who likes parties? What do you like about parties? Food ... Games ... lots of fun. Parties are brilliant! And today's true story from the Bible is all about a King who had a great party.	Show invitation
Once upon a time there was a King.	Introduce King puppet
The king decided to have a great party. So he sent for his servant.	Introduce Servant puppet
<p>"Go and find all my rich, important friends, and invite them to my party" said the King</p> <p>The servant went off to deliver the invitations. Soon he met one of the king's friends. "The king is having a great party" he said "Will you come?" "No" said the man. "I'm much too busy. I won't come to the king's party."</p>	<p>Servant takes invitation and sets off.</p> <p>Servant looks sad</p>
<p>The servant went on and found another one of the king's friends. "The king is having a great party" he said "Will you come?"</p> <p>"No" said the man. "I'm much too busy. I won't come to the king's party."</p>	<p>Servant heads off again with the invitation.</p> <p>Servant looks sad.</p>

<p>The servant invited all the king's rich, important friends. But they all said the same thing. "I'm far too busy. I won't come to the king's party." The servant went back to the king. "No-one will come to your party" he said. "Everyone is busy"</p>	
<p>The king was very cross that none of his friends were coming, but he still wanted to have his great party. "If my friends won't come, then I will invite other people instead" he thought. "I'll have a party for all the people no-one cares about."</p>	King Puppet
<p>He told the servant. "Go and find all the poor people, and all the sick people, and all the people who always get left out and don't have any friends. Invite THEM to come to my party instead."</p>	Hold up pics of poor, hurt and alone.
<p>The servant did as he was told. "The king is having a great party" he said. "Will you come?" "Yes please!!" they said. They all came to the king's party. And it was the best party ever!</p>	Servant sets off again with the invitation.
<p>God is like the king in the story, and the best party ever will be in heaven. God has invited EVERYONE to be there. Because God cares for EVERYONE. God doesn't just care for the rich and powerful and important people. God cares for all kinds of people - even the ones no-one else cares about. So next time you feel like you've got nothing- remember God cares for you. Next time you feel poorly and can't go to the park, remember God cares for you. Next time you feel sad and alone, remember God cares for you. And God will make sure that his great big party in Heaven will be full. You've all been invited. Make sure you're there.</p>	Hold up pics of poor, hurt and alone.

Top Tips

- Everything needs to be said with plenty of intonation, life, interest and volume to keep toddlers interested. It will sound odd!