



Teaching Hospitality

Lessons and ideas
for children ages 5-18

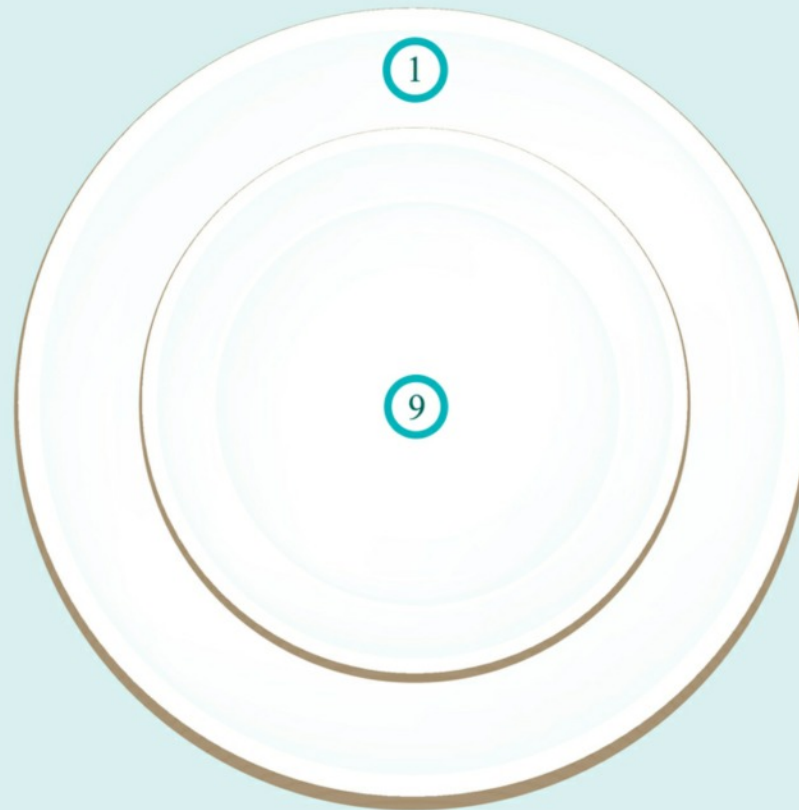
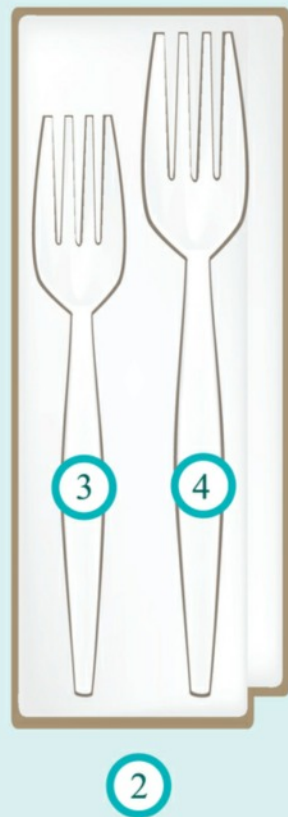
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Informal Setting:

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| 1. Plate | 2. Napkin | 3. Salad fork |
| 4. Dinner fork | 5. Dinner knife | 6. Teaspoon |
| 7. Water glass | 8. Other beverage | 9. Soup bowl |
| 10. Soup spoon | | |



I Can Help.

I wash my hands.☐



I help cook.☐



I set the table.☐



I can help clean.☐



I can sweep.☐



I can dust.☐



I can water the plants.☐



I put away my toys.☐



I welcome guests.☐



I help serve food.☐



I pray.☐



I clean the table.☐



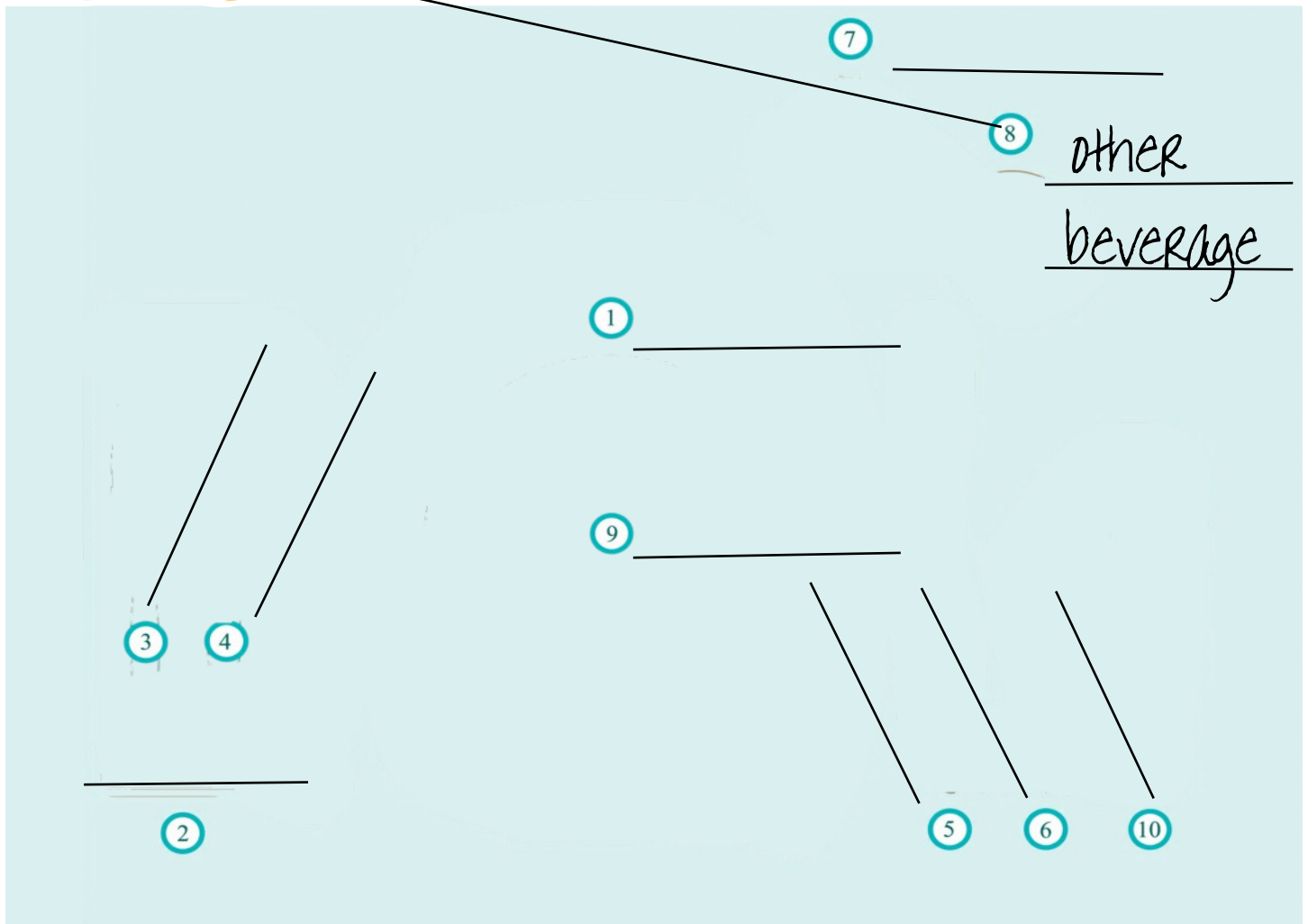
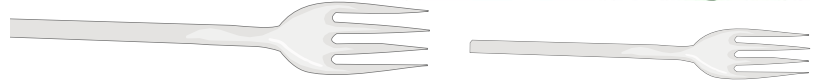
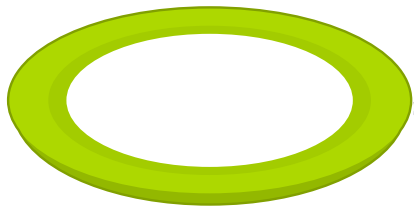
I help do the dishes.☐



I can load the dishwasher.☐



How do we set the table?



Cheerfully share your home with those
who need a meal or a place to stay.
(1 Peter 4:9, NLT)

When God's people are in need, be
ready to help them. Always be eager
to practice hospitality.
(Romans 12:13, NLT)

Hospitality

Extending a welcome; the friendly and
generous reception and entertainment
of guests, visitors, or strangers.

Welcome!

willkommen

karibu

bienvenido

добро пожаловать
dobro pozhalovat'

欢迎光临
huan ying guang lin



German



Swahili



Spanish



Russian



Mandarin (Chinese)







_____ share your _____ with those
who need a _____ or a _____ to
_____.

(1 Peter 4:9, NLT)

When God's people are in _____, be
_____ to _____ them. Always be
_____ to practice _____.

(Romans 12:13, NLT)

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. 36 I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

37 "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? 39 When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

40 "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters,[a] you were doing it to me!' (Matthew 25:34-40, NLT)

What do these verses teach us? _____

Hospitality Words

welcome

guest

comfortable

hospitality

invitation

polite

please

thank you

serve

helping

cheerful

home

stranger

friends

neighbors

need

fellowship

conversation

hungry

thirsty

compassion

refugee

immigrant

host

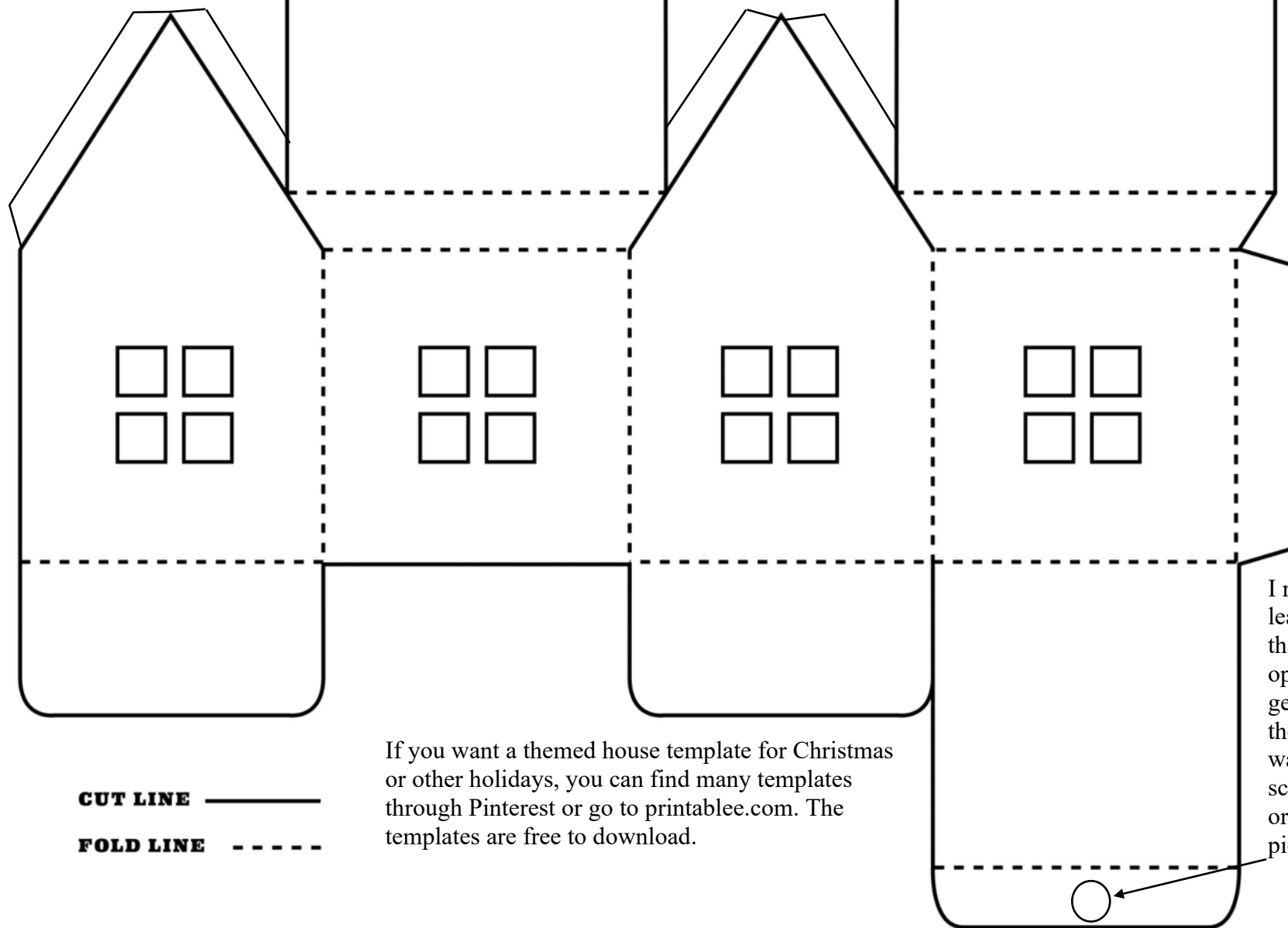
preparations

Directions: Write each word five times, write a short definition, and then use each word in a sentence.

I prefer to use double-sided tape to put these together, but you can use a glue stick easily. Wet glue is hard to work with on projects like these.

You may want to color the windows instead of cutting them out so no crumbs or whatever can fall out on the ride home.

Paper House Template: Create a box shaped like a house for each guest by tracing or printing this pattern on paper or card stock (or trace them onto brown craft paper). Children can color and decorate each house. Then fold it and glue. Put cookies, homemade candies, or other small gifts in it and give to each guest as they leave.



Ways to incorporate lessons on hospitality into your other curriculum

Math and Science: make muffins or other recipes to share with a neighbor. Measuring, following directions, and doubling or halving recipes allows children to practice practical math. Even if you make the recipe as written, talk through mental math problems of halving or doubling the recipe. Or talk about adding ingredients and keeping the ratio of liquid to dry ingredients balanced. Convert measurements and temperatures.

Bible: practice your memory verses while waiting for the recipe to cook. Discuss the meaning of Matthew 25.

History and Literature: discuss immigrants. Read stories about immigrants and refugees.

Some books to read:

A Different Pond

Name Jar

With Lots of Love

Far From Home

Fiona's Lace

My Name Is Sangoel

Grandfather's Journey

Friends are Friends Forever

The Keeping Quilt

Refugees on the Run (Imagination Station book)

Home Ec: Have children plan the meal and figure out how much is needed. Create invitations and invite guests to dinner. Practice good manners and how to welcome others into your home.

Spelling and Writing: use the list of spelling/vocabulary words provided. Choose the words appropriate for each child's age.

Older children can write a poem or paragraph about what it would be like to be a refugee or how we can minister to those around us with hospitality and compassion.

Art: Make the house boxes to give to guests.

Create friendship bracelets: patterns are available online using embroidery floss. One site is theneonteparty.com/friendship-bracelets/

Anthropology/Missions: To broaden the scope on hospitality, especially for older children, you may want to go into missions and anthropology.

Research: What refugees are in your area? What are their needs, and how can your family meet some of those needs?

Create ESL lessons to help someone learn English.

Pick a culture to study and learn the elements of culture for that country:

Social organization	Customs and Traditions	Language
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Arts and Literature	Government	Religion
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Economic systems

Two bonus areas to study:

Geography	Technology
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Foreign Language: Learn basic greetings in their language if possible.

Literature for older students: In literature, a meal is a type of communion. It is where we often see the true colors of the characters, and problems in relationships come to light. Think of novels you've read, and write a quick 5 paragraph essay on how the meals in the story show communion and how the author uses these meals to reveal more the story to the reader. If you can't think of any, read *Babette's Feast* by Isak Dinesen. It's free online.

Journalism: Write down the story of an immigrant. Interview a family member who has lived overseas or moved here from another country or find someone in your church or group of friends. Write a feature article about their story or create a video sharing their story.

To share some of these topics with your younger children: read my book *A World of Pancakes* and try some of the recipes and read "The Language of Friendship" in *Starlight Magazine*, page 18 in the September 2023 edition found at starlightmagazine.com/september-magazine-2023/ and extras at starlightmagazine.com/magazine-issues/

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cheerful	comfortable	compassion
conversation	fellowship	friends
guest	helping	hospitality
host	hungry	immigrant
invitation	neighbors	please
polite	preparations	refugee
serve	stranger	thank
thirsty	welcome	you

This puzzle is a word search puzzle that has a hidden message in it.

First find all the words in the list.

Words can go in any direction and share letters as well as cross over each other.

Once you find all the words. Copy the unused letters starting in the top left corner into the blanks to reveal the hidden message.