

Huddle Guide

for Children 4-6 years old

Hopekids Huddle Time (25-30 mins)

Big Point: Unfailing Love is God's Generous Love!

God's Word: [The Parable of the Great Banquet](#) (Luke 14: 12-24)

Memory Verse: This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 1 John 3:16 (NIRV)

Life Question: How can I mirror God's Generous LOVE?

Preacher's/Teachers' Note: Start with the memory verse to have an overview of Love as God exemplified it to be. Then show another side of God's love beyond just the Gospel. A mirror of the Gospel is the parable of the Great Banquet, where we see how God is so generous that His Love is for everyone and an invitation for all to join in the celebration for all who believes, including those who can't walk or can't see. Yet, those who take Him lightly and for granted will also get their desserts as God is a God of justice.

Preacher can link to Chinese New Year and encourage kids to be generous and kind to their relatives when they see them, and invite to church for Birthday Party the following week!

MATERIALS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW ARE Prepared by Prep Team
Huddle leaders prepare and ensure material in BLUE are ready

BEFORE SESSION:

Prep Team: HERE	Huddle Leaders:
Open the above link :)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Read through this guide and Story Cards2. Collect Huddle Time Box and Materials from respective Storage areas3. Ensure all Huddle Time box, materials and stationery in box are sufficient and in order. <i>If not, inform your UL.</i>4. Ensure craft materials are well-distributed to each Huddle Time box

Welcome - huddle leaders/ volunteers to welcome NEW kids

Address them by name and affirm how their presence is important and valuable!

Get other children to say hello to child! :)

Inform NEW kids that you would like to visit him/ her, take a group photo with NEW kids **(DO NOT POST on social media, for internal use ONLY)**

Huddle Activity 1 - Recap and Link (15 mins)

(ensure kids understand and able to apply what preacher preached in small group setting)

Week 1 - [Great Banquet Story Cards](#)

Wowww HopeKids! Before we realise, we have stepped into the second month of the year and started a brand new series called ... *make hearts with hands* Unfailing... *make more hearts with hands* LOVE!
Picture 1

This series is for us to learn all about LOVE and what LOVE is as *picture 2* Jesus taught us through short stories called Pa-ra-bles. See, through this picture, we know that when Jesus was on earth, He is always teaching people and showing them how to live in God's ways. And he likes to teach through short stories called Pa-ra-bles.

Today, we learnt that Unfailing Love is God's Gen-er-ous Love. God is very ge-ne-rous with his love, which means when he give, he gives a lot a lot and more than you want or need. God is very giving to all people who wants to receive, because He is full of LOVE and He wants to share His LOVE.

One of the many stories that Jesus told was the parable of the Great Banquet. *picture 3* A Great Banquet is a BIGGGG DINNER PARTY.

Jesus said that Heaven is said to be like a BIGGG DINNER PARTY.

How many of you know that when you believe in Jesus, you will go to Heaven? *allow response*
Yea, me too! So Heaven, is like a BIGGGG party.

How many of you like parties? *allow to answer*. Yay and how many of you had parties before? Like Birthday parties, BBQ parties, playground parties... *allow to answer*.

Woohoo, parties can be fun right! So when you have a party, do you just eat with daddy and mummy or do you invite more people and friends to come and celebrate with you? (Invite more people, all friends and family!)

Yea, its true right? If we are having a party, usually we will invite all the people we know because we want to share the joy and the celebration! :)

Which is like what this man did *picture 3 again*. He wanted to have a banquet and he invited all of his friends and people he know to come. And he was so excited you know!

How many of you when you have a party, you get really excited and when the day comes, you just can't wait for all your friends to come? *allow to answer*.

Yea, it's the same with man! *picture 4* He has invited his best friends and on the day of the party, he was so excited, he got his servant to go to his friends and remind them to come. He just can't wait for them to come!

But what happened? When his servant went to the first friend... *picture 5*... did the friend come? (No...) What did he say? Did he make an excuse? (Yes, he said he bought a field and need to see the field...) Which is not a good reason at all because you can always see the field the next day. But will there be a party the next day? (No!) So did he come in the end? (No) *picture 6*

How about the second friend? *picture 7* (He also didn't come) Oh dear, what excuse did he make? (He said he just bought 5 pairs of oxen which is something like an ox or cow. And he needed to see if the oxen will be okay). So did he come for the party? (No.). *picture 8*

Then what about that one other friend the servant went to? *picture 9* (He also didn't come). What excuse did he give? (He said he just got married..) But that's very funny, you can also come with your wife right?

So the servant went back and told the man what his friends said. Do you think the man would be angry? *picture 10* (Yes!) These are important friends that the man trusted and thought were his best friends, but did they come? (No, they all didn't come.) They didn't care about the man, and were selfish, thinking only about their own things. So the man, was very upset with them.

But because he already set up and planned the party, he decided to be generous and open his house for anyone and everyone. *picture 11* He told his servant to go and invite all the people on the streets to come into the house to eat and celebrate! Did he only invite the good and rich people? (No!)

No! He was so generous, he welcomed anyone and everyone to come and eat with him, even those who are poor *point* those who are blind *picture 12* those who can't see *picture 13*... The man welcomed them the same as everyone. *picture 14*.

In the end, did the man have a good celebration and dinner party? (Yes!)

After that, the man continued to share his generosity by inviting yet more people to come, because there were still a lot of space for more people in the party. *picture 15* Many more people came and they had a lovely celebration in the Great Banquet Party! *picture 16*

You know, the man is actually like God. God is a generous God, who opens his Kingdom to all who would believe in His goodness. So the first invitation to Heaven were to the friends of God, which is like all of us, the Christians. But if we were to make excuses and not go to God, not make time to spend time with Him... then we are saying "God, you are not important!" Just like all the friends of the man just

now*picture 17*.

And if after that, they want to come in.. will God allow them in? No! Because they didn't respect and love him. They didn't make time for him and only cared about themselves.

On the other hand, God's love is so big and generous, His love is for all people who would believe. It's not just for people who are good and rich, but all types of people, as long as they are willing to listen and believe in the goodness of God. *Picture 18 again*

So does God love all types of people? (Yes!)

Are all of these people welcome to Heaven? (Yes!)

But if people don't bother to show their love and belief in God... and don't give their time to get to know God at all... will they really go to heaven? (No...)

Do we all want to be people who will make time for God? (YES!) Let's pray together shall we! :)

Pray - 1 min (not too long, keep it short for younger kids - 2 sentences!)

Dear Jesus,

I learnt that Your love will not fail, and Your love is generous. Teach me to follow You and know You as my friend.

In Jesus' name, Amen!

Huddle Activity 2 - 10 mins

(craft time)

The Great Banquet Invite Card - Invite your friend to God's Great Banquet!



Wow HopeKids, today we learnt how generous God's love is, that He welcomes all kinds and types of people to His Kingdom. To heaven! All you need is to believe in His love and the power of the cross.

So today, we are going to be like the man who invited his friends to the GREAT BANQUET party!

You know, next week in HopeKids, we are going to have BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS, like our own party! But it's not just about inviting our friends to HopeKids Kids Church, but it's about inviting your friends to the Kingdom of Heaven and know God's Generous Love.

How many of us have friends we want to invite to God's Kingdom? Can be your kindergarten friends ... your class friends! Chinese New Year is tomorrow right, you can invite your cousins and aunties and uncles to church too!

1. So here, everyone will receive a colouring sheet, which can be cut into two postcards. Decorate it nicely so you can give it to your friend and invite to HopeKids okay!
2. Here, it says, "You are Invited" it's just like a party invitation. So now, in the boxes, you can write, "SUNDAY, 930AM at BIG BOX". Now Teacher is going to write those words on the Whiteboard, so you just need to copy, okay! :)
If you need help with some letters, approach any of the teachers and we will help you. - Try not to write it for them. Teachers can write out the words in dotted line form and let the kids trace! :)
3. Okay, it's going to be a HOPEKIDS BIRTHDAY PARTY next week, so you can decorate it with these pictures using glue to make it more exciting! - Teachers to cut out and let kids paste with glue.
4. Okay, then teacher will help you to cut it to half so you can invite more than one person, okay!

Okay remember ah, it's Chinese New Year from tomorrow onwards! Do we want to be people who will show God's generous love to others! (Yes!) Yay, Happy New Year everybody! :)

Pack Up - 3 mins

AFTER SESSION - Huddle Leaders To ensure:

1. Stationery is still available
 - a. Glue sticks/double sided tape

- b. Colour pencils are sharpened
 - c. Sharpeners and scissors in working condition
 - d. Markers and pen have ink and still working
- 2. Pack all extra materials neatly to be returned
- 3. Gather all printouts to be returned
- 4. Keep all Huddle Materials and place things to be returned in respective box that is labeled "To be Returned"
- 5. Return all boxes to respective storage areas