

Home Family Worship with Kids 33. November 8th, 2020

Be Prepared / Jesus makes us prepared

Matthew 25:1-13 Parable of the 10 Bridesmaids.

Our Bible story for today has Jesus telling us a parable—which remember is a story that tries to tell us something about God or about how we are called to live as God's children.

Ask each person to think of an activity. Running Stretching Reading Standing etc and to pose like that while we talk about the story. Can't move, you are a statue.

In the parable that Jesus told there was a groom preparing for his wedding. And it was going to be a spectacular wedding too! I bet they had a humongous cake! Lots of yummy food. Yum! So the groom was preparing for his wedding... Flowers! How could I forget about the flowers?!? I mean, I have never been to a wedding that didn't have flowers. I wonder what colour he was using? I think pink would be nice, but of course that depends on the time of year. I can almost smell them!

So the groom was preparing for the wedding. He had his cake and his food. He had his flowers and fancy new clothes. Which I feel sure were navy blue. It just feels right, don't you think? Maybe with some brown sandals? And cologne, of course.

Everyone was waiting outside, ready to be let in any minute now. There were rich people and poor people. Young people and old people. Tall people and short people. People wearing brown and white and green and red and black and blue. I bet some of the rich people even had on jewellery. Gold jewellery with giant rubies. Gold necklaces, rings, bracelets, anklets, and maybe even a crown or two.

Now where were we... Yes, all the people waiting outside. They waited and waited and waited and waited and waited and waited... {yawn} and waited and waited and waited waited... and...

Oh my! I almost fell asleep! The wedding guests are the ones who are supposed to fall asleep; not me!

So all those guests, short and tall, rich and poor, old and young, waited. The groom took much longer than they expected and before they knew it, it was super late and super dark out. So late that people started to fall asleep all over the place. They spread out all over town, sleeping anywhere they could find a spot. I'm sure they couldn't have been very comfortable, but it was just so late, it didn't matter.

But in the middle of the night, the groom became ready. The dinner was ready. The cake was ready. The flowers were ready. The clothes were ready. It was finally time!

Word went out quickly and everyone lit their lamps so they could make the journey back to the wedding. There was just one problem; some people didn't have oil to light their lamp. And without that, they wouldn't be able to make it to the wedding in the super dark night.

Everyone who already had oil went directly to the wedding and the groom welcomed them in. Jesus called them 'wise', because they thought ahead, and not just about the moment. They were prepared no matter what was going to happen, and they were rewarded for it. These are the people we are supposed to try to be like.

But all of those who didn't have the oil they needed had to try to get some. But it took them too long. By the time they made it to the wedding, it was too late. The doors were closed and they couldn't get in. These were the people Jesus called 'foolish' and said we shouldn't be like. They didn't think ahead at all. By the time they were ready, it was too late. They weren't prepared and they missed out.

You might think missing a wedding is no big deal, but remember this was a parable. Jesus wasn't talking about a wedding, He was talking about Heaven. And missing out on Heaven is a super huge big deal! We never know when it will be time to go to Heaven, so we need to make sure we are ready all the time, no matter what.

Now, let's see who is still standing. Was it hard to hold those poses? I know it's not easy, especially when the time just keeps going and going and going. Are you glad you chose the pose that you did? Some of those poses were so crazy, it was almost impossible to stay still. But there were also poses that were a lot easier and almost everyone was able to make it to the end! Those kids chose wisely didn't they? They made a wise choice which made it possible for them to make it to the end.

What do you think is the most important wise choice we can make so we can go to Heaven to see Jesus? To ask Jesus to live in our heart! That is the most important wise choice of all time. We don't want to miss out on Heaven, so we have to make sure we are prepared, and we need to do it now. We don't know when it will be time, but we sure don't want to miss it!

Video Clips:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzRCNRMBZSQ&feature=emb_logo

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWCof8_gEfk

Songs: I am a child of God

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ8BxYBA3qM&feature=emb_logo

Love the Lord, your God https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdMlxCdLY-c&feature=emb_logo

Me Without You <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qGa5rIOB28>

Activity 1 – Bible verse look up. Using Bibles look up Matthew 25:1-13. What verse or verses tell us to be ready, to be prepared?

What ways can we be ready for when Jesus returns or when we go to Heaven?

Activity 2 - Supplies – construction paper, scissors, tape, glue sticks, rules, writing/drawing utensils
Make paper lanterns following the step below. Then invite the kids to decorate them and write Matthew 25:13 on the handle.

1. Cut off a 2cm strip from the short end of the construction paper.
2. Fold the paper in half, matching the two long ends
3. Starting on the fold, cut slats roughly 2cm apart from each other, and ending 4cm from the edge.
4. Unfold the paper.
5. Match the short ends of the paper together and tape or glue them together
6. Attach the handle to the top with tape.
7. Decorate.

