



## Wiki 1 – Whiringa ā nuku / October 15

### Kaupapa: Te Kupu whakarite o te hākari mārena

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**Mihimihi /  
Introduction**  
10 mins

Kia ora everybody, mihi to tamariki  
Icebreaker

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**Pānui /  
Reading**  
5min

Matiu 22: 1-14

Matthew 22: 1-14

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**Rārangi o te rā**

Kātahi, ia ka mea ki āna pononga, ‘E rite ana te mārena, ko te hunga ia i karangatia kīhai i pai.

*Matiu 22: 8*

And he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren’t worthy of the honour.

*Matthew 22: 8*

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**Kupu o te rā**

**Manuhiri**

**Visitors**

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**Activity**  
20mins

- Kingdom Invitation Cards
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**Waiata**

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**Conclusion**  
**Evaluation**  
5mins

What did we learn? Positives, negatives, suggestions?

Feedback from tamariki/whanau

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### Resources needed:

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Bible

Felts, crayons, or coloured pencils

Index cards or small pieces of paper

Optional: Stickers or decorative items

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## Pānui / readings:

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### Matiu 22: 1-14

Ka timata te panui kei te pukapuka o Matiu, te 22 o ngā upoko, ki te whiti 1

Ā, ka oho ake a Īhu, ka korero kupu whakarite anō ki a rātou, ka mea, <sup>2</sup>“Ka rite te rangatiratanga o te rangi ki tētahi kīngi, i whakatakoto mārena mō tāna tama. <sup>3</sup>Ā, tonoa ana āna pononga, hei karanga i te hunga i kōrerotia ki te mārena: heoi, kīhai rātou i pai ki te haere.

<sup>4</sup>Ka tono anō ia i ērā atu pononga, ka mea, ‘Mea atu ki te hunga i kōrerotia: “Nā, kua rite tāku hākari, kua oti āku pūru, āku mea mōmona te patu, ā, kua rite katoa ngā mea; haere mai ki te mārena.” ’

<sup>5</sup>Otirā, i paopaongia e rātou, haere ana ko tētahi ki tāna māra, ko tētahi ki tāna hokohoko.

<sup>6</sup>Nā, hopukina ana āna pononga e ngā mea i mahue, tūkinotia ana rātou, ā, whakamatea iho. <sup>7</sup>Otiia i riri te kīngi; ā, tonoa atu ana āna taua, whakangaromia ana taua hunga kōhuru, tahuna iho tō rātou pā.

<sup>8</sup>Kātahi, ia ka mea ki āna pononga, ‘E rite ana te mārena, ko te hunga ia i karangatia kīhai i pai. <sup>9</sup>Nā, haere koutou ki ngā pekanga o ngā ara, ā, tonoa mai ki te mārena te hunga katoa e kite ai koutou.’ <sup>10</sup>Nā, ka haere aua pononga ki ngā ara, ā, huihuia katoatia ana te hunga i kitea e rātou, āna pai, āna kino; nā kikī ana te mārena i ngā manuhiri.

<sup>11</sup>Otiia, nō te tapokoranga, o te kīngi kia kite i ngā manuhiri, ka kitea e ia i reira he tangata kāhore nei ōna kākahu mārena;<sup>12</sup> ā, ka mea ki a ia, ‘E hoa, he aha koe i tomo mai ai ki konei kāhore nei ōu kahu mārena?’ Heoi, kīhai ia i kuihi.

<sup>13</sup>Nā, ka mea te kīngi ki ngā kaimahi, ‘Herea ōna ringa, ōna waewae, kawea atu, makā ki te pōuri i waho rawa; ko te wāhi tērā o te tangi, o te tetēā o ngā niho.’

<sup>14</sup>He tokomaha hoki e karangatia, he ruarua ia e whiriwhiria.”

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## Matthew 22: 1-14 (New Living Translation)

Today's reading comes from the book of Matthew, chapter 22, beginning at verse 1

Jesus also told them other parables. He said, <sup>2</sup>“The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a king who prepared a great wedding feast for his son. <sup>3</sup>When the banquet was ready, he sent his servants to notify those who were invited. But they all refused to come!

<sup>4</sup>“So he sent other servants to tell them, ‘The feast has been prepared. The bulls and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the banquet!’ <sup>5</sup>But the guests he had invited ignored them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business. <sup>6</sup>Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them.

<sup>7</sup>“The king was furious, and he sent out his army to destroy the murderers and burn their town. <sup>8</sup>And he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren’t worthy of the honour. <sup>9</sup>Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.’ <sup>10</sup>So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to meet the guests, he noticed a man who wasn’t wearing the proper clothes for a wedding. <sup>12</sup>‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how is it that you are here without wedding clothes?’ But the man had no reply. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to his aides, ‘Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

<sup>14</sup>“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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## Reflection notes by:

### Hineauripo Waenga

#### *Rangatahi in Te Hui Amorangi o Te Manawa o Te Wheke*

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus shares a story about a king who throws a lavish wedding feast for his son. This parable offers profound insights into the nature of God's Kingdom; the invitation extended to all, and the importance of how we respond to God's grace.

The king's initial invitation to a selected group represents God's offer to humanity to be a part of His Kingdom. However, some of the important guests decline the invite. They were not interested. They were preoccupied with worldly pursuits. This highlights how people often prioritise material things over spiritual matters.

But the king doesn't give up; he goes to great lengths to ensure his son's wedding is celebrated well. In a generous act of inclusivity, he opens the invitation to everyone, regardless of their background or past mistakes. This act symbolises God's immense mercy, demonstrating that His Kingdom is open to all, no matter where they come from or what they've done.

However, the parable also teaches us about the importance of having a prepared heart when accepting God's invitation. There's a guest who attends the wedding without the appropriate wedding attire. This symbolises someone who lacks the sincerity and readiness to fully embrace the divine call. The guest's improper attire reflects the state of his heart, unprepared to truly receive and appreciate the blessings of God's Kingdom.

This parable presents us with a critical choice. When we receive God's call, will we respond with humility, repentance, and unwavering faith, or will we allow the things of the world to distract us from embracing God's plan for our lives? It challenges us to evaluate our priorities, reflect on how we've responded to God's grace, and ensure that our hearts are ready to receive the abundance of His blessings.

The statement, "For many are called, but few are chosen," emphasises the importance of our response. Although God invites everyone, only a few will genuinely accept the invitation and be truly chosen to partake in the eternal glories of His Kingdom.

In summary, the parable of the wedding feast delivers a profound message about God's grace, the inclusivity of His call, and the importance of our readiness to receive His rewards. It encourages us to look beyond the temporary attractions of the world and focus on building a meaningful relationship with God. Let's strive to be among the chosen few by embracing God's invitation with a sincere and prepared heart as we journey towards the limitless and everlasting joys of His Kingdom.





## Pātai mō ngā tamariki:

1. Who was the main character in the story?  
*(The king)*
2. What was the king preparing for?  
*(A wedding feast for his son)*
3. What happened when the king sent out invitations to the guests?  
*(They refused to come)*
4. How did the king respond to the guests' refusal?  
*(He invited other people to come to the feast)*
5. Did the king only invite good or important people?  
*(No, he invited everyone, good and bad alike)*
6. What happened to the guest who came without the proper wedding clothes?  
*(He was asked to leave the feast)*
7. Why do you think it's essential to be ready and prepared for the king's invitation?
8. What do you think the parable is trying to teach us about God and His Kingdom?
9. How can we show that we are grateful for God's invitation to be a part of His Kingdom?
10. Can you think of any ways we can be inclusive and invite others to know about God's love and His Kingdom?





## Activity – Kingdom Invitation Cards

### Materials Needed:

- Index cards or small pieces of paper
- Felts, crayons, or coloured pencils
- Optional: Stickers or decorative items

### Instructions:

1. **Create Kingdom Invitation Cards:** Provide each participant with an index card or a small piece of paper. Explain that they are now going to invite people to their Kingdom. Ask them to design their "Kingdom Invitation" cards using markers, crayons, or coloured pencils. They can draw a picture of a festive scene or write a heartfelt message on the card.
2. **Reflect on the Invitation:** As the participants work on their cards, encourage them to think about what it means to receive an invitation from God. Ask them questions like, "How would you feel if you were invited to a special celebration by someone very important?" and "What would you do to prepare yourself for such an occasion?"
3. **Share and Discuss:** Once everyone has finished their Kingdom Invitation cards, invite the participants to share their creations with the group. They can explain the elements they included in their designs and what thoughts or feelings they had while making the cards.
4. **Emphasise the Message:** Take this opportunity to reinforce the reflection's main message about God's inclusive invitation and the significance of being ready to respond with a sincere heart.
5. **Take-Home Reminders:** At the end of the activity, encourage each participant to keep their Kingdom Invitation card as a reminder of God's invitation to His Kingdom. They can place it in a special spot, like on their bedside table or in their journal etc and use it as a prompt for reflection or prayer.

