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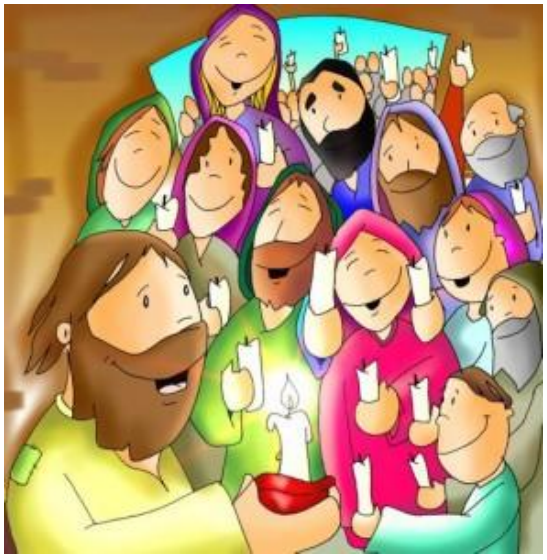
Cycle A - XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6: 12-16; Psalm 62; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Mathew 25: 1-13

The Parable of the Lamps

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Reflection



Jesus teaches us about the Kingdom of Heaven with a parable (a story with a teaching). **Who do the ten brides with lamps represent?** Us, pilgrims on our journey to Heaven, members of God's family. **Who does the bridegroom represent?** Jesus who receives us in Heaven when we die. **What do the lamps represent?** Our soul or spiritual heart. **What does the oil that lights the lamps represent?** Our prayers and good works that increase love in our world; they make Jesus' light shine around us. **What did the foolish brides, who ran out of oil, do when the bridegroom arrived?** They asked the wise brides for some of their oil, but they refused in case they ran out. **What does Jesus want to teach us?** We must always be prepared for the moment God calls us to Heaven. Our soul must be full of Jesus' love and shining with good works of service to our neighbor. This cannot be transferred to another person. Each person must shine with their own love and good works.

Activity

On the following page, color and put the letter next to the corresponding number to see the message. On the other page, color and cut the lamp and rectangle. Fold the rectangle on the 2 lines and glue the folded part to the back, top of each side of the lamp. Glue the candle to the connecting rectangle. Pray the prayer.

Prayer

Jesus, enter my heart and light it with your love; help me to always share your love with my brothers and sisters and help build your Kingdom on earth. Amen.

Song: This Little Light of Mine, Cedermont Kids, https://youtu.be/yRhDi2aK5ac?si=PQ3NdaUckUgTJ41Y (3-6 yrs)
Shine Jesus Shine, vbtyree, https://youtu.be/cVnMrCIAeMw?si=yOWqVKaPhVXnFwOI (7+ yrs)

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ZvkQQrKIn4Q-nWKdlFw-GI0qs1C_SszN/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true

BIBLE CRAFT

The Parable of the Ten Virgins



Matthew 25:1–13

Keep Your Lamp Burning!



BIBLE CRAFT: MATTHEW 25:1–13

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

Materials:



1



Cut a cardboard tube in half to make the base of the lamp.

2



Cover the tube with brown construction paper (or paint it brown).

3



Cut out a flame from yellow and orange construction paper, and cut a brown strip for the handle.

4



Glue the flame inside the tube and the handle to the side.

5



Write on a piece of paper: "Be Ready!" or "Matthew 25:13."

6



Glue the message on your lamp and remember to always be ready for Jesus!

Be like the wise virgins and keep your lamp burning!



Let Us Be Ready and Prepared to Receive Jesus!

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Cycle A **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Matthew 25:1–13**

Let Us Prepare Our Hearts!



Replace each number with a letter in the empty boxes. A message will appear. The same number always corresponds to the same letter.

1 = P
5 = A
6 = E
9 = N
12 = S
4 = Z
3 = U
7 = R
8 = O
2 = C
10 = M
11 = T

1	7	6	1	5

7	6	10	8	12

9	3	6	12	11	7	8

2	8	7	5	4	8	9



Solution: **PREPARE OUR HEARTS**

THE LIGHTED LAMP

Place the rectangle between the sides of the lamp to put the candle in place.

