

On Being Ready

Find the 39 **bold** words from Matthew 25:1-10, 13 (ESV)

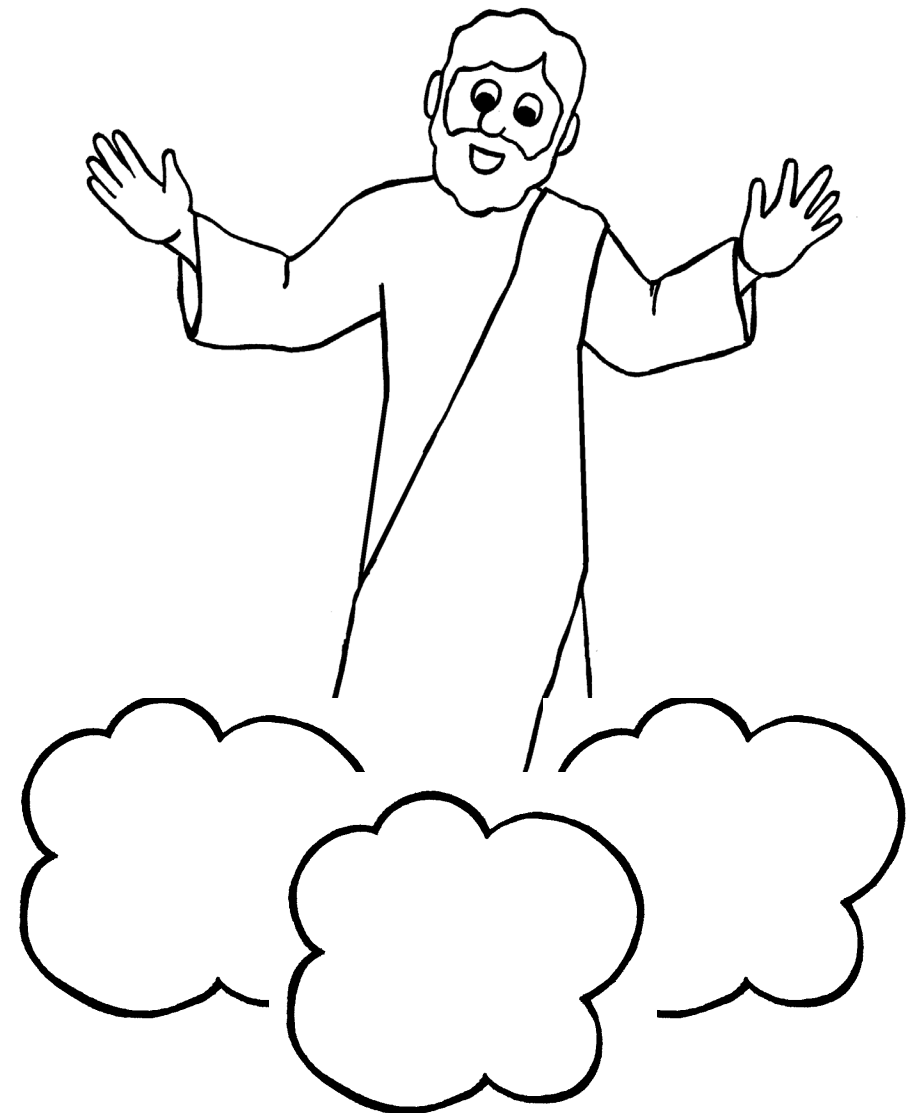
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“Then the **kingdom** of **heaven** will be like **ten virgins** who took their **lamps** and went to **meet** the **bridegroom**. **Five** of them were **foolish**, and five were **wise**. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no **oil** with them, but the wise took **flasks** of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was **delayed**, they all became **drowsy** and **slept**. But at **midnight** there was a **cry**, ‘Here is the bridegroom! **Come** out to meet **him**.’ Then all those virgins **rose** and **trimmed** their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘**Give** us **some** of your oil, for our lamps are **going out**.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be **enough** for us and for you, go rather to the **dealers** and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to **buy**, the bridegroom came, and those who were **ready** went in with him to the **marriage feast**, and the **door** was **shut**. **Watch** therefore, for you **know neither** the **day** nor the **hour**.



Today's Gospel Lesson

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023

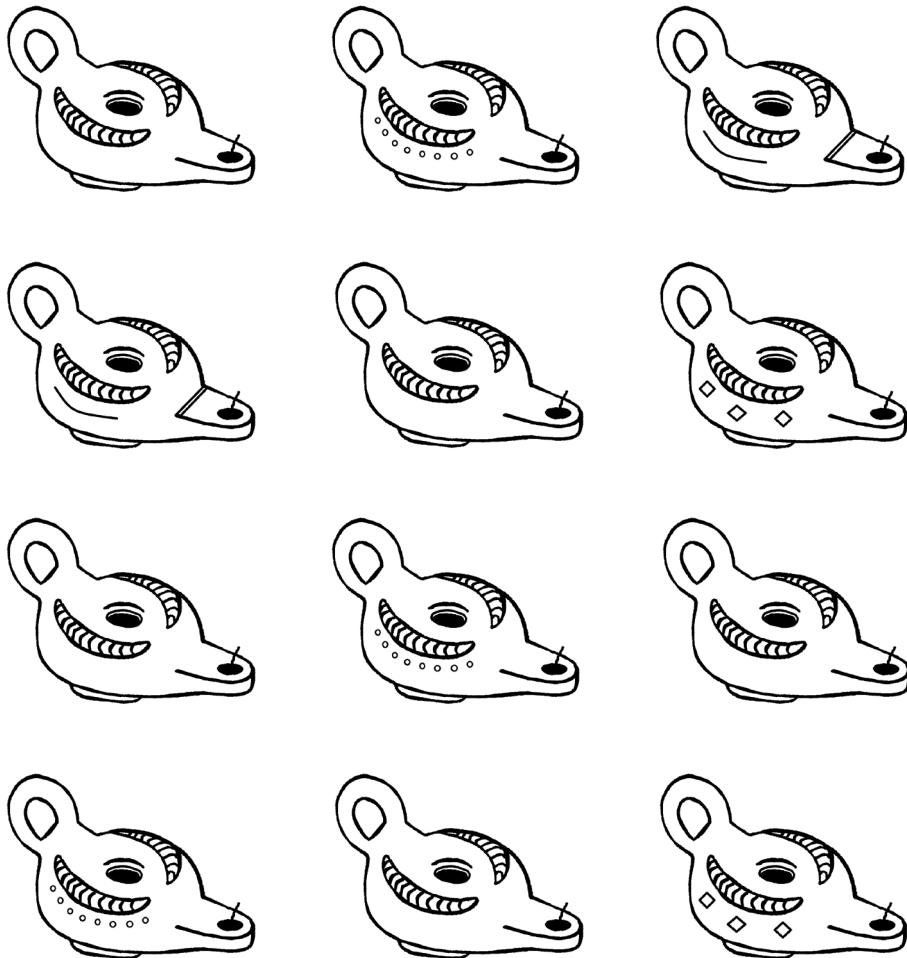


Someday Jesus will return to earth.
Let's make sure we are ready to welcome him!

Children's Worship Pages

Jesus told a story about ten women who were waiting for the groom to arrive at a wedding. Some of them didn't bring oil to keep their lamps lit while they waited. When the groom arrived, only five of the women were ready to greet him. Like the groom in the story, Jesus wants us to be ready for him when he comes back to earth.

Draw a flame on the five lamps that are the same. Then, color the lamps.



How can we get ready for Jesus' return?
By praying to him every day,
and asking him to help us, guide us, and forgive our sins.

*You are good at getting ready for events.
Write three steps that you take to prepare for these activities:*

Activity	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Going to school			
Eating dinner			
Going to bed			

We can encourage others to get ready for Jesus' return!
Draw a heart next to ways that you can encourage someone.

- _____ Tell a friend about Jesus.
- _____ Forgive someone for hurting you.
- _____ Invite someone to Sunday School.
- _____ Teach someone a song about Jesus.
- _____ Defend someone who is being bullied.



*“And so, we will always be with the Lord.
Therefore encourage one another...” (1 Thes. 4:17b-18)*