

Wise and Foolish Virgins Lesson

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Bible Reference: Matthew 25:1-13

Lesson Objective: The children will learn that we need to be prepared for when Jesus comes back.

Target Age: 1st grade - 5th grade

Items Needed:

suitcases

various items for a trip

construction paper

markers

Welcome Activity:

Have a suitcase filled with various items that you would need to have in order to go on a trip. Let the children explore the items when they arrive.

Bible Lesson Introduction:

"What did you find in the suitcase?"

"What would you put in your suitcase if you were preparing to go on a trip?"

Bible Lesson:

Read through Matthew 25:1-13 in your Bible, explaining as you read to make sure the children are understanding.

You could use the Wise and Foolish Virgins: A Parable told by Jesus Skit to have the children involved in the telling of the story.

Jesus is giving the story about a bridegroom. Back in Bible times, the bridegroom would go away to build a house for his new family and the bride didn't exactly know when he would be coming back, but she needed to be ready.

Here is a group of bridesmaids that were waiting for the bridegroom to return. Some were prepared with extra oil for their lamps, some didn't have any oil. When the bridegroom came, it was at night, so lamps were necessary. Those who were prepared, were able to join the wedding feast. Those who were not, were not able to come in.

Bible Lesson Activity: Being Prepared for Jesus

Give each child a piece of construction paper and have them fold it in half (hamburger style). Have them write, or draw pictures, of things that they could be doing in order to be prepared for Jesus' return: reading the Bible, pray, go to church, tell others about Jesus, etc.

Bible Verse:

Matthew 25:13 "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour."

Bible Verse Activity: Hand Motions

"Be on the alert then" - salute like a soldier

"for you" - point to someone else

"do not know" - shake head "no"

"the day nor the hour" - point to wrist as if you have a watch

"Matthew 25" - put 2 fingers on right hand and 5 fingers on left hand

"13" - put 1 finger on right hand and 3 fingers on left hand

Evaluation:

It is important to be ready for Jesus' return. He is returning and we can't be just laying around like the foolish virgins and not being ready. Let's use the time that we have in order to be ready.

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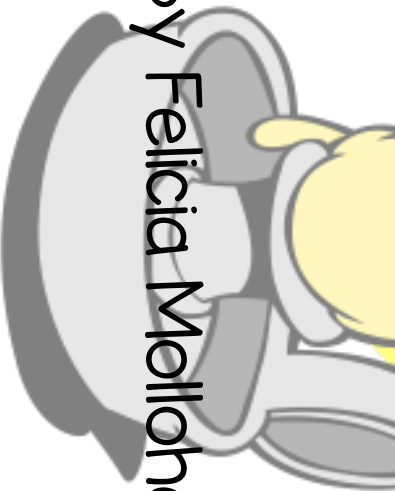


"Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps. Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the prudent, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the prudent answered, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you too, go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. Later the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.' But he answered, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.' Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

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Then the king-dom¹
of hea-ven will be
com-par-a-ble to
ten vir-gins, who
took their lamps
and went out to
meet the
bride-groom.

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Five of them were
fool-ish, and five
were pru-dent. For
when the fool-ish
took their lamps,
they took no oil
with them,

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but the pru-dent
took oil in flasks
a-long with their
lamps. Now while the
bride-groom was
de-lay-ing, they all
got drow-sy and
be-gan to sleep.

4

But at mid-night
there was a shout,

'Be-hold, the
bride-groom! Come
out to meet him,'

Then all those
vir-gins rose and
trimmed their
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The fool-ish said to
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6 And while they were
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The Wise and Foolish Virgins Skit

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This skit is written directly from Matthew 25:1-13. Jesus is describing a story about ten virgins who were waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. Some of them were prepared, but others were not.

Characters:	Props:
Jesus	10 lamps/lanterns (could be Chinese paper lanterns?)
5 Wise Virgins	5 jars
5 Foolish Virgins	
Bridegroom	
Townsperson	

(enter the 10 Virgins who act out as Jesus speaks)

(10 Virgins raise up their lanterns)

Jesus: Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

(5 Virgins raise their jar while the other five look sad)

Jesus: Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps.

Jesus: Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep.

(all lay down and act like they are sleeping)

Jesus: But at midnight there was a shout.

Townsperson (from off stage): Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.

Jesus: Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the prudent,

Foolish Virgins: Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.

Wise Virgins: No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.

(Foolish Virgins run off stage) (After they are off, enter Bridegroom)

Jesus: And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.

(exit Wise Virgins and Bridegroom)

(enter Foolish Virgins)

Foolish Virgins: Lord, lord, open up for us.

Bridegroom (from off stage) Truly I say to you, I do not know you.

Jesus: Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.