

**Kids' Worship Guide**  
**Sunday, 8 November 2020**  
**Shadyside Presbyterian Church**

**Are you ready?**

Let's pretend...

- Your family just decided to go away for a weekend trip
- It will be a little bit cold when you get there
- There are bunkbeds, but there are no pillows, blankets, or sheets
- You will be far away from a store
- It will be really dark outside at night
- There is no internet or wifi
- The trip will take 3 hours to get there by car

Each person in your family has to pack things for the trip. What things will you pack? Use the table below to create a packing list.

Stuff for the car ride	Stuff for me	Stuff to share	Things we'll really need for sure

**I wonder what would happen if you didn't have everything you really need? What if you got there and you were not ready for the weekend?**

Toward the end of his ministry on earth, Jesus' disciples started asking questions about what the end of the world might look like. Jesus talked about the signs of the end of earthly time, and then he told a bunch of parables - four total - that talk about being prepared. Today's bible story is one of those parables.

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**Why an oil lamp?**

The parable of the Ten Bridesmaids from Matthew 25:1-13 talks about ten girls who were supposed to be ready to escort a groom to his wedding. This was a custom in Jesus' time. The bride was in one place and the groom was in another. Young girls were to walk with the groom to the bride's home so the wedding could begin.

In the parable Jesus told, no one knew when the groom was going to show up. The girls were told to be ready, no matter what. It could happen in the day or the night.

You can probably guess there were no flashlights back then! The way to see at night would be to have a lamp that had oil in it and a wick that you'd light. The lamp probably looked like these lamps:

Jesus said five of the girls had enough oil for their lamps and that five did not. Five girls



were ready. Five girls were not.

What happened to the five bridesmaids who were not ready?

I wonder why Jesus told this story about being ready no matter what.



**The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids**

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**Words from Matthew 25:1-13**

Z M P D H T U R Y J S T J H J B P U E Y  
P Y O O X Z D V V D P T R E L A F A I O  
C M U D D I S C I P L E S A R K E E O U  
T R I P G P L A T R I B M A H E A V E N  
H S N D E N M L H E O P B J Q H Q E I G  
G B H E N S I S E P S L W E H T T A M F  
I E L A E I I K S A E O H S N A D O O R  
N S D D R L G Y I R B R O U L E D V G I  
F D I I O E A H W E R D W S Q L T A N U  
S R R O R D B T T D M O O R G O E G I J  
B H F O T B H M D R Y A A R H F B X D O  
X Z U R W M E F T K Y J W F F B V R D H  
S M U T Z S J H H D N H E I X U A W E G  
C T J I S I Y D V V J A N W B R O F W V  
H I C G C W Q G L R E A D Y N E H W W P

ALERT

HOUR

PREPARED

BRIDE

JESUS

READY

BRIDESMAIDS

KINGDOM

SHARE

DAY

LAMPS

SHUT

DISCIPLES

LATE

SLEEP

DOOR

LORD

TEN

DROWSY

MATTHEW

TRUTH

FIVE

MIDNIGHT

WEDDING

FOOLISH

NIGHT

WHEN

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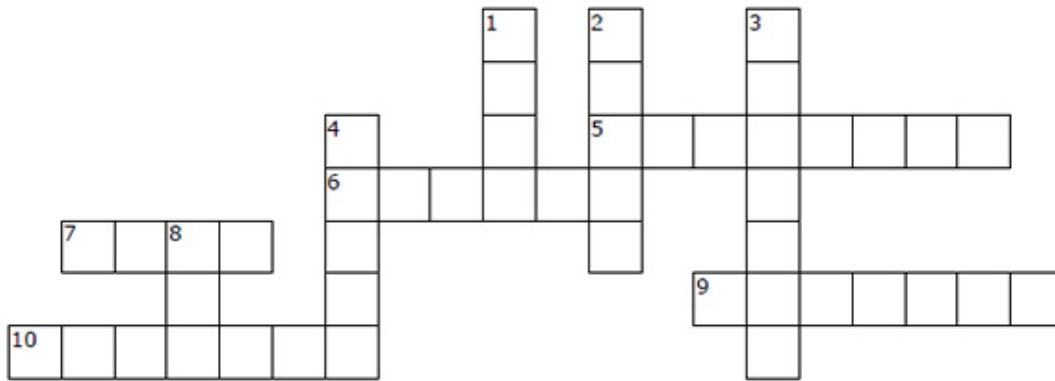
YOUNG

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# Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)



**ACROSS**

- 5. 12 o'clock at night
- 6. Not awake
- 7. A swinging or sliding cover over the place where someone usually enters a room
- 9. Ceremony in which a man and a woman are married.
- 10. Someone who does not use good judgment is \_\_\_\_\_.

**DOWN**

- 1. Someone who has good judgment and makes good decisions is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Devices used to produce light
- 3. A feast or meal held in recognition of some person or occasion
- 4. To observe or look at something
- 8. A liquid that is often used to make fuel.

MIDNIGHT	LAMPS	WATCH	OIL	FOOLISH
ASLEEP	DOOR	BANQUET	WISE	WEDDING