

Archdiocese of Adelaide

Family Liturgy – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Sunday 8 November 2020

Preparing the prayer space

Place a green cloth on the table or floor (green, for ordinary time). Place a cross, a bible, and a candle on it. Holy water if you have some or a bowl with water as a reminder of our baptism. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Prepare materials

You tube as listed on sheet: Gospel stories and songs.

Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet. Print out sheet if required

Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: In today's story Jesus tells us a parable about being ready for when Jesus comes back.

We join ourselves to Jesus and listen to what he is asking of us today.

Opening prayer: God of families and togetherness, we give you thanks for sending Jesus to us. Help us to hear Jesus' words to us and to understand and believe in them so we may love you more. Help us now to listen to your Word to us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (25:1- 13)

All: Glory to you O, Lord

Jesus told his disciples this story about the kingdom of heaven:

"The kingdom of heaven is like what happened one night
When ten girls took their oil lamps and went to a wedding to meet the groom.
Five of the girls were foolish and five were wise.
The foolish ones took their lamps, but no extra oil for their lamps.

"The groom was late arriving, and the girls became drowsy and fell asleep.
Then in the middle of the night someone shouted, 'Here's the groom! Come to meet him!'

"When the girls got up and started getting their lamps ready, the foolish ones said to the others,
'Let us have some of your oil! Our lamps are going out.'

"The girls who were wise answered, 'There's not enough oil for all of us! Go and buy some for yourselves.'"

"While the foolish girls, were on their way to get some oil, the groom arrived.
The girls who were ready went into the wedding, and the doors were closed.
Later the other girls returned and shouted, 'Sir, Sir! Open the door for us!'

"But the groom replied, 'I don't even know you!'

"So, my disciples, always be ready! You don't know the day or the time when all this will happen."

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Gospel text © Lectionary for Masses with Children (1993) Catholic Book Publishing Co. New York)



<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/rg-wise-foolish/>

Prayerfully watch the clips of Jesus telling us the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids
<https://youtu.be/3sm4lpQ4MNs> The wise and foolish bridesmaids (14.35 mins)
<https://youtu.be/KJiM3qKGzoY> The Ten Bridesmaids (6.22 mins)

Gospel reflection and time of sharing:

- I wonder if you like going to weddings...
- I wonder if you have ever been asked to be a bridesmaid, a flower girl or a page boy...
- I wonder how the 10 bridesmaids felt when they were going to the wedding...
- I wonder if you ever had to wait for a very long time, and lost your patience or started complaining...
- I wonder how the bridesmaids felt when they heard the groom was finally coming...
- I wonder how the 5 bridesmaids who were ready with oil in their lamps felt when the groom arrived...
- I wonder how the 5 bridesmaids who had no oil for their lamps felt when the groom finally arrived...
- I wonder how the groom felt when he found only 5 of the 10 bridesmaids waiting for him to arrive...
- I wonder who the groom in this parable represents...
- I wonder who the bridesmaids in this parable represent...
- I wonder if you are going to be ready for the big day...
- I wonder what Jesus is saying to each one of us with this parable today...

Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

Yes Lord I Believe by John Burland <https://youtu.be/7MR2iGDyUtE> (3 mins)

Intercessions: Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to help us to be ready for when Jesus comes back. *(We respond to the prayers by repeating the words 'Lord, hear our prayer')*

1 We pray for our Church, Pope Francis, and Archbishop Pat: may our Church, be an example of how to get ready for when Jesus comes back and serve others with love, patience, and humility. Lord, hear us.

2 We pray for all people in our parishes: May our communities be places where the light of love shines through us and touches the lives of all we meet, inviting others to be ready for Jesus' coming. Lord, hear us.

3 We pray for our world especially during the current COVID-19 pandemic: May people everywhere have a greater understanding of God's love for us and get ready for when Jesus comes back. Lord, hear us.

4 We pray for all the children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments for the first time: may their lives be blessed with families and sponsors who teach them that Jesus is coming back. Lord, hear us.

5 We pray for our families and friends: May people who have died recently and especially the people we know and love, experience God's merciful love and be welcomed to eternal life. Lord, hear us.

Closing prayer: God of infinite tenderness, we believe in your love – in your love you created the world. We believe in your love – in your love you sent Jesus to live with us on earth. We believe in your love – in your love you gave us the Holy Spirit to breathe life in us. Amen.

Closing song: https://youtu.be/AI5Nb4J_uXk Jesus is coming back (3.07 mins)

Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has come to a close.

- Write a prayer or draw a picture about the parable of the 10 bridesmaids.
- Act out the Parable pretending you are one of the 10 bridesmaids waiting for the groom to arrive.
- Think about what you must do to be ready for when Jesus comes back.
- Draw a cartoon story of what happened in this story with captions.
- Go to the following links to find crosswords & other children activities on the topic:
- https://sermons4kids.com/parable_bridesmaids_colorpg.htm?fromSermonId=466 Colouring Page
- https://sermons4kids.com/parable_bridesmaids_dot2dot.htm?fromSermonId=466 Dot to Dot
- https://sermons4kids.com/parable_bridesmaids_wordsearch.htm?fromSermonId=466 Word Search
- BE READY! - This game is similar to "Green Light, Red Light." The children will stand on a line. The leader will say, "BE READY!" Then, when she says, "GO!" the children will walk quickly until the leader says, "Stop!" When the leader again says, "BE READY!" and "GO!" the children will walk quickly again! When all the children have reached the "finish line" the game is over.