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A Good News Story

## Jesus Heals a Man on the Sabbath

### Q&A

Who invited Jesus to dine with him?

What miracle did Jesus perform at the dinner?

Read more about it in Luke 14

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One day, Jesus was invited to dine at the home of a leading Pharisee. It was the Sabbath, and everyone at the Pharisee's house watched Jesus very carefully.

In front of Jesus was a man who had edema. His feet were swollen and in pain. It was hard for him to walk.

Jesus spoke to the scholars of the law and Pharisees in reply, asking, "Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath or not?"

Everyone kept silent.

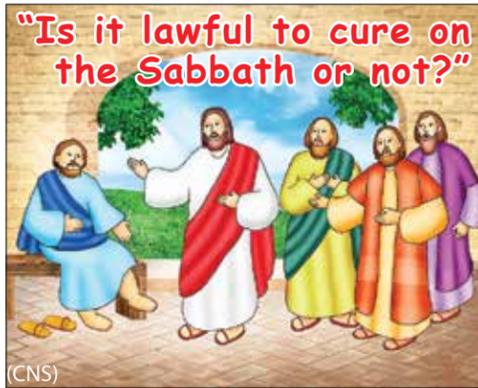
Jesus healed the man and then dismissed him.

Jesus knew that the Pharisees had created and enforced rigid rules — above and beyond God's rules — about what work could and could not be done on the Sabbath.

"Who among you, if your son or ox falls into a cistern, would not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" he asked.

But they were unable to answer Jesus' question.

Jesus then looked around and noticed that the guests were busy choosing places of honor at the dinner table. So, he began to tell them a parable.



### Bible Trivia

What are we supposed to remember to do on the Sabbath? (Hint: Deuteronomy 5:12)

Answer: Keep it holy.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place," Jesus said.

Instead, he said that an invited guest should take the lowest place so the host can invite that guest to move to a higher position.

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted," Jesus said.

Jesus then looked at his host.

"When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment," he said.

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

## Get Ready for All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is coming up on Nov. 1. On this day, we honor the saints, and it's a perfect day to find holy role models and heavenly friends.

Try this game to see which saints you know. You can draw a line to connect the saint to their description and check your answers at the bottom.

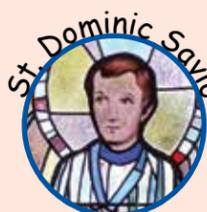
1 They were 9 and 10 years old and they saw six visions of Mary. People did not believe them and even put them in jail. But they believed and prayed. Mary even showed them a miracle!

2 He was 14 years old and he wanted to be a priest. He would pray for hours! He helped St. John Bosco work with boys who were poor or homeless.

3 She was 13 years old. A Roman emperor wanted to marry her, but she wanted to love only Jesus. The emperor tried to hurt her but angels healed her! She was a martyr, meaning she died for her faith.

4 He was 15 years old and loved Jesus in the Eucharist. He defended kids who were bullied at school. After school, he liked to play soccer and videogames. When he got sick and was dying, he made a website to teach people about all the Eucharistic miracles.

5 She was 11 years old when a young man tried to make her commit a sin. She refused and he attacked her. She was in pain and dying, but she forgave him and asked God to forgive him too. Later, the man repented.



Answers: 1) Bl. Francisco and Jacinta 2) St. Dominic Savio 3) St. Philomena 4) Bl. Carlo Acutis 5) St. Maria Goretti

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### St. Mary Pre-K Gives Thanks for Pets, Safety

SYCAMORE—Students in the preschool program for 4-year-olds at St. Mary School recently had surprise visitors from the surrounding community. They thanked members of the Sycamore Police Department for National Thank a Police Officer Day Sept. 17. Three weeks later, they received a special blessing of their pets from Father Robert Gonnella on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, Oct. 4 (above).

