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10 minutes

“Excuses! Excuses!”

Aim: To teach that we must not make excuses for not following Jesus

Bible Text: Luke 14 v 16-24

Song/Hymn: He Brought Me to His Banqueting House
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Outline:

Do you ever make excuses?

A boy comes to the Junior Section with no uniform. – It's in the wash.
Or he comes without something he should have done for badge work – the dog ate it.
Or he arrives late – I was at my girlfriend's.

Ask boys to make up excuses for things, e.g. being late.

We are all very quick to make excuses but I wonder if you would say no to a party. Read Luke 14 v16-24.

They all made excuses:

- 1 I have just bought a field and I want to go to see it.
- 2 I have just bought some oxen and I want to try them out.
- 3 I have just got married.

God invites us to give our lives to Him and serve Him but some boys make excuses just like the people in Jesus story.

- I'm too busy playing football to go to church or Sunday School;
- I'm too young. Maybe when I grow up;
- my friends will laugh.

Now is the time to accept God's invitation. We mustn't make excuses. The Bible says in 2 Cor 6 v 2 "Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation".

Jesus goes on to tell in his parable that the King stopped inviting his friends and the important people and invited all the poor people, beggars, strangers and unimportant people and his own friends were left out. Can you imagine how his friends and the important people felt then when they were left out! Maybe they expected the King to change the date to when they would feel like coming but he didn't and they missed out.

Don't be like them. Don't miss out on eternal life. Don't make excuses.

We can say, "No thank you," but we may never be invited again.

It is the prayer of the leaders here that you will think about God's invitation to you.

John 3 v 16 – the "whosoever" is you if you will accept Jesus as your saviour and learn to love and serve him.