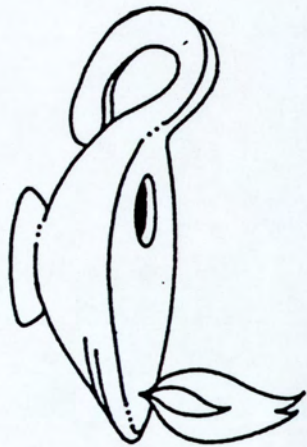


**THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS**  
**Matthew 25:1-13**

**STORY CHART**






## PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

Matthew 25:1-13

Put the story in its right order. Cut the sentences into strips and glue onto coloured paper in the order they happened in the story.

The door was shut.

And he answered and said, "Verily I say unto you, I know you not."

They all slumbered and slept.

While they went to buy, the bridegroom came.

At midnight a cry was made, "Behold the bridegroom cometh."

Ten virgins took their lamps, and went to meet the bridegroom.

They that were ready went in with him to the marriage.

All those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil; for our lamps are gone out." But the wise told them to buy their own.

The other virgins came saying, "Lord, Lord, open to us."

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**It's time...**



**BE READY!**

**BE READY** Additional Activities

Form two groups, boys in one and girls in the other. (The groups do not need to be even.) Give a sheet of paper and a pencil to each group. Tell them that all of us have "big events" in our lives--such as a big date with someone special! As a group, make a list of all the things you go through (guys as guys, girls as girls) to get ready for the important date. Read through the lists out loud, and then ask the group to indicate by upraised fingers on a scale of 1 to 10 how much most teenagers spend on getting ready for an important date. Why? On the same scale, how much effort would they say most teenagers spend on getting ready to meet God? Why?

Take a bride magazine to class. Discuss all the steps that must be taken in order for the bride to "be ready" when the great day arrives. Compare this to the necessity for being ready for the Great Day when Christ returns.

Do a circle response asking each student to name one time when they might not have been ready. (To take a test, to go on a trip somewhere, etc.)

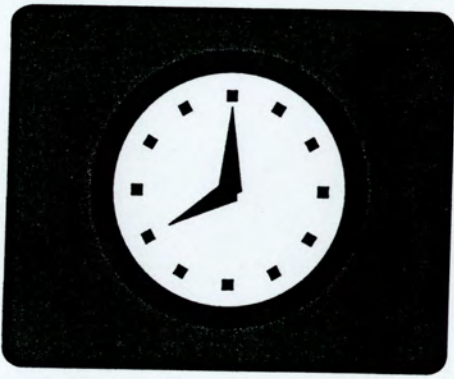
Organize your class into groups of three or four. Give each group a sheet of newsprint and a marker pen. Ask them to make two lists, one for the wise virgins and one for the foolish virgins. Tell them to find every possible fact from the text about the virgins' qualities. Some items may appear on each list. Gather the class and summarize the findings. You may wish to award a small prize the group members who had the most comprehensive list.

Divide your class into two teams. Give each team a flashlight--one having good batteries, and one with old batteries. Toss a coin to see which team gets which flashlight. Tell your students you will be turning out the lights and they are to use their flashlight to search out a prize that is hidden in the classroom. (Have a bag of M & M's hidden.) When one team realizes its batteries are dead, have that team sit down and wait while the other team searches out the prize. Ask: Did you like this activity? Why or why not? How did it feel to be caught with dead batteries? to have live batteries? How is this activity like the parable of the ten virgins?

Have the students check their purses, pockets, and wallets. How well would these items aid them in the event of an emergency? Compare this to maintaining spiritual preparation. While we cannot always be prepared for earthly emergencies, we can be prepared for the Rapture--we can "carry" the required items.

Display the "Be Prepared" poster. Divide the class into groups, and distribute heavy paper and colored pens to each. Have the groups create additional "signs," including the appropriate scripture. Post the signs for the remainder of the quarter.

Distribute an "Are You Ready?" worksheet to each student. Discuss the importance of being prepared for the Lord's return.



# Are You Ready?

How might your life change if you knew Jesus was coming back soon?

If you found out that Jesus was coming back in exactly one year, what five things would you be sure to do before He returned?

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What five things would you do if you learned that Christ was coming back in exactly one month?

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What if you discovered that Christ was coming back in exactly one hour?

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