

News Story Summary

The Royal wedding of Prince Harry and his bride, Meghan Markle, took place on May 19. The couple celebrated their marriage at Windsor Castle with 600 guests in attendance and more than 2,000 invited guests on the castle grounds. The ceremony included a mixture of British and American traditions. An estimated 100,000 people waved as the couple sat in an open-top Ascot Landau carriage for a procession through the streets of Windsor. The celebrations culminated in a luncheon given by Queen Elizabeth and a formal dinner hosted by Prince Charles.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the phrase “Harry and Meghan wedding ceremony.”)

Focus Attention

Following the welcome idea under Focus Attention, invite group members to share how they would define the word “celebrate.” Explain that a celebration is an occasion or event that has been marked as special typically through an enjoyable social activity. Share the news story summary about the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Ask: *What made the royal wedding a celebration?* Complete the step as written.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement State under the Summarize and Challenge idea, remind the group of the news story summary. Ask: *For reasons might a person celebrate a royal wedding?* Lead the group to consider reasons believers have for celebrating salvation through faith in Jesus. Challenge the group to not only celebrate Jesus but to also live a life of celebration, seeking to maintain a joyful spirit at all times.