

Learn by Doing

Choice

Puppet Feast

Create simple double-sided “tube” puppets. On one side is a person who was invited to the feast but chose not to go. On the other side is a person who came to the feast.



1. We are going to act out the story of the great supper using puppets. Let’s make the puppets first.
2. Let children choose which puppets they would like to make. (See pp. 3-4 for choices.) Fold the paper in half widthwise with the chosen figures showing on the outside. Curl the folded paper into a tube as shown in picture above. Staple or tape the tube.
3. Give each child a *Puppet Feast Table* (p. 6). Ask children draw delicious food on the plates. Help them follow the folding directions to create the table (see picture above). (Note: only a few of the tables are needed for the play, but all will be taken home.)
4. Reenact the story sitting around a table or in a circle on the floor, using the *Puppet Feast Script* (p. 2). The teacher will guide the *Master & Servant Puppets*.
5. *Optional*: end activity with a snack.
6. Sometimes we are like the people who were invited to the feast but did not come, and sometimes we are like the people who were invited at the last minute and came. When we hear what we’re supposed to do and do it right away, we are like those who came.
7. Take your puppet and table home and put them where they can remind you to listen for the Lord and do what He asks. Remember, if you are not doing what the Lord wants, you can always change and try again.

Materials Needed

Copies of *Puppet People* pp. 3-4 for children to choose from, a copy of *Master & Servant Puppets* p. 5 for the teacher, one copy of the *Puppet Feast Table* p. 6 **for each child**, crayons or markers, tape or stapler, scissors
Optional: snack

Prepare in Advance

Print and assemble the *Master & Servant Puppets* p. 5. Make a sample *Puppet Feast Table* p.6 to use as a model.
Optional: prepare a snack.

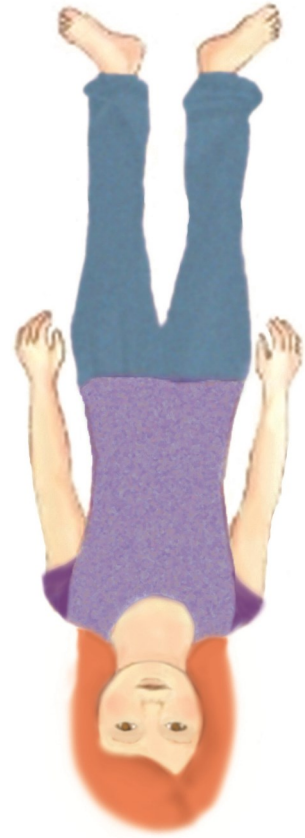
New Church Concept God’s Goal

Divine providence has as its goal a heaven consisting of people who have become angels, to whom it is possible for the Lord to impart all the blessings connected with love and wisdom, and to impart these from Himself in them. See *Divine Providence* 27

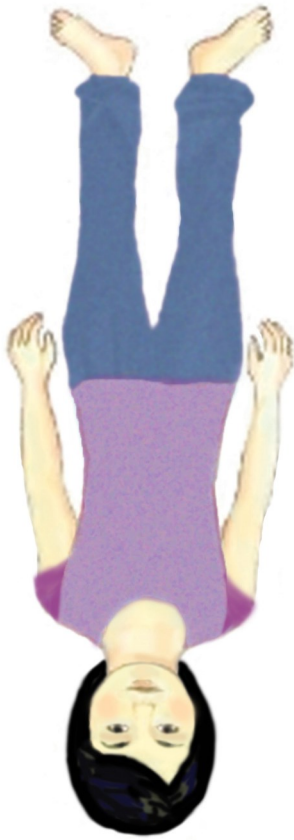
Puppet Feast Script

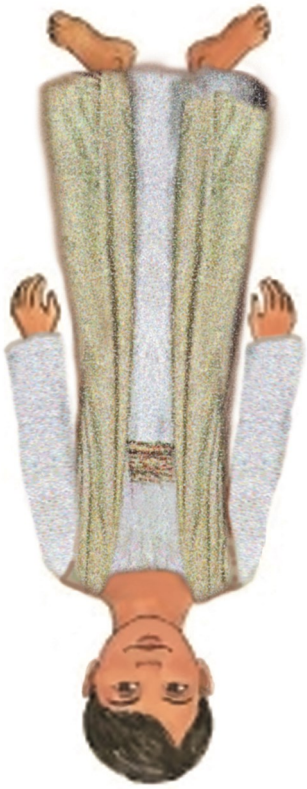
Seat children around a table or in a circle on the floor, with completed puppets in hand. Set up a few of the Puppet Feast Tables in front of the teacher. As the teacher reads the script, the children act the parts of the people who are invited to the feast. The teacher acts the parts of the Master and the Servant.

Actions	Reading
Teacher sends the servant out to tell each person the feast is ready.	A man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, "Come, for all things are now ready."
Servant talks to some invited guests. Guests "walk away" from the feast.	But they all began to make excuses. The first said, "I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused."
Servant talks to more invited guests. Guests "walk away" from the feast.	And another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused."
Servant talks to more invited guests. Guests "walk away" from the feast.	Still another said, "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come."
Teacher moves the puppet back and forth as if the servant and then the master are speaking.	So the servant came and told his master. Then the master was angry and said to his servant, "Quickly go into the streets and lanes, and bring in the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind."
Servant goes to each student, inviting them to the feast. Some come. The servant returns to the master.	And the servant said, "Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room."
Teacher moves puppet as if master is speaking, then moves servant to each student, inviting them to the feast. All come to the table.	Then the master said to the servant, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those who were invited shall taste my supper."



Puppet People





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