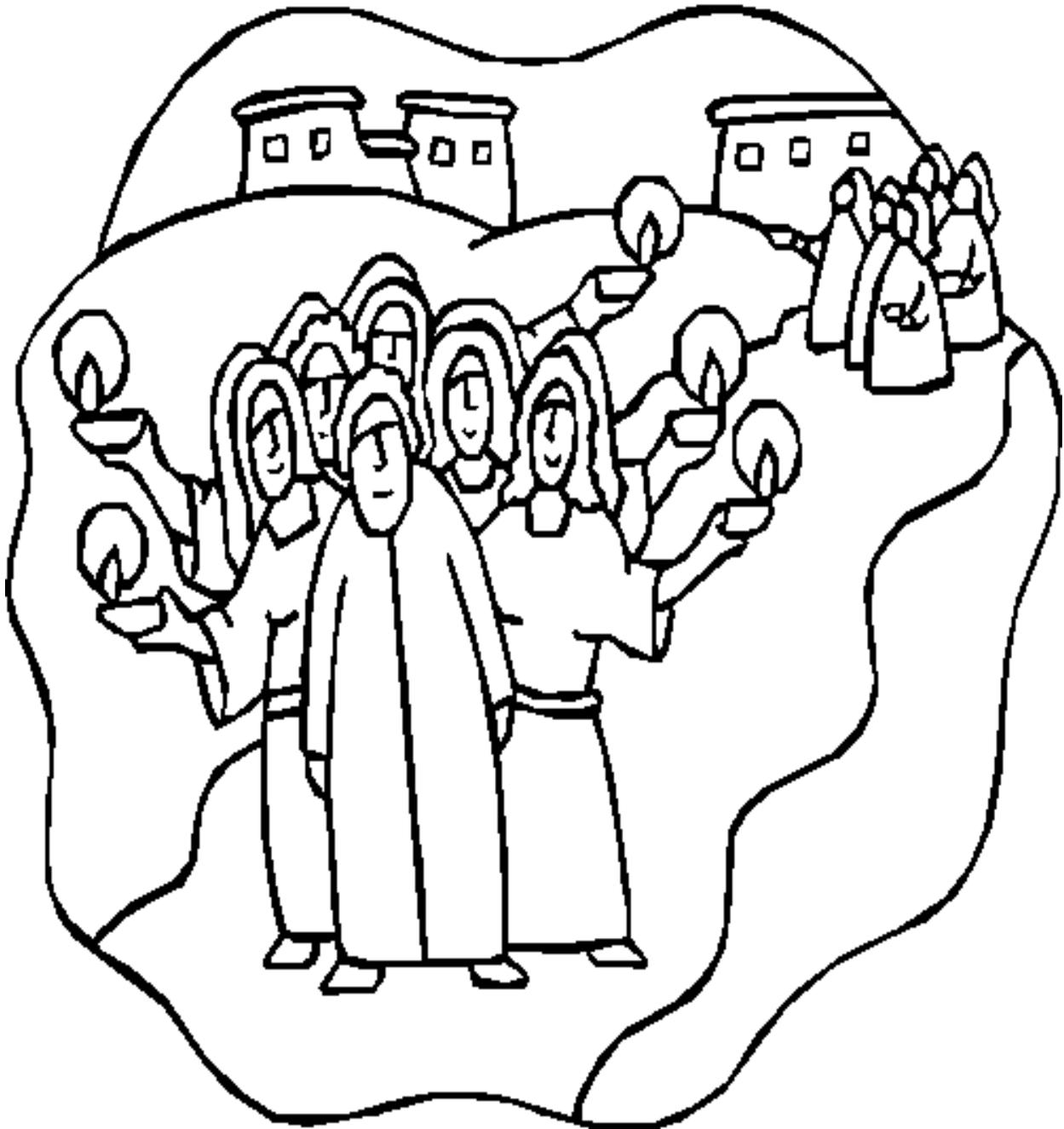


# The Parable of the Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13



## The Story

Jesus, as he was sitting outside of Jerusalem on the Mount of Olives, was approached by His disciples. They were asking about the end of the world, and how they were going to know when it was coming. Jesus then talked for a little while, and then decided to tell them a story which had a heavenly meaning to it.

Jesus started out the parable by saying that at the end of this world, the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. A bridegroom is a man who is about to get married. Jesus then told his disciples that five of these virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps, but they didn't take any oil with them. They needed oil because that is one of the main things they needed to keep their lamps lit. The wise virgins, however, took extra oil with them in jars.

It took a while for the bridegroom to come, and because of this the virgins all ended up falling asleep. Then, around the middle of the night, it was announced that

the bridegroom was coming, and that they should come to meet him. The virgins then prepared their lamps to light the way to see him, and the foolish virgins then asked the wise ones if they had any extra oil because they knew that their lamps did not have enough oil.

The wise virgins told the foolish virgins that they could not give any of their oil away because they did not know if there would be enough for all of them. They also told them that they should try to find somebody who sells oil and buy some from them.

But, while the foolish virgins had gone off to buy the oil, the bridegroom came and the virgins who were ready went into the wedding feast with him, and then the door was shut. Finally, the foolish virgins got back to the door, and they cried out for the door to be opened. But the bridegroom told them that he didn't know them.

Jesus then told his disciples that they should always be prepared because they cannot know the day or even the hour in which the destruction of this world will come.

*Jesus told a parable, or story, explaining Judgment Day.*

## Activity One - Answer the following about the parable.

1. To whom was Jesus talking?
2. How many virgins were there in Jesus' story?
3. For Whom were these virgins waiting?
4. What did the foolish virgins forget?
5. Who got locked out of the feast?
6. Why did they get locked out?
7. What did the bridegroom tell the virgins when they knocked on the door?
8. What was the lesson that Jesus had behind this story?

## Activity Two - Follow the directions to make a picture to help with the memory passage.

### Matthew 24:42

<p><b>"Watch therefore,</b> <i>* draw a pair of eyes or glasses to represent watching</i></p>	<p><b>for you do not know what hour</b> <i>* draw a clock</i></p>	<p><b>your Lord is coming."</b> <i>*draw Jesus coming on the last day</i></p>
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*When we die our soul will go to heaven to be with Jesus.*

## Passages

Matthew 24:44 - Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Matthew 26:41 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

## Hymn - TLH #609 v. 1

"Wake, awake, for night is flying,"  
The watchmen on the heights are crying;  
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"  
Midnight hears the welcome voices  
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:  
"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?  
The Bridegroom comes, awake!  
Your lamps with gladness take! Hallelujah!  
With bridal care yourselves prepare  
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

## Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for sending Jesus to live a perfect life and to die for our sins on the cross. Thank You also for sending the Holy Spirit into our hearts to give us faith. Please keep that lamp of faith full of oil from Your Word so that we are ready to meet You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.