

Three Parables about Weddings

Reader's Theater from Matthew 22, 25, Luke 14

Can be done reader's theater style with people in the audience taking some of the parts or strictly with puppets with doubling of roles.

DELPHINE: A king was preparing a great banquet to celebrate his son's wedding. He invited many guests.

KING: Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared the wedding feast for my son. My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready.

MICHAEL the BRIDEGROOM: Tell them to come to my wedding banquet.

DELPHINE: Come, for everything is now ready. All ten of you girls have been invited.

KATHLEEN: It is time for the wedding!

DANIELLA: Finally! Let's go.

KATRINA: It will be dark soon. We should take our lamps.

DANNAH: I'll go get mine. I hope I can find it.

KETURAH: We should take extra oil too.

DOROTHY: That's too much bother. Let's just go.

KADISHA: Extra oil is a good idea. If we don't have enough oil the light will go out. I'll get some.

DAKOTA: Who needs extra oil?

KIERA: I'm going to take extra. It is good to be prepared. *(The 10 girls exit)*

DELPHINE: Come, for everything is now ready.'

FARMER: I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me. *(Exits)*

DELPHINE: Why would you buy a field without seeing it first? That wasn't very smart of the farmer. Come, for everything is now ready.

MR. BULL: I have just bought five yoke of oxen.

DELPHINE: Yolks of oxen? Oxen don't come from eggs or egg yolks. Oxen don't hatch from eggs either. Chickens come from eggs.

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MR. BULL: Not y-o-l-k-s like the yellow part of an egg. Yoke like Y-O-K-E, the wooden thing that holds two oxen to the plow.

DELPHINE: I'm glad you explained that. Come, for everything is now ready.

MR. BULL: I can't come. I'm on my way to try out the new oxen. I want to see how strong they are.

DELPHINE: Shouldn't you have tried them out BEFORE you bought them?

MR. BULL: *(Flustered from not having a good excuse)* Please excuse me. *(exits)*

DELPHINE: That is a pretty poor excuse for not coming to the party.

HUBERT the BRIDEGROOM: I just got married, so I can't come. *(exits)*

DELPHINE: I have to report this to my master, the king. Some cannot come.

KING: *(Angry)* Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame. Anyone you can find.

DELPHINE: Right away, sir

DOROTHY: The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and all ten of the girls became drowsy and fell asleep.

KING: My servant continues to invite guests. After several hours everyone in town will be invited.

DELPHINE: Sir, what you have ordered has been done, but there is still room.

KING: Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.

DELPHINE: Right away, sir.

KING: For several more hours the servants invited other guests. I want my wedding feast to be full of people.

MICHAEL the BRIDEGROOM: At midnight the cry rang out

DELPHINE: Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!

KATRINA: We woke up and trimmed our lamps. That means we lit them so they were burning bright.

DOROTHY: My lamp has gone out.

DANNAH: Mine too. I ran out of oil.

DAKOTA: (*To the wise*) Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.

KADISHA: There may not be enough for both us and you.

DANNAH: I have run out. What can we do?

KETURAH: Go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.

DANIELLA: But while we were on our way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The wise ones who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet.

KATHLEEN: And the door was shut. Those who did not bring extra oil got locked out!

DANNAH: Sir! Open the door for us!

MICHAEL the BRIDEGROOM: No! I tell you the truth, I don't know you.

KING: Welcome to the wedding, my guests! Take your seats.

KIERA: (*self importantly*) I'm going to sit next to the bride.

KADISHA: You can't sit next to the bride. That's a place of honor

KETURAH: A person more distinguished than you may have been invited.

KIERA: What does distinguished mean? Is it like a fire extinguisher?

KADISHA: No, distinguished means someone more important than you.

KIERA: I'm going to sit there anyway.

KATRINA: I will take the lowest place.

KATHLEEN: Here comes the king now.

KING: (*To Kiera*) Give this person (*indicating KATRINA*) the one who sat in the lowest seat, your seat. (*To Kiera*) Kiera, you will have to take the least important place. It is the only spot left.

KIERA: How embarrassing to have to take the worst seat with everyone watching!

KING: (*To Katrina*) Katrina, our friend, move up to a better place.

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MICHEAL the BRIDEGROOM: We wish to honor you in the presence of all your fellow guests

KING: Hear the messages of these three parables

FARMER: When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors

MR. BULL: If you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid

MICHAEL the BRIDEGROOM: But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed.

HUBERT the BRIDEGROOM: Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

KETURAH: Keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Always be ready for Jesus to come. Always be ready.

KIERA: Everyone who exalts himself – that means to put yourself above other people, will be humbled, in other words, you'll wind up in the lowest place.

KATRINA: and he who humbles himself will be exalted. In other words, the greatest shall be the least and the servant of all.

KING: Blessed are those who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.

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