

Family Page

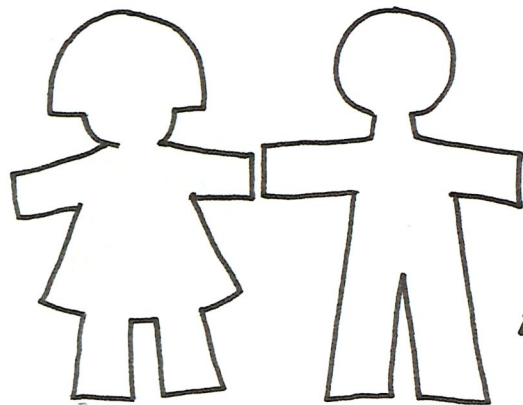
This week, help the whole family to realize more fully that each of you has received a personal invitation to follow Jesus. Also try to emphasize the importance of each person answering Jesus' invitation with a strong "YES."



explaining GOD'S WORD

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) † Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10 † October 11, 2026

- 1 Read this bulletin aloud, then ask each member to discuss how it would feel to be Mary Ann.
 - 2 Work together on a YES poster for the wall. Take a large sheet of paper and, using colored paper strips or crayons, place the words, SAY YES TO GOD, across the top.
 - 3 Discuss ways that each of you can say yes to God this week. You say yes to God by being helpful to parents and teachers and friends. You say yes by putting others before yourself. You say yes by the loving things you do
- and say. You say yes when you pray and go to Mass.
- 4 Make figures by tracing the patterns on this page. Every time someone in the family says yes to God, that person can paste one figure on the poster with his or her name written below it.
 - 5 By the end of the week, your poster should be crowded with little figures saying a great big YES to God.



Answers to rebus: C + ELEPHANT - ANT - PH + BEAR - EAR + RAT + E = CELEBRATE

You are invited!



Here is an invitation from God to you. Fill in all the blanks and pin it up where you can see it. Always remember that God wants you to say YES to this invitation.



(write your name here)
IS CORDIALLY INVITED ON
(next Sunday's date)

TO COME TOGETHER WITH
ALL OF MY FAMILY TO
CELEBRATE WITH MY SON,
JESUS.
BRING YOUR GIFT OF PRAYER
TO
AT
(your church) *(time of Mass)*

WONDERFUL PRIZES
OF LOVE FOR ALL.

Love, GOD

Mary Ann Gives a Party

Mary Ann is so excited! Saturday will be her birthday, and she is going to have a party. Mary Ann and her mother have a lot to do. They have to send out invitations, decorate with streamers and balloons, make the cake and frost it, and plan the games and prizes.

What if Mary Ann and her mother went to all this trouble and NOBODY CAME TO HER PARTY? Wouldn't that be a terrible thing? What would Mary Ann do?

Jesus told a story about a king who gave a fancy dinner party. He worked hard to make his dinner perfect. He sent out invitations. But no one came! What did the king do then? He just invited other guests, and they all had a wonderful time.



This story is really about God. Jesus invites everyone to celebrate the beautiful love of God, to be God's friend every day, to come to God's banquet at Mass, and to win the greatest prize of all — HEAVEN!

Some people don't pay any attention to God's invitation. Some would rather be someplace else. That's so very sad for them because God has many gifts of joy for all who come and celebrate.

Your name is on God's invitation list. Will you come to the banquet this week?

a rebus puzzle to do

Jesus has sent you an invitation. Solve this rebus and see what he invites you to do every day of your life.

