

The Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids

Matthew 25:1-13

Memory Verse

"You know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night."

--1 Thessalonians 5:2 (NIRV)

Message

We must be ready for Christ's return.

Talk About It

In today's lesson, some of the bridesmaids were prepared and had plenty of oil, but the others were not prepared, and consequently they ran out of their oil too soon. Have you ever had to plan a party? Maybe it was for Christmas or someone's birthday. Talk about all the preparation that must be done to get ready for the party. Sometimes invitations need to be picked, written and sent out. One must decide on the food and then shop for and prepare it. Will there be a cake or not? What will everyone drink? Do you need more chairs or tables? What time and what day will the party be on? The decisions are endless, but the preparation is necessary. Can you imagine what it would be like if you were going to have a birthday party for your son or daughter, and didn't do any of those things? Would anyone even show up for the party if they didn't receive an invitation? What if they came and there was no food or drink. It could surely be the worst party that ever was! Talk about this together.

Talk with your child about the coming of the Lord Jesus again, and how we are all waiting for this day to take place. We also have to make the necessary preparations so that we are ready. We must actively seek God in our lives and learn about Him and all the wonderful things He has done. We also must strive to be like the Lord Jesus in everything that we do.

Talk about what kind of person the Lord Jesus was. Make a list of all His attributes. Think about the stories we know about Him while He was on this earth. You may also want to consider the commandments, and the two "most important" ones that were given to us by the Lord Jesus.

When you pray together as a family, remember to ask our Heavenly Father for special help. We need Him to help us make all these preparations in our hearts, so that our actions will show that we are becoming more and more ready for the Day of the Lord. Talk about it.