



Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

.....
to Mass today.

Be Prepared!

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.

At the time when Jesus lived, there was no electricity. When darkness fell, people relied on clay lamps filled with oil to provide them with light. If you were unprepared to top up the lamp with oil, then once the oil ran out you were left in the darkness and unable to see. Today, Jesus tells a story about the importance of being prepared!

In his Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids, Jesus said that there was once ten bridesmaids took their oil lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. They didn't know when he would come, or how long they would have to wait. Jesus said that five of them were foolish because they had their lamps, but they didn't bring any extra oil to put in their lamps. When it was time to go out and meet the bridegroom, they were out of oil. The other five were very wise and well-prepared. They had brought plenty of oil for their lamps. When it was time to go out and meet the bridegroom, they were ready.

In this story, the bridegroom is Jesus and you and I are the bridesmaids. The story is teaching us that one day we are going to go to meet Jesus. It teaches us that we must be prepared, because we don't know exactly when that time is coming. Do you know what we must do to be prepared? We must invite Jesus to come into our hearts. When we do that, we are ready!



The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

Matthew 25: 1-13

Word Search

T Z F E S G H O G Q N O G T A
 O B M P K S M I D N I G H T A
 G O M Q I N A N H E A V E N S
 C A Q L Q T I I E D I J K B L
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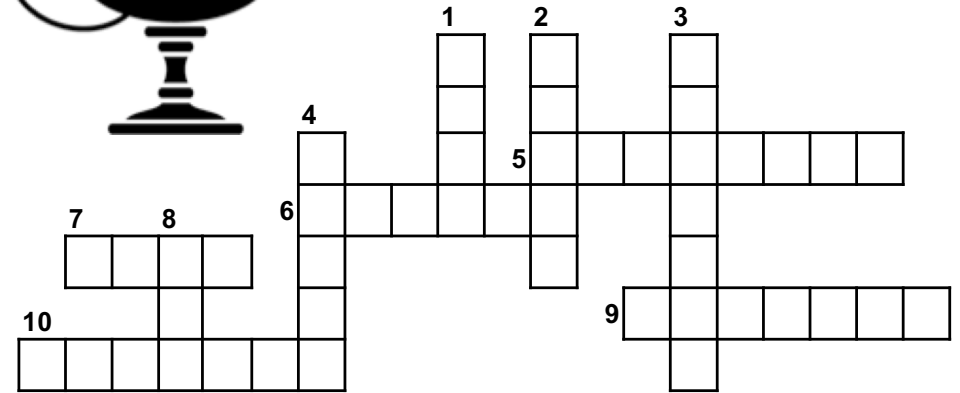
FOOLISH	MEET	DROWSY
DOOR	BANQUET	MIDNIGHT
WEDDING	ASLEEP	RANG
KINGDOM	BRIDEGROOM	LAMPS
WISE	HEAVEN	OIL

Children's Prayer

Hello Jesus! One day we are going to meet you face to face. Please help us to live each day in the loving way you have shown us, so that we will be well prepared for when that day comes! Amen.



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 12 o'clock at night
- Not awake
- A swinging or sliding cover over the place where someone usually enters a room
- Ceremony in which a man and a woman are married
- Someone who does not use good judgment is...?

DOWN

- Someone who has good judgment and makes good decisions is...?
- Devices used to produce light
- A feast or meal help in recognition of some person or occasion
- To observe or look at something
- A liquid that is often used to make fuel

Midnight	Asleep	Lamps	Watch	Oil
Foolish	Wedding	Door	Banquet	Wise

How can we invite Jesus into our hearts? Here are some suggestions - see if you can think of some more!

Be forgiving day

Remember that Jesus is always with you!

Be loving in others

Show interest in others

Be helpful

Be kind