

LESSON PLAN

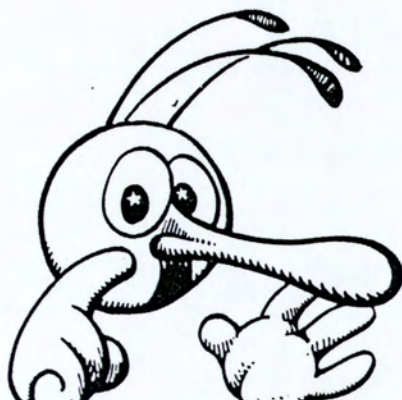
Lesson Number: 177
 Grade Level: 4-6

Date: _____
 Title: The Folly of Making Excuses/The Great Supper
 Text/Story: Luke 14:16-24
 Main idea: God will not accept our excuse for not serving Him, and in the end, we will lose our reward.
 Key Verse: Luke 14:17

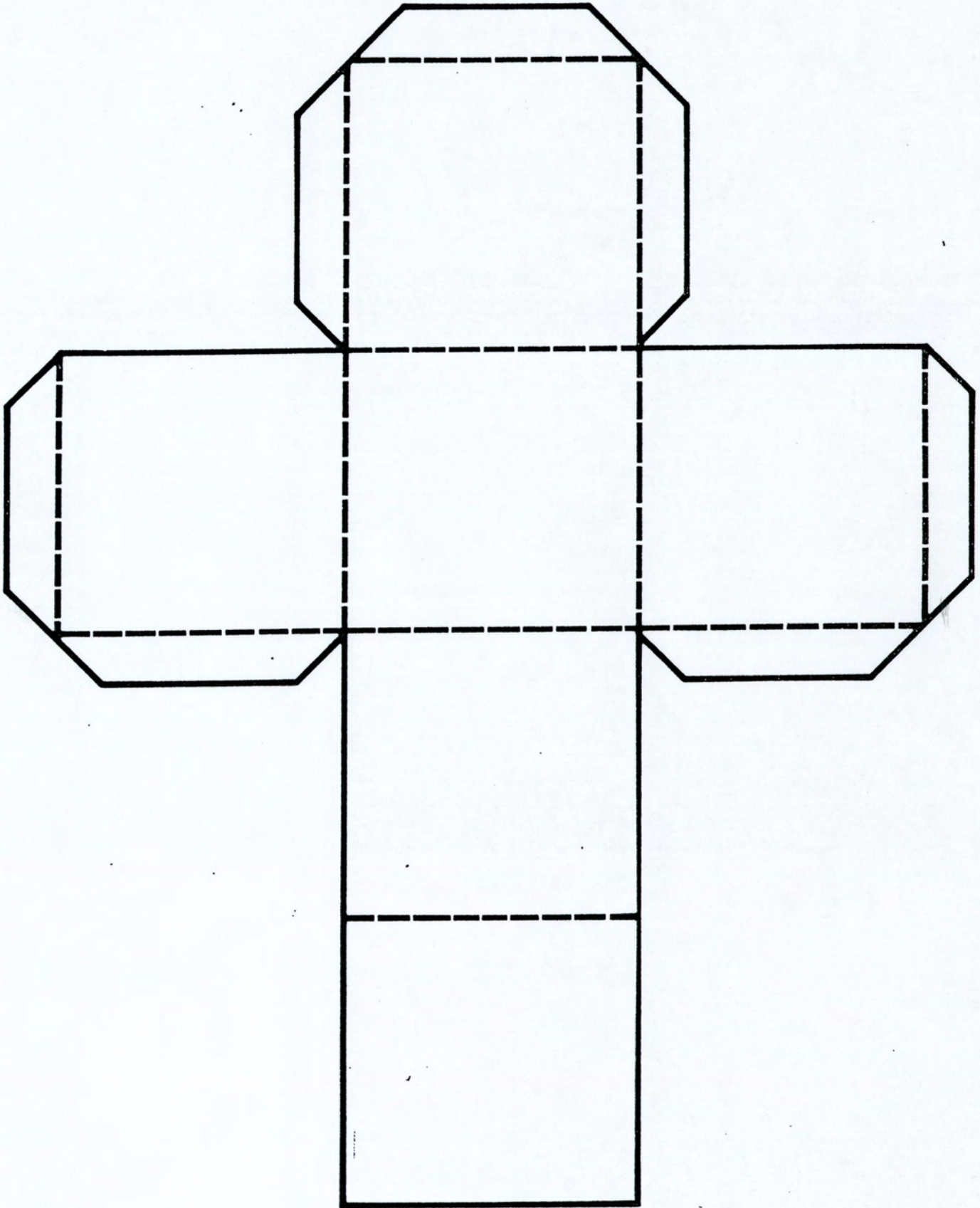
Time	Activity	Description
Pre-Lesson	Game "Making Excuses"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enlarge the sheet, "Making Excuses" and cut out or rewrite them on 3x5 cards • On bulletin or wall, tape/tac the statements in one column and randomly tape/tac the excuses beside the statements so they don't match • As a class read each statement and decide which excuse would make most sense • Options: turn the cards upside down like a memory game and have students take turns matching statements with excuses; or read each situation and have students write their own silly excuses
Lesson	Luke 14:16-24 Paraphrasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the parable together • Divide the class into groups of 2 or 3 and provide each group with a large sheet of chart paper and markers • Ask each group to rewrite the parable in their own words on the paper • When complete, read each story as a class • Discuss how we would be just as silly as these dinner guests in the parable if we tried to make excuses for not getting saved and following the Lord
Post-Lesson	Story Cube	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide each student with a pattern sheet , scissors, glue, pens, pencil crayons • Have the student write the title of the parable on one panel of the cube; on the other 5 panels, they should draw the events of the parable • Have them number the panels and make conversation bubbles for each event • Cut out the pattern; fold and glue to complete the cube

MAKING EXCUSES

Why didn't you go to church today?	I had to arrange my socks drawer.
Where's your homework?	I can't find my purse.
I have to give you a speeding ticket.	I hurt my back.
Did you mow the lawn like I asked you to?	I had to go to a garage sale.
Why didn't you come to the game with me?	The dog ate it.
Why are you late?	The dog buried it.
The bill is overdue	I had to wash my hair.
How come you didn't call me?	It rained.
You owe me five dollars.	I had a flat tire.
Why is the lamp broken?	The dog did it.



Lesson #177



“I can’t because....”



How would you feel if you went to the trouble of preparing a party for your friends and they made excuses and didn't come?

What are some excuses you have heard for

a messy room? _____

bad test grade? _____

not reading the Bible and praying? _____

not being a Christian? _____

None of the men invited to the *Great Supper* said “I will not come.” All of their answers implied that except for a certain thing, they would have come. They lost their places at the table by making excuses. How does this story relate to us and God’s invitation to Heaven?

Did the host of the supper invite his guests the second time? What warning does that give us?

THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE



IN OUR TEXT, JESUS TOLD THE STORY OF THE MAN WHO INVITED MANY GUESTS TO A SPECIAL DINNER BUT THE PEOPLE MADE EXCUSES WHY THEY COULDN'T COME.

WHAT DID THE MAN COMMAND HIS SERVANT TO DO? _____



THE EXCUSES THE PEOPLE GAVE SEEM RATHER FOOLISH TO US!

JESUS HAS INVITED US TO A SPECIAL SUPPER IN HEAVEN



BELOW ARE SOME EXCUSES WE OFTEN HEAR TODAY. NUMBER THEM IN THE ORDER YOU HEAR THEM THE MOST OFTEN PUTTING NUMBER 1 BY THE ONE YOU HEAR THE MOST.

_____ I'm too tired

_____ None of my friends are going

_____ I'd be embarrassed

_____ I don't have time

_____ I have to wash my hair

_____ It's too boring

_____ I don't like the leader

_____ It's too hot or cold



PUT A SAD FACE



BY THE ONE YOU USE THE MOST!

Do you think these excuses seem less foolish than the ones in the text?

WHAT EXCUSES WILL BE ALLOWED IN HEAVEN? _____

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT IF WE MAKE EXCUSES GOD MIGHT GIVE OUR INVITATION TO SOMEONE ELSE?

CHOOSING

