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Monday Drama – The Great Banquet

1. Play video of the banquet (5 minutes)
2. Gather in groups; 2 per class and discuss
 - a. Have you ever invited someone to your house for dinner or a sleepover?
 - b. How does it make you feel to ask?
 - c. How do you feel when they accept the invitation? When they reject it?
 - d. What about a sports team...or with your friends playing a game. Have you ever felt left out?
 - e. What does it feel like to be included by your friends?

Today's parable is about God inviting us to his table for the greatest meal, Himself! Dinner is free! All we have to do is accept the invitation. God also thinks that each of us is special enough to be on His Team. It is challenging to be on his team. There are rules to follow and it's not always easy. Are you ready to accept the challenge?

3. Group FLAG – the students will make hand prints in their classes and they will then put them onto their country flag that will be in the Drama unit. This will show that they are all on God's team and they are unified together by that common thread.
 - a. Ask each child – “Are you ready to accept the challenge and be on God's team?”
 - b. As each child says YES they can then put their hand print on the flag.

This week, we will be competing and acting out different Olympic races. The first thing that our coach has to do is to create a TEAM. We are going to act out the parable together but instead of being invited to a dinner, we will be invited on a team. Not everyone will accept the invitation and we'll find out what happens in our drama!

4. the four teams
 - a. Snobs – The Snobs think they are too good to be on a 'team sport' and they wouldn't waste their time. They are only concerned with how they do individually and don't care about the other competitors or representing their country.
 - b. Maniacs – The Maniacs are too busy to stop for one minute and think of anyone else's needs except their own. They are busy rushing from one thing to the next and are unable to prioritize anything important for the greater good.
 - c. Fraidy Cats – The Fraidy Cats are too afraid to join the team. They think it's a good idea but are afraid of letting anyone else down, they don't want to be teased, and truly are embarrassed.

- d. Gratefuls – The Gratefuls may not be the best at everything but they are just grateful for being asked at all. They graciously accept the invitation and then try very hard to do what it takes to make the team successful.
5. Draft Day
- a. Snobs – walk by and don't even bother answering the request to be on the team but instead put their noses in the air or look in a mirror and flex.
 - b. Maniacs – Can't stop long enough even to hear the invitation..they are going in a million directions.
 - c. Fraidy Cats – They ask Who Me? You don't want me! They are very insecure and run off mumbling.
 - d. Grateful – They are ready and able and willing and get excited when asked!

ACTION!

The locker room.. the Coach is preparing to go to the Olympics and is getting ready to build her team.

Coach: I am so excited I am taking a team to the Olympics! I'll have to find the fastest, the strongest competitors I can to come on my team!
(approaches the snobs)

Coach: (with enthusiasm) Hi there! My name is Coach Teri and I am putting together a team to make the United States proud this summer and bring home many gold medals for the good old USA. Would you like to accept that challenge and be on my team?

Snobs: Really? That's nice, but what does that have to do with us?

Coach: I'd love you to come and join my team! It won't be easy but it will be rewarding for everyone!

Snobs: What is in it for me? I only look out for myself. I don't care if the USA does get a gold medal at the Olympics. Will I get fame and fortune?

Coach: Well, I can't guarantee that but if we show a strong team presence we will certainly make the USA proud!

Snobs: No thanks....not my thing. (walks off flexing)

Coach: Well that was disappointing. I have to keep looking. Oh there are some other athletes! (approaches the maniacs who are moving wildly around)

Coach: (with enthusiasm) Hi there! My name is Coach Teri and I am putting together a team to make the United States proud this summer and bring home many gold medals for the good old USA. Would you like to accept that challenge and be on my team?

Maniacs: Olympics? What Olympics? Is that on my to-do list? I can't really stop and talk to you right now, I am too busy playing my video games and running errands. My life is really important and I can't just drop everything to see what you need! Hmmmppppffff (runs off)

Coach: Allrighty then! (now a bit frustrated) Off to my next prospects! What am I going to do? The stongest and the fastest don't want to come, my team is going to stink! (approaches the Fraidy Cats)

Coach: (with enthusiasm) Hi there! My name is Coach Teri and I am putting together a team to make the United States proud this summer and bring home many gold medals for the good old USA. Would you like to accept that challenge and be on my team?

Fraidy Cats: Who us? You can't mean us!

Coach: I do mean you. You seem mildly strong and fit but very smart. I could use you on my team.

Fraidy Cats: Oh, I'm afraid not. I mean really afraid. I couldn't possibly help you. Others would have to count on me. What if I let them down? What if I embarrassed myself? What if I failed? No way (and runs away)

Coach: Oh poor me! What am I going to do? Where am I going to find some folks to be on my team?? (the Gratefuls are raising their hands and willing to be on the team) I'm not going to have the strongest, fastest or smartest....who can I ask? (crowd yells) You think I should ask the gratefuls? Okay (approaches gratefuls)

Coach: (with not very much enthusiasm) Hi there! My name is Coach Teri and I am putting together a team to make the United States proud this summer and bring home many gold medals for the good old USA. Would you like to accept that challenge and be on my team?

Gratefuls: I would love to be on your team! I'll work hard and train hard and do everything that you tell me! Thank you so much for asking me!!!! I accept! I accept!

Coach: Wow! It's really nice to have someone so enthusiastic to be on my team! I'm thrilled! We're going to do great with that kind of attitude and spirit we can accomplish anything!!! Let's go!

Ending Discussion: The Coach was thrilled that someone finally accepted her invitation to be on the team.

- a. Who was actually invited to be on the team? (everyone)
- b. Who accepted? (gratefuls)
- c. Will they be the fastest/strongest/smarest? (maybe not)
- d. Who will receive the greatest Olympic reward? (the gratefuls since the others didn't even join the team there is no way to receive the rewards)

- e. Who is invited to be on God's team? (everyone)
- f. How do we join? (We say YES)
- g. Do you accept the challenge? YES!!