

## LESSON 5

## THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

## BEFORE YOU TEACH

**Being Prepared with Spiritual Oil**

The parable of the ten virgins illustrates the attitude believers should have towards the second coming of Christ. In this parable, Christ is portrayed as the bridegroom. When Christ returns, He will receive His bride, the church (Rev 19:7; 21:2).

The ten virgins were the bridesmaids. As such, they were responsible for preparing the bride to meet the bridegroom. All ten virgins took lamps, fell asleep as the hours passed, then arose and trimmed their lamps. What set the five wise virgins aside from the foolish ones is that in addition to their lamps, they took oil in their vessels.

Oil lamps could be made of clay, silver, bronze, gold, or stone. One of the main fuels used in lamps was olive oil. Oil lamps usually had a large opening into which the fuel could be poured. One end of the wick was introduced into the fuel. The other end was lit with fire. Some oil lamps had a handle that made them easier to carry.

The oil represents the Holy Spirit. We should learn from the wise virgins by preparing ourselves spiritually. We can abide in Christ by being watchful and living righteous lives (keeping our spiritual garments clean) so that at His return, we may come before His presence with confidence (1 Jn 2:28; cf Rev 16:15). If we can persevere until the end, the bridegroom will acknowledge and welcome us.

A crucial point in this parable was the fact that the oil could not be shared. Faith, through the fullness of the Holy Spirit and the practice of God's word, is built up gradually on a personal, individual basis. We cannot wait until Christ comes to start preparing ourselves because it would be too late. Moreover, we cannot rely on someone else, such as our spouse, parents, or minister, to enter God's kingdom.

The consequences of not being alert and watchful in our faith are significant in our present life as well as our eternal life. If we indulge in our desires in this life rather than be spiritually sober, we are actually choosing to distance ourselves from God. It is this reason that led the bridegroom to turn away the foolish virgins. The foolish virgins represent believers who befriend the world, confessing the Lord with their mouths, but straying from Him in their hearts and conduct (Jas 4:4).

## BIBLE TEXT

Matthew 25:1-13

## BIBLE TRUTH

We are responsible for being watchful and building up our own faith daily so that Christ will welcome us into the heavenly kingdom.

## LESSON OBJECTIVE

To be watchful and proactive in our faith until the second coming.

## MEMORY VERSE

"Watch, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

(Matthew 25:13)

## PRAYER

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. We praise and thank You for protecting and guiding us over the past week so that we can come to Your house to worship You. May Your Spirit fill our hearts and work mightily in our lives so that we can learn to be watchful and prepared like the five wise virgins. By preparing ourselves daily and doing what pleases You, even when it may be hard, we hope and pray that at Your second coming we may go with You to our heavenly home. Hallelujah! Amen.

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR STUDENTS

At their young age, your students operate in an environment where the impact of their actions is limited. They may see the short-term relationships between cause and effect, but may not be quite aware of the long-term repercussions of their actions. It may be difficult for them to imagine how their Bible reading, prayer, church attendance, and interaction with believers can impact their reward or punishment on that seemingly far off day of Jesus' second coming.

Although the concept of judgment at the second coming may seem abstract and unfathomable in their young minds, most of them can probably comprehend the feeling of being turned away or rejected. Children long to be loved and accepted by their parents. Just as parents love their children deeply and are pained by their misbehavior, God loves His children and is grieved when they do not trust and obey His commandments. In either case, our misconduct does not lessen or change our parents' or God's love, but there are consequences to our actions.

In the parable of the ten virgins, all ten are given the opportunity to meet the bridegroom. Today, all believers

are given the opportunity to one day see Jesus Christ at His second coming. Half of the virgins chose to prepare better and were allowed to join the wedding. This half represents the believers who diligently and cheerfully build up their faith by fostering good spiritual habits over time (being filled with the Holy Spirit through prayer and practicing good deeds out of Christian love). The other five did not prepare adequately, came back too late, and were turned away by the bridegroom. These five represent the believers who do not devote sufficient time and effort day after day to draw closer to God, and who may not fully realize that Jesus could come at any moment. Sadly, no one will be able to share their faith, Holy Spirit, or good deeds with anyone else (even if they wanted to) when the day of judgment arrives. Students will prefer to be like the wise virgins and participate in the joy of the wedding instead of the foolish virgins who could only stand outside with their regrets. The best solution in this case is prevention in the form of preparation. Since no one knows when the end will come, teachers can encourage students constantly to think and act in a way that would allow them to be counted among the wise wedding guests.

### VOCABULARY

**parable:** a story that is told to explain a teaching

**virgin:** unmarried woman

**vessel:** container

**bridegroom:** groom, husband

### REVIEW

Last week, we learned how Jesus rode a donkey into the city of Jerusalem. How did the people welcome the Lord? [Give students time to respond.] The people praised Him. They placed their clothes and palm branches on the road and shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" as He passed. They did this to praise Him as their Savior. We learned that we also must raise our voices to give praise and glory to God.

## BIBLE STORY

Boys and girls, what is the kingdom of heaven like? Raise your hand if you can tell me one thing you think you might see, hear, smell, touch, taste, or feel in heaven. No one really knows what heaven will be like, but we know that Jesus has prepared a beautiful home for His beloved believers. I'm sure every one of us would love to join Him there one day, so we should learn all the godly things we can think, say, and do to prepare for that special day.

When Jesus taught the believers, He described the kingdom of heaven in many ways. Once, He described the heavenly kingdom by telling a parable about ten virgins.

Ten virgins were going to a wedding. Each of them carried an oil lamp. In Jesus' time, people did not have electricity or batteries. They had to use oil lamps so they could see at night. Oil was poured into the lamp, the wick was lit with fire, and people were able to see by the lamp's light.

Five of the virgins were wise, and five were foolish. How do we know which virgins were wise and which were foolish? By their actions.

The foolish ones took their lamps but no oil. How would they be able to keep their lamps on without oil? It would be like using a flashlight without batteries. Boys and girls, would the five foolish virgins be able to see at night? Not for long or not at all.

The wise virgins took their lamps and took oil in their vessels. If they stayed out late into the night, they would still be able to see in the dark by putting more oil into their lamps.

The ten virgins waited together for the bridegroom to arrive. Tick-tock, tick-tock. Minutes passed by. Tick-tock, tick-tock, yawn. Hours passed by. Tick-tock, tick-tock, yawn, snore. The sun went down and the moon rose over the horizon. Tick-tock, tick-tock, yawn, snore, dream. Where was the bridegroom? Why was it taking him so long to come? One by one, the ten virgins fell asleep.

At midnight, the virgins heard a shout that woke them up. "The bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!" It was so dark, and they needed to be ready to welcome the bridegroom. Quickly, they all got up and looked around for their lamps. They trimmed the lamps so they could be lit.

To their surprise, the foolish virgins realized they didn't have enough oil left to keep their lamps on. They asked the wise virgins if they could have some oil. The wise virgins knew if they gave the oil to the foolish ones, there would not be enough oil to light everyone's lamps. They told the foolish ones to go and buy some more oil. The five foolish virgins rushed off in a hurry, hoping someone would be willing to sell them oil at such a late hour.

The bridegroom came, and the five wise virgins who were ready and waiting for him went in with him to the wedding. The door was shut.

When the foolish virgins came back, they stood outside the closed door. They were late but they thought they

could still get in. The five foolish virgins called out to the bridegroom saying, "Lord, Lord, open to us!" The bridegroom answered and said, "I do not know you." While the wedding guests and the five wise virgins enjoyed the beautiful wedding and all the wonderful celebrations on that special day, the five foolish virgins could only sadly wish that they had been prepared earlier.

Boys and girls, raise your right hand if you would rather be a wise virgin or your left hand if you would rather be a foolish one. Well, you're all very wise!

What did the wise virgins prepare so they could welcome the bridegroom and go into the wedding? That's right, they prepared oil. Today, we also need to prepare oil. Our spiritual oil comes from praying daily to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is very important, and we need it in order to enter the kingdom of God. It can help us in many ways. One way is to help us understand God's word. Another way is to help us when we pray. Additionally, the Holy Spirit can give us the strength to obey God's word, to be kind to others, and to serve our brothers and sisters in church. How often do we need to prepare this oil? We need to have this spiritual oil ready all the time, because we need it every day.

Why couldn't the wise virgins share their oil with the foolish ones? Was it because they were mean and selfish? No! Just like we cannot share our Holy Spirit and good deeds to help someone else go to heaven (even if we really, really wanted to), they could not share their oil to help others go into the wedding. Our faith is our personal relationship with God, and it is our own responsibility.

The parable of the ten virgins teaches us to be prepared. "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming" (Mt 25:13). Nobody knows when Jesus will come, so in a way, we should think, talk, and act as if He were coming every day.

Students, if we knew that He was coming soon, would we pick up a video game instead of our Bible? Would we shout back at our parents or would we speak kindly to them? Would we invite our friends to church or to a party? Would we stand up to play or kneel down to pray? How much oil do we have today? Is it enough? Will Jesus invite us in when He comes, or will the door be closed because we did not prepare enough oil ahead of time? Boys and girls, let's work together to have plenty of oil so we can celebrate when Jesus comes to take the church (all of the wise believers) home!

Let's look at some examples and think about what wise students would do, and what foolish students would do.

| Wise Students  | Foolish Students  |
|--|---|
| <p><i>When invited to a birthday party on Saturday...</i></p> <p>Wise students would thank their friend for the invitation, but let the friend know they will be attending church on that day. Wise students might even go out of their way to give the friend a birthday gift even if they cannot attend the birthday party, and invite them to come to church on the next Sabbath.</p> | <p><i>When invited to a birthday party on Saturday...</i></p> <p>Foolish students would give in and go to the birthday party instead of observing the Sabbath. Foolish students think that it will not be a problem if they miss a service where they could draw near to God and have fun with their friends instead.</p> |
| <p><i>When Dad or Mom asks them to do a chore...</i></p> <p>Wise students would be kind and considerate, doing it right away with a cheerful smile. They might even have finished the chore without being reminded or asked.</p>   | <p><i>When Dad or Mom asks them to do a chore...</i></p> <p>Foolish students would complain, grumble, or argue. They might not do it at all or do it with a bad attitude.</p>   |
| <p><i>When things are not turning out the way they hope...</i></p> <p>Wise students would be patient and continue to do what is right. They would pray and ask God for wisdom to know what they should do, and be willing to change if needed. They would draw closer to God and trust in Him even more.</p>   | <p><i>When things are not turning out the way they hope...</i></p> <p>Foolish students would blame God and try to get their own way. They would not be willing to admit if they did something wrong. They would turn away from God and rely on other people or on material possessions.</p>                               |
| <p><i>When no one is watching...</i></p> <p>Wise students would act the same way they would if they were in public. They behave in a way that would make God proud, being fair and merciful, producing spiritual fruit, and being a godly influence to those around them.</p>  | <p><i>When no one is watching...</i></p> <p>Foolish students would behave differently than they would if others were around. They might behave in a way that is selfish, proud, envious, and fearful. They would make God sad with their actions.</p>   |

### CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

1. **What are oil lamps used for?** To see in the dark; to light the way.
2. **How many virgins were waiting for the bridegroom?** Ten.
3. **How did the five wise virgins prepare?** They brought oil in their vessels.
4. **What happened to the virgins while they were waiting for the bridegroom?** They fell asleep.
5. **At what time did the bridegroom come?** At midnight.
6. **What happened when the foolish virgins realized that they didn't have enough oil for their lamps?** They asked the wise ones for some, but the wise ones told them to go buy more oil instead.
7. **What happened to the wise and foolish virgins in the end?** The wise ones went in to the wedding with the bridegroom; the foolish ones were not allowed to go in because the bridegroom said he did not know them.
8. **Who do the wise virgins represent?** Believers who prepare daily by praying for the fullness of the Holy Spirit and by being watchful.
9. **Who do the foolish virgins represent?** Believers who do not draw close to God daily.
10. **What can we learn from the parable of the ten virgins?** We need to be filled with the fullness of the Holy Spirit and be watchful because we do not know when Jesus is coming.



### MEMORY VERSE PRACTICE

Please reinforce the memory verse every week.  
You can practice the memory verse with your students anytime during class.

**"Watch, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."  
(Matthew 25:13)**

## SPIRITUAL TEACHING & LIFE APPLICATION

### 1. What Is the Holy Spirit?

#### Some Functions of the Holy Spirit

1. He teaches us to understand the truth.
2. He helps us walk in God's ways.
3. He strengthens us and helps us when we are weak.
4. He helps us pray, making "intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Rom 8:26-28).
5. He convinces us of our sin so that we confess our sins before God.

God promised through the prophets that He would pour out the Holy Spirit on His believers to live in their hearts: "I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them" (Ezek 36:27).

The Bible tells us that "God is Spirit" (Jn 4:24). The Bible also says, "the Lord is the Spirit" (2 Cor 3:17). The Spirit of God is the Spirit of Jesus Christ; He is the Holy Spirit. Jesus also called the Holy Spirit the "Helper" or "Counselor." Like a personal guide on our heavenly pilgrimage, He is available at all times and abides with us forever, so long as we live by God's words.

When we are baptized, it marks only the beginning of our journey. But to be like Jesus, we need to change with the help of the Holy Spirit. We cannot overcome our sinful nature and the devil's temptations by our determination alone. The Holy Spirit, God's Spirit abiding in us, gives us the transforming power we need to live out Christ's perfect example as children of God. Let me share a testimony with you!

When Cora was in middle school, her parents used to give her money every day to get a snack for herself. Even though Cora always wanted more money, her parents insisted that Cora shouldn't have more than one snack a day. One day, Cora saw two dollars in the side pocket of her friend Julie's backpack, which had been left in the classroom unattended. Cora thought to herself, "If I take these two dollars, I will be able to get myself an extra chocolate bar today! Two dollars is not a lot... It wouldn't be considered stealing if I take

it." However, no matter how much Cora tried to convince herself that it was okay to take the money, Cora couldn't do it. She felt as if there was someone inside her heart trying to fight against her own will. In the end, Cora didn't take the money. In her heart, it just didn't feel right for her to take the money. The Holy Spirit dwelling within Cora was rebuking her, telling her she that shouldn't take the money because stealing is a sin in God's eyes. The more she thought about it, the more she felt guilty and sorry towards God.

That day, Cora remembered this incident in her prayer before bed. She knew that her intention to steal was not right, which was why the Holy Spirit was fighting against her own will. No matter how many excuses Cora tried to find to convince herself that taking two dollars was not considered stealing in God's eyes, the Holy Spirit rebuked her with the truth. Cora really regretted having such a sinful desire, and she prayed for the Holy Spirit to help her overcome her temptation to steal. She asked for the Holy Spirit to fill her and give her the courage to say "no" to stealing.

The Holy Spirit indeed helps us to overcome our weaknesses, and gives us strength to do what is right in the eyes of God.

### How Do I Receive the Holy Spirit?

#### a. Be baptized

To receive the Holy Spirit, you must believe in the Lord Jesus as your Savior, humbly repent of your sins, and be baptized into Christ. Baptism goes hand in hand with the promise of the Holy Spirit: "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

#### b. Obey the truth

God gives the Holy Spirit "to those who obey Him" (Acts 5:32). Since the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth, we need to study and obey the true gospel in order to receive the Holy Spirit. Without the desire to follow the truth, we are denying the need for the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. But if we are determined to obey the commandments of God, the Holy Spirit will come upon us and fill us because He knows we need His help!

Students, I am sure many of you have been praying for the Holy Spirit. Let's take a minute to think... How much do you want the help of the Holy Spirit to obey God's commandments? If you truly want to obey the truth, the Holy Spirit will not delay in coming to help you! Now, I'm going to read two prayers to you. After you have heard both of them, tell me which one you think is a more proper prayer for seeking the Holy Spirit:

1. "Lord, I really want the Holy Spirit. Almost everyone in class has already received it... I'm afraid that they will look down on me if I don't receive the Holy Spirit soon! I also feel very embarrassed when my prayer doesn't sound like my friends' because I cannot speak in tongues... God, please give me the Holy Spirit!"
2. Lord, I really want the Holy Spirit. I hear Your word every week, but sometimes they're not easy to follow! I need the help of Your Spirit so that I can have the courage to obey Your commandments. I know that the Holy Spirit will help me understand the truth, walk in Your ways, and strengthen me when I am weak. Lord, please grant me the Holy Spirit as my Helper!"

*Answer:* The second prayer is the more proper prayer. Discuss with the students how the Holy Spirit is meant to be our Helper and Counselor, to guide and accompany us on the path of faith. Therefore, we should not be praying for the Holy Spirit because of peer pressure.

#### c. Pray with faith

Jesus told His disciples that the heavenly Father gives the Holy Spirit "to those who ask Him" (Lk 11:13). We ask God for the Holy Spirit through prayer. With faith in God's promise, through persistent prayer and earnest longing, you will receive the Holy Spirit as the Lord has promised.

### What Happens When I Receive the Holy Spirit?

You will experience God's power.

Since the first time God poured out His Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2), believers who receive the Holy Spirit have spoken in tongues. Receiving the Holy Spirit is an experience that is audible and often visible. It is audible through the sign of speaking in tongues. It is often visible through the movement of the body. Jesus' disciples said that they, as well as observers, could "see and hear" the pouring out of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 2:33; 10:45-47).

When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, as recorded in Scripture, you will be moved to speak in unknown tongues. You may also experience warmth and power from above. The Holy Spirit is from God; thus the experience is not a frightening one, nor one where people lose control or consciousness. You will remain conscious and may end your prayer at any time.

### 2. Understanding When Jesus Is Coming Again

*"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (Jn 14:2-3).*

The Lord Jesus promises His followers that He will one day return to receive them home. This world will not last forever. It will come to an end at the coming of Christ. No

one can know the exact hour. But Jesus warned of the signs that will precede His coming: wars, famine, natural disasters, and an increase in crime, religious persecution, and rejection and distortion of the truth. "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold" (Mt 24:12).

### What Should I Do to Prepare for the Return of Jesus Christ?

#### a. Walk with faith

You don't really know when the world will end, or what twists and turns lie ahead. But God has given everyone clear guidelines in the Bible on how to live. Every word He gives us holds a promise: if you follow each command, you will be blessed. Walk every step with faith in God's leadership. You will find your life fruitful and full of meaning, for your destination will be clear (Rev 22:14).

#### b. Love one another

According to Jesus' teachings, love will be a standard of divine judgment on the last day. "Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law" (Rom 13:8). Love is serving the needs of others with all that God has given you. In fact, Jesus has once told us that LOVE is the greatest commandment. What does that mean? Is this commandment more important than the Ten Commandments? No, Jesus didn't say that to add an extra commandment on top of the ten we already know. If you think about it, the Ten Commandments can be separated into two parts: while the first to the fourth teach us to love God, the fifth to the tenth instruct us to love one another. [Pause for students to think. You can also go over all Ten Commandments with your students.] In order to prepare for Jesus' return, we must do everything according to the commandments of God, that is, to love God and love others. If we love God and always serve the needs of others before our own, God will surely bless and guide us every step of our way until the day that Jesus returns.

#### c. Be filled with the Holy Spirit

Receiving the Holy Spirit is only the first step of our spiritual journey. If we do not rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us every day, not only would He become weak but He may also leave us. Therefore, we must always pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Always ask God to strengthen us through the Holy Spirit so that our faith can stay strong. The more we are filled with the Holy Spirit, the more power we have from Christ to walk in the truth. Let me share a story with you.

Leo loves plants. When his class had a flower-planting project, he was especially happy. He brought home his sprouted marigold plant, and for days, took great care to give it water and place it by the window for adequate sunshine. Finally, one flower budded, and Leo couldn't be any happier to see the fruit of his labor.

The following day, when Leo was at school, his

younger brother, Andy, decided to "help" take care of the marigold. He got too happy watering the plant that by the time he realized it, the flowerpot was flooded. In a desperate attempt not to drown the plant, he tried to pour the extra water out of the pot and shaking the plant. As he was doing so, the flower that budded fell out; it had been shaken too hard and got cut off from the main plant! Andy knew that Leo would be really mad at him. He decided that he would hide in his room in the afternoon when Leo came back from school.

Of course, as expected, when Leo returned from school and discovered what had happened to his beloved plant, he was both sad and angry. He shouted out to Andy, and found out very quickly that Andy had locked himself in his room to "escape responsibility" as he saw it. No matter how hard he banged on the door, Andy refused to come out.

Leo was furious, but he knew he had to contain his anger. So he went back into his room to try to calm himself down. An hour passed by and Leo was still in his room... He realized that no matter how hard he tried to calm himself down, he was still very angry. In the end, he decided to take a walk in the yard and then come back to pray about it. He knew that it was important to calm down first before praying. He also knew that praying was the only way to remove his anger completely, and that he could not remove it on his own. He knew that the anger in his heart could potentially lead to actions that would not please God. Therefore, Leo asked God to fill him with the Holy Spirit so that he could let go of his anger and obey God's will to forgive his brother. As he continued to pray, Leo began to feel peace in his heart. He was no longer filled with anger but the power of the Holy Spirit to forgive his brother. In the end, Leo did not pick a fight with Andy. Instead, he told Andy not to worry about what had happened. That night, Leo praised and thanked God that his heart was filled with joy after the Holy Spirit had helped him remove the anger in his heart.

For those of you who have not yet received the Holy Spirit, do not give up and continue to pray. And for those of you who have already received the Holy Spirit, do not think that there is no need to pray anymore. The Spirit of God is limitless; if we are weak, He can make us strong. Even when we are strong, He can make us even stronger! Ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit in your daily prayers, and you will experience what great things He can do for and with you!

## ACTIVITY

1

### Fill My Oil Lamp

**Objective:** To remember to prepare spiritual oil every day of the week.

#### Materials

- Construction paper in seven colors
- Markers
- Oil lamp drawing (see sample at right)



#### Instructions

1. Distribute one oil lamp drawing to each student (printed on letter paper).
2. Cut small strips or geometric shapes from seven different colors of construction paper. These must be large enough to write on but small enough to fit together on the oil lamp drawing.
3. On each strip or geometric shape, use the markers to write one day of the week, along with one way you will try to prepare spiritual oil on that day. (For example: "Monday: Ask my parents to pray with me for ten minutes.")
4. Lastly, glue the strips or geometric shapes on the oil lamp to "fill" it up.

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### Wise or Foolish, Stand Tall or Crouch Low

**Objective:** To identify the students' attitudes regarding behavior that may be wise or foolish.

#### Preparation

Before class, create a list of actions that could be catalogued as wise or foolish on a piece of paper.

#### Examples

- "Staying up late the night before Sabbath service."
- "Setting aside a part of my weekly allowance for tithing."

#### Instructions

1. Line the students up in a row, leaving some space between students to facilitate movement. If there are more than 5 students, set up additional rows with 5 students per row.
2. Tell the students that you will be reading some actions aloud. If they consider the action to be wise, they will stand tall and raise their arms up. If they consider the action to be foolish, they will crouch to the ground as low as they can. You may want to demonstrate the actions first for the students to see.
3. Ask the students to close their eyes.
4. Read one item from the list of actions that you created.
5. Give the students some time to decide if the action is wise or foolish.
6. When all the students have decided, tell them to open their eyes and look around to see how others categorized the action.
7. Repeat steps 3-6 until all the actions have been read by the teacher and evaluated by the students.
8. As a group, discuss the students' reactions to the actions on the list.

## HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

#### Across

3. bridegroom
6. heaven
7. foolish
10. wise

#### Down

1. virgins
2. Jesus
4. midnight
5. second
8. oil
9. lamps

11. Answers may vary.



## E1 Year 3 Book 2 Lesson 5—The Parable of the Ten Virgins

# Homework Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Truth:** We are responsible for being watchful and building up our own faith daily so that Christ will welcome us into the heavenly kingdom.**Lesson Objective:** To be watchful and proactive in our faith until the second coming.**Bible Reading:** Please put a check mark in the space when you complete the reading each day.**Prayer:** Please put a check mark in the space on the days you prayed to God.

|               | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Bible Reading |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Prayer        |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

## Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse.

(Matthew 25:13)

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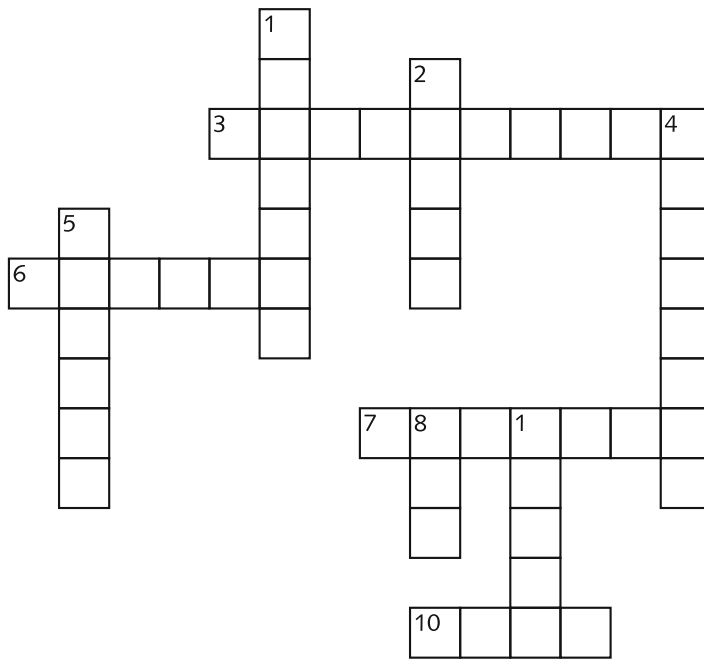
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## What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

# Homework Assignment

*Understanding What You Have Learned*



## Word Bank

Jesus  
foolish  
lamps  
midnight  
virgins  
heaven  
second  
bridegroom  
wise  
oil

### Crossword Puzzle

#### Across

3. The ten virgins were waiting for the \_\_\_\_\_.  
6. The kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_.  
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ virgins did not bring oil.  
10. The virgins who brought oil were \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Down

1. The parable of the ten \_\_\_\_\_.  
2. The bridegroom represents \_\_\_\_\_.  
4. The bridegroom came at \_\_\_\_\_.  
5. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ coming  
8. The lamps needed \_\_\_\_\_ to be lit up.  
9. The ten virgins needed oil to light their \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Life Application

11. Imagine that this was your last week on earth before the second coming of Jesus Christ. Make a list of things you did, said, or thought the past week. Think about whether each action was wise or foolish and check it off under the appropriate column.

#### Things that I did, said, or thought this past week

#### Wise or Foolish

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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Overall, were most of your actions wise or foolish? What can you do to be wise?

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