

Scripture Mystery Dinner

We've probably all been a part of a mystery dinner at some point in our lives. I can remember doing this in our youth group as a fundraiser. We invited families from church to come and they never knew quite what they were ordering. It made for some fun surprises and memories!

A Scripture Mystery Dinner would also be a great way for your youth or children to show appreciation for their parents or youth/children workers and have a great time doing it! These are also fun to do as a family for holidays or anytime!

The "Gist" of it:

Each guest gets a menu with only scripture references and they order by scripture. Only the cooks and servers have the inside know! It can be done in courses or just as a single serving. Both ways make for an interesting meal!

Depending on what type of group you have and how much of a "Mystery" dinner you would like it to be -you can arrange the menu with NO clues or give them clues by placing the Scripture references under a labeled heading such as "Meat Choice", "Dessert Choice", "Drink Choice", etc.! It can even be done with a fill-in-the-blank Scripture Menu guide to help out!

Utensils:

Genesis 22:6 (knife)
Numbers 7:14 (bowl)
1 Chronicles 28:17 (fork)
2 Samuel 12:3 (cup)
1 Kings 7:50 (ladle = spoon)
Exodus 25:29 (plate)
John 20:5 (linen cloths=napkins)

Meat options:

Psalms 50:10 (cattle = beef)
Matthew 13:47 (fish)
Matthew 23:37 (hen = chicken)

Drink options:

John 4:14 (water)
Amos 9:14 (wine = grape juice or grape Kool-Aid)
Hebrews 5:13 (milk)
Numbers 6:3 (juice)

Vegetables:

2 Kings 4:39 (gourd = squash)
Genesis 41:5 (corn)
Proverbs 12:12 (root = carrots)
2 Samuel 17:28 (beans)

Bread/Starch choices:

John 6:35 (bread)
Numbers 11:9 (manna = crackers)
Acts 7:12 (grain = rice)

Dessert options:

Leviticus 7:12 (unleavened cake/wafers=cookies)
Deut 26:2 (fruit)
1 Kings 14:3 (cakes)

Selection Key for Scripture Mystery Dinner

Meats:

- **Beef** - Psalm 50:10

*“for every animal of the forest is Mine, the **cattle** on a thousand hills.”*

- **Chicken** - Matthew 23:37

*“Jerusalem, Jerusalem! She who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her. How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a **hen** gathers her chicks under her wings, yet you were not willing!”*

- **Fish** - Matthew 13:47

*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a large net thrown into the sea. It collected every kind of **fish**,”*

Vegetables:

- **Squash** - 2 Kings 4:39

*“One went out to the field to gather herbs and found a wild vine from which he gathered as many wild **gourds** as his garment would hold. Then he came back and cut them up into the pot of stew, but they were unaware of what they were.”*

- **Beans** – 2 Samuel 17:28

*“brought beds, basins, and pottery items. They also brought wheat, barley, flour, roasted grain, **beans**, lentils,”*

- **Carrots (root)** – Proverbs 12:12

*“The wicked desire what evil men have, but the **root** of the righteous produces fruit.”*

- **Corn (grain)** – Genesis 41:5

*“He fell asleep and dreamed a second time: Seven heads of **grain**, plump and ripe, came up on one stalk.”*

Bread/Starches:

- **Bread** – John 6:35

*“I am the **bread** of life,” Jesus told them. “No one who comes to Me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in Me will ever be thirsty again.”*

- **Crackers** (unleavened bread)– Exodus 12:20

*“Do not eat anything leavened; eat **unleavened bread** in all your homes.”*

- **Rice** (grain) – Acts 7:12

*“When Jacob heard there was **grain** in Egypt, he sent our ancestors the first time.”*

Drinks:

Water – John 4:14

*“But whoever drinks from the **water** that I will give him will never get thirsty again—ever! In fact, the **water** I will give him will become a well of **water** springing up within him for eternal life.”*

Milk – Hebrews 5:13

*“Now everyone who lives on **milk** is inexperienced with the message about righteousness, because he is an infant.”*

Juice – Numbers 6:3

*“he is to abstain from wine and beer. He must not drink vinegar made from wine or from beer. He must not drink any grape **juice** or eat fresh grapes or raisins.”*

Desserts:

Cookies (wafers) - Leviticus 2:4

*“When you present a grain offering baked in an oven, it must be made of fine flour, either unleavened cakes mixed with oil or unleavened **wafers** coated with oil.”*

Cake - 1 Kings 14:3

*“Take with you 10 loaves of bread, some **cakes**, and a jar of honey, and go to him. He will tell you what will happen to the boy.”*

Fruit - James 3:18

*“And the **fruit** of righteousness is sown in peace by those who cultivate peace.”*