

***Nurturing Faith...  
Every Day in Every Way***

August 28, 2016

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

***Proverbs 25:6-7***

***Psalms 112***

***Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16***

***Luke 14:1, 7-14***



***Left Out? Object: An Invitation to a Party.***

Jesus said that when we are having a party, that we shouldn't just invite our best friends. In fact, he said that we should be sure to invite the very ones that we might leave out--the poor, the crippled, and those who are less fortunate than we are. He said that if we only do good things for those who can do good things for us that we already have our reward, but if we do good things for those who cannot do good things for us in return, that we will receive our reward in heaven.

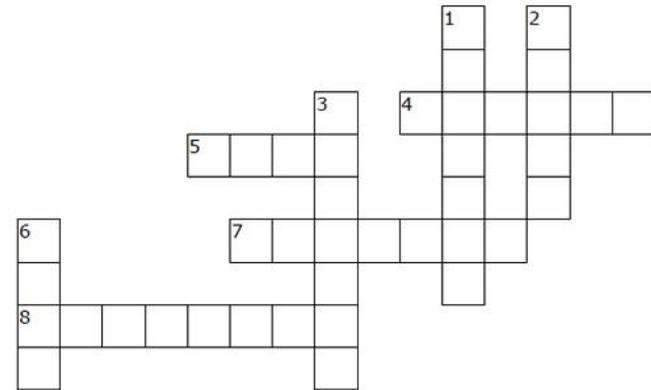
Do you ever leave someone out when you are having a party or doing something special? Do you only invite your very best friends? Do you perhaps leave out the child who doesn't have much money and wears old and ragged clothes? Or maybe you leave out the child who is physically handicapped and has to get around in a wheelchair. Maybe you leave out the child who isn't very smart and the other kids make fun of him. Maybe you leave out the child whose skin is a different color. How do you think those children feel when they are left out?

Dear Father, help us to be loving and caring toward those who may not have as much as we have. Help us to include them in the special things that we do. Amen.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart. Alleluia (Matt. 11:29)

**Crossword Puzzle**



**ACROSS**

- 4. To ask someone in a friendly way to do something
- 5. Having very little money or possessions
- 7. To be highly favored by God
- 8. To be lame or disabled in the feet or legs

**DOWN**

- 1. A dinner party for many people
- 2. Unable to see
- 3. People that you know well and like very much
- 6. Having a lot of money

BLIND	FRIENDS	BANQUET	BLESSED
RICH	POOR	INVITE	CRIPPLED

**REWARD RIBBON:** Provide the child with a wide ribbon of any type of material. Tell the child to write words from today's Bible verse on the ribbon or suggest a phrase from today's lesson about loving and caring for others who don't have as much as we have.

**SPECIAL THINGS BOOKLET:** Give the child construction paper squares to staple or tie together with yarn. The title page can say LOVE OTHERS and each page in the booklet can have a word or phrase from today's lesson. The child may wish to draw pictures on some pages of the booklet as well.





Happy are those people who are fair, who do  
what is right at all times.

Psalm 106:3