

# THE TEN VIRGINS

*Matthew 25:1-13*

## Matthew 25

<sup>1</sup>“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup>The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

<sup>6</sup>“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

<sup>7</sup>“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps.

<sup>8</sup>The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

<sup>9</sup>“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both

us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

<sup>10</sup>“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup>“Later the others also came. ‘Sir! Sir!’ they said. ‘Open the door for us!’

<sup>12</sup>“But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’

<sup>13</sup>“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did five of the girls do that was foolish?
5		2.) What did the wise girls do to prepare to meet the bridegroom?
5		3.) What happened when the bridegroom arrived?
5		4.) Why do you think it is important to be ready at all times?

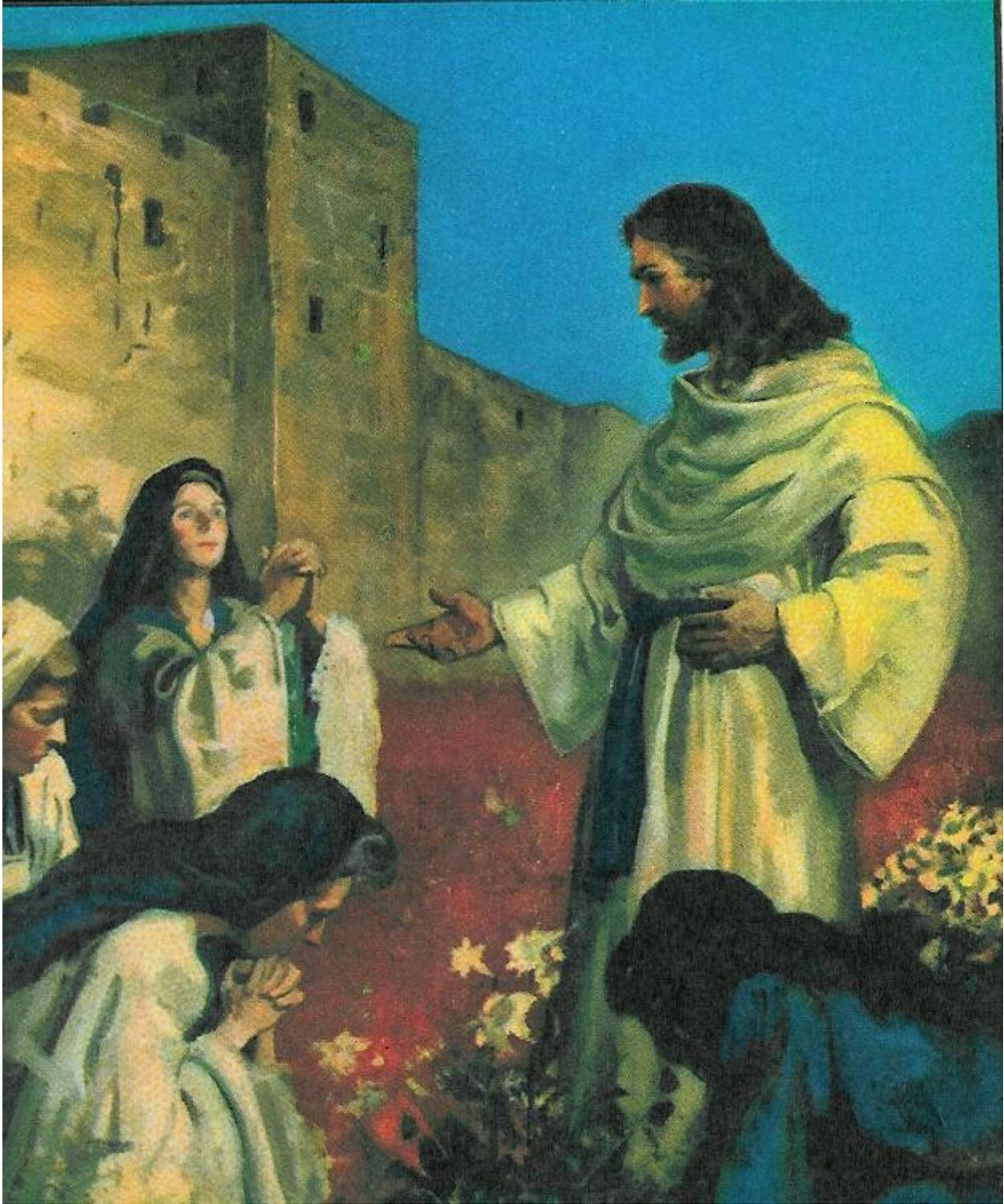
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."  Matthew 25:13

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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*The bridegroom let the girls that were ready come in for the wedding banquet*

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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: LANTERNS

Students will make a lantern to remind them that five of the ten virgins had their lamps ready when they went to meet the bridegroom.

### MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Lantern Pattern
3. Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
4. Scissors
5. Glue or Tape



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the lantern pattern onto 67lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the lantern.
3. Have students cut on the solid black lines and fold on the dotted lines.
4. Glue or tape the two tabs together.
5. Glue or tape the handle on the lantern.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their lanterns, remind them that five of the ten virgins were ready for the bridegroom and five were not. Help students realize that we need to be ready at all times for the return of Christ. Without Christ as our Savior, we are not adequately ready for His return. As our memory verse indicates, we do not know when Christ will return.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

*“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”  
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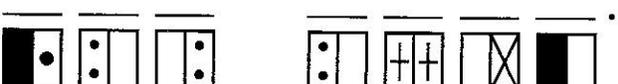
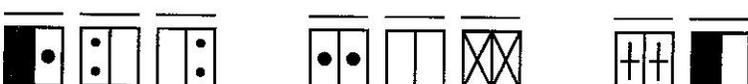
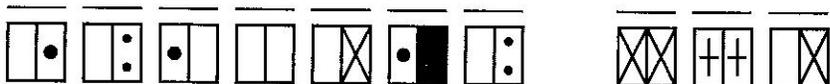
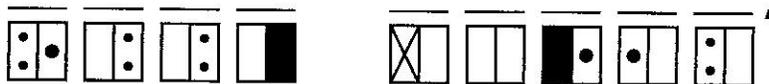
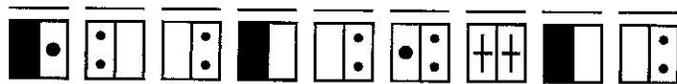
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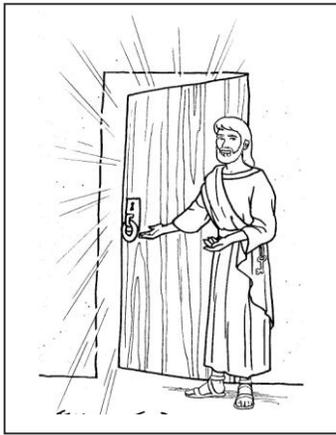
Jesus promised that he would return for us some day. He told us to be prepared for his second coming. But when is that wonderful day going to happen?



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Jesus said the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were wise and five

were foolish. The wise virgins took extra oil with them for their lamps while the foolish virgins did not. The bridegroom took awhile coming and the virgins all fell asleep.

At midnight the bridegroom arrived and the virgins woke up. They trimmed their lamps. The foolish virgins were out of oil and wanted to borrow some from the wise virgins. The wise virgins said no.

While the foolish virgins went to buy oil, the bridegroom arrived. The wise virgins were ready and went into the wedding banquet. The door was shut.

When the foolish virgins finally arrived and tried to get into the feast, it was too late. The bridegroom said, "I tell you the truth, I don't know you."

Jesus said, "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

For more details, please read Matthew 25:1-13 in the Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. What did five of the girls do that was foolish?
2. What did the wise girls do to prepare to meet the bridegroom?
3. What happened when the bridegroom arrived?
4. Why do you think it is important to be ready at all times?

## MEMORY VERSE

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

Matthew 25:13

## UNSCRAMBLE THE MESSAGE

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