

SKIT or OBJECT LESSON

This may be used as an object lesson, performed by three teachers, or as a skit performed by three students.

Person #1 -- a child who falls and scrapes knee. Cries for help. "Does anyone have a Band-Aid?"

Person #2 -- rushes to help with First Aid kit. But the First Aid kit is a mess, falling out all over. Person#2 is sincere, but unprepared. For example, First Aid kit may have splint, eye patch, bee sting antidote . . . but no Band-Aids. May also have some wrong things in it to be funny: yo-yo, cassette tape, tennis ball, etc. Person #2 says, "Oh, I used to have some Band-Aids in here! What happened to them?" But he has nothing that will help #1.

Person #3 -- comes to help with First Aid kit after #2 is unable to help. His kit is neat and in order, and has exactly what is needed to help.

Closing: Which one was prepared? You can be very sincere, and not be ready for the Lord's coming. You may even have been ready at one time, but it is necessary to be ready always, to be ready today. Each of us needs to be saved, have our sins forgiven and be living for Jesus, to be ready for the Lord's coming.

Props can be as simple as shoeboxes or white paper sacks with a red cross and the letters FIRST AID written on them.



Why Prepare?

Preparation is very important. For example, it can mean the difference between a wonderful vacation or a miserable trip. Complete the following exercises and see if you don't agree that preparing for eternity is more important than any other event that will take place for you.

How important is it to be prepared? What does being prepared mean? List some things you need to do to prepare for . . .

youth camp _____

first day of school _____

final exams at school _____

company _____

Christmas _____

an important date _____

driver's test _____

wedding _____

eternity in Heaven _____

While preparing for Heaven we need to make sure our "lamps" don't go out as they did for the foolish virgins that Jesus spoke of? When you are saved your lamp is lit. You must walk in that "light" and do what you know is right. Your actions and attitude, as they agree with God's Word, will help you to keep your lamp filled.

Watch Out!

Choose the mismatched word in each set, and write it on the line below that has the same number. The completed Scripture is one of the parables Jesus told his disciples when they asked Him to tell them about the end of the world.

1 flour, bridegroom, sugar
2 star, moon, wise
3 dress, lamps, shoes
4 oil, magazine, book
5 chair, table, slept
6 girl, meet, boy
7 shoes, trimmed, socks
8 cup, saucer, out
9 buy, no, yes
10 knife, ready, spoon
11 fruit, vegetable, shut
12 open, comb, brush
13 watch, cat, mouse
14 cry, day, tears
15 round, square, hour

“Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the (1)_____.

And five of them were (2)_____ , and five were

foolish. They that were foolish

took their (3)_____ , and took no oil with them: but the wise took (4)_____ in their

vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and

(5)_____ . And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom

cometh; go ye out to (6)_____ him. Then all those virgins arose, and

(7)_____ their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil;

for our lamps are gone (8)_____ . But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest

there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and

(9)_____ for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came;

and they that were (10)_____ went in with him to the marriage: and the door

was (11)_____ . Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord,

(12)_____ to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you

not. (13)_____ therefore, for ye know neither the (14)_____ nor

the (15)_____ wherein the Son of man cometh.” — Matthew 25:1-13

Keep Spiritually Alert!

In Jesus' account of the wise and the foolish virgins, we can quickly see how vital it is for each of us to be on the alert as we wait for His soon return. Read through the text in Matthew 25:1-13, then number the following parts of that text in the correct order.

- After ward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
- Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
- But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
- But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
- They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
- And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.
- Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.
- Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
- Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.
- And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
- And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
- But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.
- While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
- And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

We're Beginning to See the End!

With each passing day we are coming closer and closer to the time when Jesus will return to this earth for those who love Him. He tells us in His word, "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not" (Luke 12:40). Let's all be ready! Read through the questions below. Think about what God has prepared for us. What will your answer be?

If Jesus had given us the exact date of His return to earth (like maybe sometime next year), would you live your life differently than you do now? In what way?

Do you think Christ will return to earth for His Bride during your lifetime?

Do you want Christ to wait awhile before He returns to earth? Why?

What do you think the world will be like in ten years if Christ has not returned by then?

Do you want to be left on this earth after Christ returns for His people? Read 2 Peter 3:10-13 and explain what Christian's must do to insure their place in the Rapture of the Church.

BE READY!

Read Matthew 25: 1 - 13

In our story, the virgins are bridesmaids.

1. Who is the Bridegroom? _____
2. What did they shout at midnight? _____
3. What did the foolish virgins *not* bring? _____
4. Why were 5 virgins called Wise? _____
5. What did the foolish virgins try to borrow? _____
6. Where were the foolish virgins when the Bridegroom came? _____
7. Once the door was shut, did it open again? _____
8. Would you want to be like the Wise or the Foolish? _____
9. What would you say to a friend who asked, "How can I be ready for the Lord's coming?"



On the Alert

Text: Matthew 25:1-13

Key Verse: Matthew 10:22



- 1** What was commendable about the attitude of both the wise and foolish virgins?
- 2** In what ways, then, did the foolish virgins fail?
- 3** What happened to the foolish virgins?
- 4** What can we learn from the wise virgins?
- 5** What can we do to keep our "lamps" from going out?

Name: _____