Discussion Questions Course 507–1

Large Group

- 1. What project were the children busily working together on?
- 2. Why did Joy's good friend Jolie show up at Joy's door?
- 3. What did Joy realize after Jolie left her house?
- 4. Joy asked whether it was wrong to hang out with Jolie since she wasn't a Christian. What do you think?
- 5. At Simon's dinner party, Jesus said that when you give a dinner invitation, don't ask those who will invite you back or repay you. Can you name some people He said to invite?

Small Group

Juggling Game

- 1. In the Superbook Adventure, why did Joy have trouble finding time for her old friends?
- 2. Hold up the "Cross" balloon. On this balloon is a cross. What group of people do you think the cross might represent?

Teaching

- 1. Do you think that if there had been social media back in Bible times that Jesus would have used it—why or why not?
- 2. Hold up the RSVP card. Often a card like this is included with the invitation. Can someone tell me the purpose of this card?

Discipleship Challenge

- 1. In Jesus' parable, the invited guests made excuses not to attend. What were some of the excuses?
- 2. Raise your hand to name some activities that can fill our time.

Additional Activities

Gathering Game

- 1. In Jesus' parable, the master sent out invitations to many guests. But what happened when the feast was ready?
- 2. What did the master do?

Decorating Activity

- 1. Have you ever baked and decorated cookies or cupcakes? If so, was it just for fun or for a holiday or special occasion?
- 2. Have you ever participated in a bake sale for a special cause? If so, what was the fundraiser for?
- 3. What were the Superbook children raising money for?
- 4. What disaster happened with Gizmo and the cupcake frosting machine?
- 5. Why did Jolie, Joy's friend, feel left out?

- 6. Do you remember why Jolie was unable to go to the church youth group activities with Joy?
- 7. Have you ever had a similar experience to Joy's and realized that you were spending most of your time with church friends and very little time with others? Please explain.

Maze Activity

- 1. When the invited guests made excuses not to come to the feast, what two places did the angry master send his servants to invite others in their place?
- 2. What kind of animal did one of the invited guests say he had purchased?
- 3. What did another invited guest say he needed to inspect?
- 4. Please fill in the blank. God wants His house to be _____.
- 5. What are some excuses people might make today for not coming to church?

Bible Activity

Mark 10:46-52

- 1. Who wanted to meet with Jesus?
- 2. What did he shout to Jesus?
- 3. In verse 48, did the people encourage Bartimaeus and help him to see Jesus?
- 4. In verse 49, did Jesus speed past and ignore Bartimaeus?
- 5. According to verse 51, when Bartimaeus met Jesus, did Jesus scold him for being loud and demanding?
- 6. What did Bartimaeus request of Jesus?
- 7. In verse 52, what did Jesus say was the reason Bartimaeus was healed?
- 8. Did Bartimaeus return home after he was healed?
- 9. What are some things we can learn about Jesus from this passage?

Luke 17:11-19

- 1. In verses 11 and 12, why do you think the ten men stood at a distance?
- 2. In verse 13, how were the men's actions similar to Bartimaeus's in the previous Bible passage?
- 3. In verse 14, did Jesus tell them to stay away because they were unclean and He didn't want to catch their disease?
- 4. According to verses 15–16, what did one man do that was different than the others?
- 5. Verse 16 tells us something else about this man that is important, what is it?
- 6. Think for a moment about today's SuperVerse and SuperTruth; why is being a Samaritan significant?
- 7. Why do you think the other men did not come back to Jesus?

Luke 19:1-10

- 1. According to verses 1–2, why do you think Zacchaeus was avoided and even hated by the people of Jericho?
- 2. In verses 3–4, what made it difficult for Zacchaeus to get near Jesus to see Him?
- 3. Did Zacchaeus decide to give up?

- 4. Jesus was surrounded by a large crowd. It would have been easy for Him to miss or ignore Zacchaeus. Is this what happened?
- 5. In verse 5, think of how Jesus interacted with Zacchaeus. What does this tell you about how Jesus thinks about you?
- 6. What was the crowd's reaction to Jesus taking time for Zacchaeus?
- 7. How do you think the religious leaders and other Jewish people felt when Jesus declared that Zacchaeus was a true child of Abraham?
- 8. Referencing verses 9–10, would you say that Jesus' interaction with Zacchaeus was in line with His mission for coming to the earth?