

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MATTHEW 25:1-13

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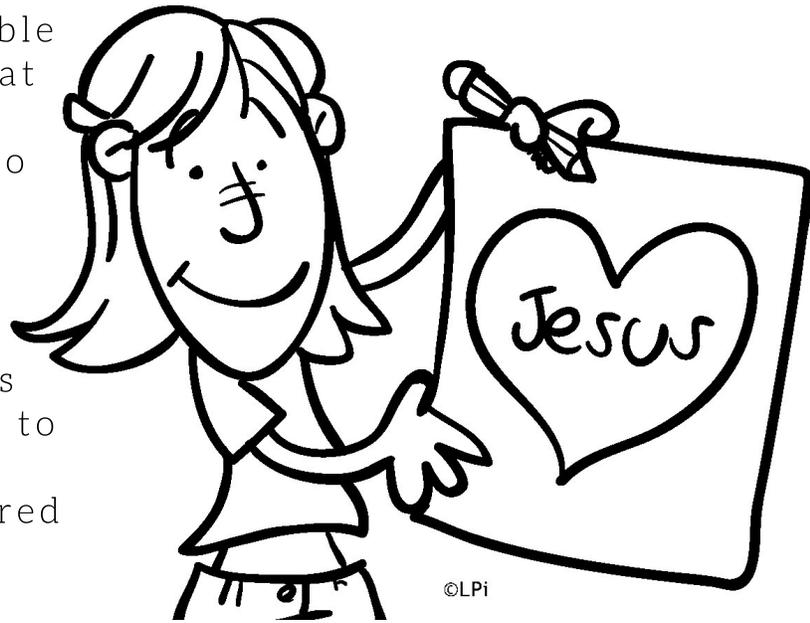
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“Thus will I
bless you
while I live;
lifting up
my hands, I
will call
upon your
name.
(Psalm 63)

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In today's Gospel, Jesus uses a parable - a story - to teach his followers that we must always be prepared! When Jesus walked the earth, there was no electricity. The only light a person used at night was a lamp filled with oil. In this story, some of the young women (who are like bridesmaids) prepared themselves for darkness as they made sure they had enough oil to last throughout the night. While other young women were not prepared and had to go find more oil! This caused many of them to miss the arrival of the bridegroom, and be locked out of the wedding feast!



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Jesus is telling his followers that *we must always be prepared for His return*, and for heaven! He is using this story to say that He is the bridegroom, and we are all the bridesmaids - that we don't know when He will return, but when He does *we need to be ready!*

FOR MORE FUN!

- ★ Take a few minutes to think about what you do when you get ready to go on a trip with your parents. Now, think about going to heaven! Write a list of things you can do as a Christian to make yourself ready to meet Jesus! It can be as simple as praying or showing an act of kindness, like giving to your local food pantry!
- ★ What are some of the traditions you've noticed at weddings? If you've ever been in a wedding or attended as a guest, think about what you did to prepare for the celebration!
- ★ As Catholics, we have many tools to help prepare us for heaven! The sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation are two very important ones available to us everyday! Praying the Rosary is another wonderful way to make time for Jesus! Visit www.FamilyRosary.org to find some Rosary resources.