

Family Home Evening

The Parable of the Ten Virgins*

Scriptures:

Matthew 25:1-13; 3 Nephi 25:1-2; D&C 88:86, 92; D&C 45:56-57

Song:

"When He Comes Again" (*Children's Songbook*, p. 82)

Lesson:

Read the accompanying storybook or read the above-referenced scriptures to tell the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Discuss how we can be prepared for the Savior's coming. What things are we doing right now that will help us to be ready? What will it be like when He comes again? Why should we be excited to see Him?

Read this quote:

"In our lives the oil of preparedness is accumulated drop by drop in righteous living. Attendance at sacrament meetings adds oil to our lamps, drop by drop over the years. Fasting, family prayer, ... control of bodily appetites, preaching the gospel, studying the scriptures—each act of dedication and obedience is a drop added to our store. Deeds of kindness, payment of offerings and tithes, chaste thoughts and actions, marriage in the covenant for eternity—these, too, contribute importantly to the oil with which we can at midnight refuel our exhausted lamps."

--President Spencer W. Kimball, *Faith Precedes the Miracle*, p. 256

Activity:

Prop the oil lamp up facing the family or tape it to a hard surface.

Divide the drops of oil among the members of the family. Have everyone take turns discussing how the item listed on the oil drop will help to keep our lamps burning and make us prepared for our Savior's coming. Allow the family members to place their oil drops into the lamp as each topic is discussed.



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