

# Parties

## Word Forms:

- party (n) Most people enjoy going to parties.

## Related Words:

- gathering (n) "I'm going to have a small gathering at my home tonight. Would you like to come?"  
- reception (n) "There will be a reception tomorrow at the student center for all new students."  
- dinner (n) Some people like to invite others to their home for dinner.  
- banquet (n) In many cultures, weddings include large banquets.  
- feast (n) There is always lots of food to eat at a feast.  
- invite (v) "Paul invited lots of people to his party."  
- invitation (n) "Did you receive an invitation to his party?"  
- attend (v) "Do you like to attend wedding banquets?"  
- entertain (v) Some people often entertain guests in their home.  
- entertainment (n) "Is there any special entertainment planned for the party?"  
- have fun (v) "I had a lot of fun at the party last night."

## Exercises:

1. "I'd like to go to the \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow night, but I wasn't \_\_\_\_\_."
2. "Did you \_\_\_\_\_ at the zoo yesterday?"
3. "Julie is going to \_\_\_\_\_ us by playing the piano."

## Questions:

1. To what kind of parties do you like to go? Why?
2. Do you enjoy inviting people to your home for parties? Why or why not?
3. Do you think there are parties in heaven? If there are, what do you think the parties are for?

## Bible Readings:

1. "There was a wedding feast in the village of Cana. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited and were there. When the wine was all gone, Mary said to Jesus, 'They don't have any more wine'...Jesus told the servants to fill [the jars] to the top with water. Then after the jars had been filled, he said, 'Now take some water and give it to the man in charge of the feast.' The servants did as Jesus told them, and the man in charge drank some of the water that had now turned into wine...[He] said, 'The best wine is always served first...But you have kept the best until last!'" (John 2:1-3, 7-10, CEV)
2. [Jesus said:] "Wouldn't any man among you who owned a hundred sheep, and lost one of them, leave the 99 to themselves in the open, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it...he will call his friends and neighbors together. 'Come and celebrate with me,' he will say, 'for I have found that sheep of mine which was lost.' I tell you that it is the same in heaven—there is more joy over one sinner whose heart is changed than over 99 righteous people who have no need of repentance." (Luke 15:4-7, Phillips)
3. Then the angel said..."Blessed are those who are invited to the Lamb's [Jesus'] wedding banquet." (Revelation 19:9, God's Word)

## Questions:

1. Did Jesus like to go to some parties? Why do you think so? (reading 1)
2. When is there a party in heaven? What do you think it means when a person's "heart is changed"? (reading 2)

3. When and where do you think is "Jesus' wedding banquet?" Who do you think is invited? (reading 3)