

Children's Sermon for Sept. 1(based on Luke 14:1, 7-14)

Items needed: Several cans of soup (a kind where the solids sink to bottom,) clear punch bowl, ladle, several bowls.

After kids come up, ask them to form a line by punch bowl. (Get adult volunteers if you don't have enough kids to make a line.) Now, ask some in the line to push their way up to front of line. Then start ladling out soup, being careful to give the ones who are first only broth, while the ones in the back get the thick soup, with the solids in it. After everyone's been given a bowl, point out that the ones who pushed up front got only liquid, while the ones who came last got soup with "the good stuff" in it. In today's Bible reading, Jesus shows how the pushy come away with less, as far as God is concerned, while the people at the end of the line get "the good stuff" from God.

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