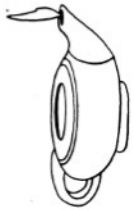
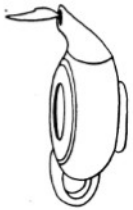
Shine as a light
in the world
to the glory of
God the Father





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The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
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Matthew 25:1-4

God's kingdom is like ten young girls who took oil lamps and went out to greet the bridegroom. Five were silly and five were smart. The silly girls took lamps, but no extra oil. The smart girls took jars of oil to feed their lamps.

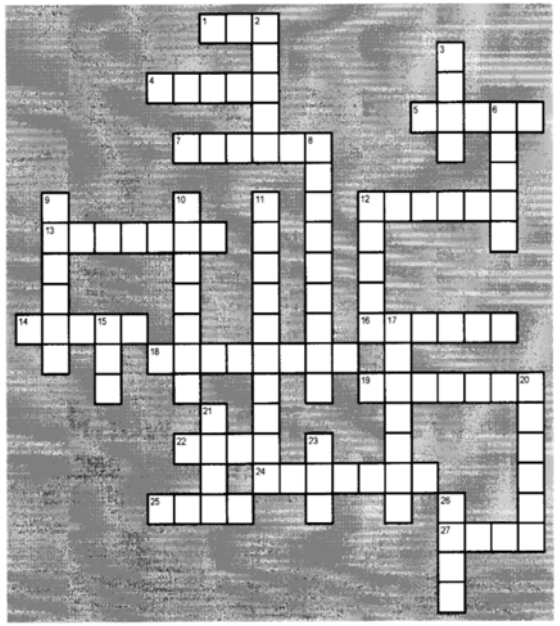
Dear God, please help me to be prepared for all the good things that I need to do today. Keep my eyes open to do all the good that I can, and notice when I can help others. **Amen**.



Crossword: Matthew 25:1-13 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.
Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

20 down)The kingdom of _____ is like what happened
6 down)one _____ when ten girls took their oil lamps
10 down) and went to a _____ to meet the groom.
21 down) ____ of the girls were foolish and five were
2 down) wise. The foolish ones took their _____, but
22 across) no extra oil. The ones who were ____ took
12 down) along ___ oil for their lamps.
4 across) The _____ was late arriving, and the girls became
16 across) drowsy and fell _____. Then in the
17 down) middle of the night someone _____, "Here's
25 across) the groom! Come to ____ him!"
24 across) When the girls got up and _____ getting
19 across) their lamps ready, the _____ ones said to
1 across) the others, "Let us have some of your ___!
5 across) Our lamps are _____ out."
18 across) The girls who were wise _____, "There's
12 across) not _____ oil for all of us! Go and buy
11 down) some for _____."
23 down) While the foolish girls were on their ___ to
13 across) get some oil, the groom _____. The girls
14 across) who were _____ went into the wedding, and
7 across) the doors were _____. Later the other girls
27 across) returned and shouted, "Sir, sir! ____ the
26 down) ____ for us!"
3 down) But the groom replied, "I don't even ____
8 down) you!" So, my _____, always be ready!
15 down) You don't know the ___ or the time when all
9 down) this will _____.





Word Search: Matthew 25:1-13 (CEV)

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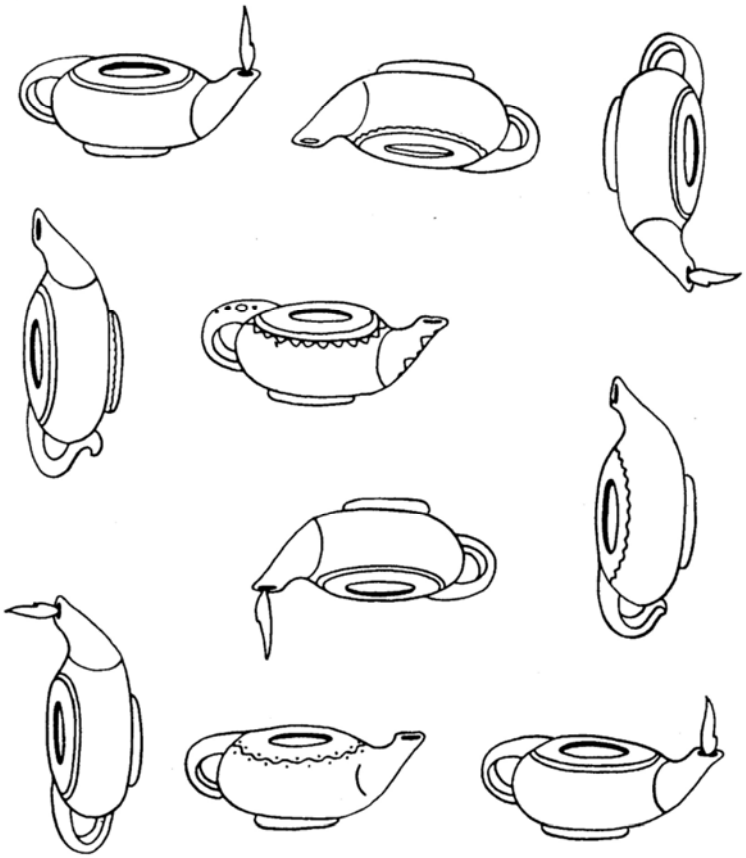
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THE LAMPS OF THE WISE GIRLS



In this group of ten lamps can you find the five that are alike?

These five lamps remind us of the five wise girls who remembered to bring enough oil for their lamps. The other five lamps belong to the foolish girls who were not ready when the bridegroom came. **Colour the five lamps that are alike.**

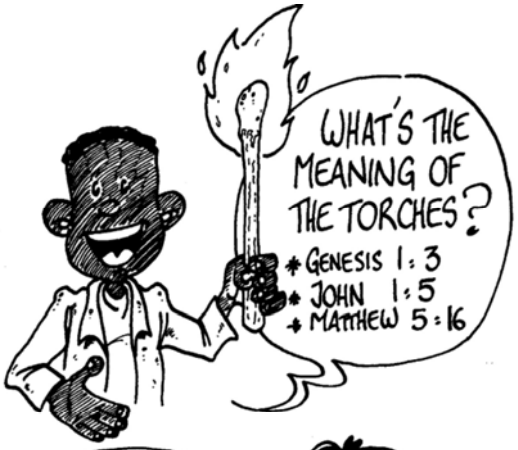


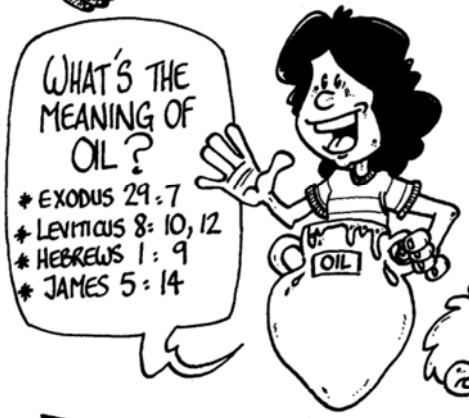
Which Lamp belonged to a Wise Maiden?

Color both lamps, and then put a smile on the face next to the wise maiden's lamp, and a sad mouth on the foolish maiden's lamp.









O THOU WHO CAMEST FROM ABOVE,
THE PURE CELESTIAL FIRE TO IMPART,
KINDLE A FLAME OF SACRED LOVE
ON THE MEAN ALTAR OF MY HEART.
THERE LET IT FOR THY GLORY BURN
WITH INEXTINGUISHABLE BLAZE,
AND TREMBLING TO ITS SOURCE RETURN
IN HUMBLE PRAYER AND FERVENT PRAISE.



CELESTIAL = FROM HEAVEN
IMPART = GIVE
MEAN = POOR, ORDINARY
INEXTINGUISHABLE = CAN'T PUT IT OUT
FERVENT = ENTHUSIASTIC, KEEN

DON'T MISS OUT!

MISS WHAT?

Miss out on the kingdom of heaven, and all the richness of new life in Christ.

HOW CAN WE BE READY FOR IT?

In today's parable Jesus tells us we need to keep topped up with spiritual 'fuel', so our lives are lit up and shining.

WHERE DOES THE SPIRITUAL FUEL COME FROM?

Whenever we pray, either on our own or together, and whenever we worship, God's Spirit in us grows. Also when we act lovingly.

