



the table is set

BIBLE SUNDAY 2018

Kids' Talk

Items needed: a selection of different foods (apple, bag of sweets, box of cereal etc.) with their price written beside them.

Illustration

Have the items of food displayed on a table at the front of the church. Make sure the price tag is hidden! Play a game with the kids, asking them to guess the price of each item. You could even go along the line of food asking the congregation to shout if they think the price is 'higher' or 'lower' than the previous item. Only reveal the price tag when they guess right!

Teaching

We might pay a high price for a food that we really like, and we might refuse to pay anything at all for something we think tastes rotten. In our reading today, God gives the people an invitation to come and eat. It says in Isaiah 55:1,

“Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!”

God says to come and eat and drink. But it won't cost anything. People who have no money can come and buy and eat. Now, God isn't talking about food like the food we see on the table. God is talking about his love and forgiveness. He says if we come to him he will fill us and make us strong, like the best type of food does. Our favourite food can make us really happy but deciding to spend time with God and live our lives for him can make us totally content. And it's completely free! God says to all of us here to come and eat – it doesn't matter who we are or what we do – we're all invited, and it won't cost us a thing. God is so big and so generous that he wants us all to come to him.

It's amazing that God gives us the food we need. But isn't it even more amazing that God feeds us with the love and forgiveness that we need? In Peru there are kids who are hungry, so the Bible Society is making sure that they are given the food that they need and that they are given the Bible, so they get to find out about God's love and forgiveness too.

(Find out more about the 'Bread of Life' project in Peru on the Bible Sunday Project pages and watch a video of the work on our website <https://biblesocietyni.co.uk/project/peru-bread-of-life/>)