The Parable of the Ten Virgins
(Lower Elementary)

November 8, 2020 – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Overview

In this week’s Gospel passage, Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins. Five of them foolishly did not prepare enough oil to greet the bridegroom, while the five wise virgins were ready when the bridegroom arrived. In this week’s lesson, students will consider how to be prepared for the Kingdom of God.

Directions

A. Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.

B. Explain to your students that the parable of the Ten Virgins teaches us about the importance of being prepared to meet Jesus in our lives. Just as we prepare for a journey, a game, or for school, we can also prepare our souls to receive Jesus.

C. Have students complete the Ten Virgins Spot the Difference activity.

D. When they are finished, have students complete the reflection question individually. Ask for volunteers to share their answers with the class. Guide a conversation on ways we can prepare to meet Jesus in our lives.

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. The bridegroom.
2. Oil for their lamps.
3. To the wedding feast.
4. They found the door locked, and when they asked to be let in, the bridegroom said he did not know them.
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