

Zion Lutheran Freeland: 4th-6th Grade Sunday School
Family Learning Activity for November 08

Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids^[a] took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.^[b] **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' **7** Then all those bridesmaids^[c] got up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' **9** But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' **10** And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. **11** Later the other bridesmaids^[d] came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' **12** But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' **13** Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Family Discussion Questions

1. What lesson do you think Jesus is trying to teach his disciples?
2. How do we prepare for the second coming of Christ?
3. Why do you think Jesus uses parables to talk to the disciples about faith?
4. What is one question you have about this Gospel passage? How could you find the answer to this question?

Family Activity - “Survivor”

Part I: Survival at Sea

Directions: Please use the following link to complete this week’s family activity

<http://pressanykey.com/Survival.php>

Today’s Gospel reading discusses the importance of being prepared to meet Christ whenever and wherever he appears. The above link takes you to a game in which you have to prioritize items that you might need to survive at sea. Follow the directions (you may need to look up what some of the items are) and, as a family, come up with your list of items in order of importance. Once you have done that, the site will calculate your chances of survival!

Part II: Survival of Faith

As a family, discuss what items or concepts will you need to be prepared for when Christ comes? What are the essential items of your faith?