

The directions to put the book together that is in a PDF format is as follows:

After printing the seven pages, take the cover page and fold it in half (bifold) so that the title and picture is on the top. Next, take the other six pages and fold them in half as well making sure you can see the words on the outside. These pages will get stacked on each other with the open edge on the left hand side and the folded edge on the right. Then, insert all the pages into the cover (open edges in so they touch the cover's fold). Lastly, close the cover over the pages and then staple the book down the left hand side. The top half of each page is blank so that your child can illustrate them or feel free to use your own clip art.

Below, you will find the story if you choose to just read it orally and not print it off.

There were ten girls waiting for a very **special** visitor. However, five of the girls were **wise** and five of the girls were not. The wise girls were well prepared for the **visitor**. They studied the whole Bible and were **prepared**. They even brought extra **supplies** just in case. The other five girls were foolish and had not **prepared** well.

When their **visitor** did not come at the time they expected, they all decided to go to sleep. When the **visitor** arrived, it was the middle of the night. They all woke up to go and meet him, but the **foolish** girls found out they were not **prepared**. They asked the **wise** girls for help, but the wise girls had only **prepared** enough **supplies** for themselves. Therefore, the **foolish** girls had to go into town and buy the **supplies** they had not packed. Unfortunately, while they were gone, the **special visitor** came and the **wise** girls went with him and they left before the **foolish** girls got back.

This parable shows us that we must always be watching and be prepared for the second coming of Jesus (Yeshua). We know that He is coming, we just do not know the day or the hour. He instructs us to follow the commandments of the LORD and keep the love of Jesus (Yeshua) in our hearts at all times.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins can be found in Matthew 25:1-13.

New Vocabulary for this story:

special - different, better, unique, held in high esteem

wise - knowing from experience, showing good sense and judgment

visitor - a guest, a person who visits

prepared - ready to deal with a situation, being able to cope with something

supplies - needed food and equipment to carry out a task

foolish - not smart or sensible, lacks judgment

Activities for the Parable of the Ten Virgins

Since the moral of the parable of the 10 virgins is to always prepare yourself for His return, begin the lesson by talking about what it means to be prepared. With preschool and elementary age students, play the game, "I'm going on a [road trip](#)," or "I'm going to an island." Students say, "I'm going to an island, and with me I am taking _____." Then the students fill in the blank with an item they would take with them to be prepared. Each student adds a new item to the list. For example, the first student may say, "I am going to an island, and with me I am taking matches." The next student says, "I am going to an island, and with me I am taking food and matches." Continue the activity for 5 to 10 minutes until every student has an opportunity to respond more than once. If a student messes up the list, they are "out." After playing the game, introduce the idea of being prepared for Jesus (Yeshua). At the close of the lesson, after the parable has been read and discussed, repeat the game using the phrase, "I am preparing for Jesus' (Yeshus's) coming, and so I will _____."

http://www.ehow.com/info_7935363_childrens-activities-parable-ten-virgins.html#ixzz208lcBmiL

• Post this word strip: **What would you do to prepare if you...**

Pass out to individuals these completions to the question: want to grow your own fruits and vegetables?, want to bake chocolate chip cookies?, want to build a playhouse?, want to get 100% on your math test?, have an important guest coming for a few days?

Have each child act out what they would do; let the other children guess what the preparation is. After the last one, say that someone important is coming. Ask what the "oil" stands for in the parable and discuss how we can get prepared for the coming of Jesus (Yeshua). Next pass out small jars partially filled with olive oil to each child. Have the children decorate the jars with paint or stickers or whatever else you have on hand. Talk about how we always can be ready for the second coming of Jesus (Yeshua) by asking Him into their hearts and following his commands.

- We saved 10 milk jugs and cut the top off of them and marked them with a fill line part way up. Then we decorated them to look like oil lamps as in the story. (You can let the children decorate their own jugs with permanent markers.) We then filled 10 buckets with water and placed them across from the decorated milk jugs that have been spread out. We put one big serving spoon with each bucket. The object is to fill their "lamps" (using the spoons) to the fill line, without moving the bucket of water and before the time runs out (we gave them 10 minutes).

I adapted the two ideas above from:

<http://www.sugardoodle.net/Ten%20Virgins/index.shtml>

*Play the game "What Time is it Mr. Wolf?" One child is the "wolf." The other children loudly ask, "What time is it Mr. Wolf?" Mr. wolf calls out a time and the children take that many steps forward towards the wolf (e.g. If the wolf says, "3 o'clock" the children take three steps forward). When they get close to the wolf, Mr. Wolf calls out "FEEDING TIME!" and chases the players. Whoever the wolf catches first is the next wolf. Remind he children that we don't know the time when Jesus (Yeshua) will return, so we have to be ready all the time.

*Teach the children the song, *Give Me Oil in my Lamp*. If you are not familiar with the tune or you want additional verses, you can type in the title in the search bar of an internet browser. The lyrics are as follows:

Give me oil in my lamp, keep it burning

Give me oil in my lamp I pray

Give me oil in my lamp, keep it burning, burning, burning.

Keep it burning till the light of day.

Sing Hosannah, sing Hosannah

Sing Hosannah to the King of Kings

Sing Hosannah, sing Hosannah

Sing Hosannah to the King!

Make me fishers of men keep me searching,

Make me fishers of men I pray

Make me fishers of men keep me searching, searching, searching,

Keep me searching till the light of day.

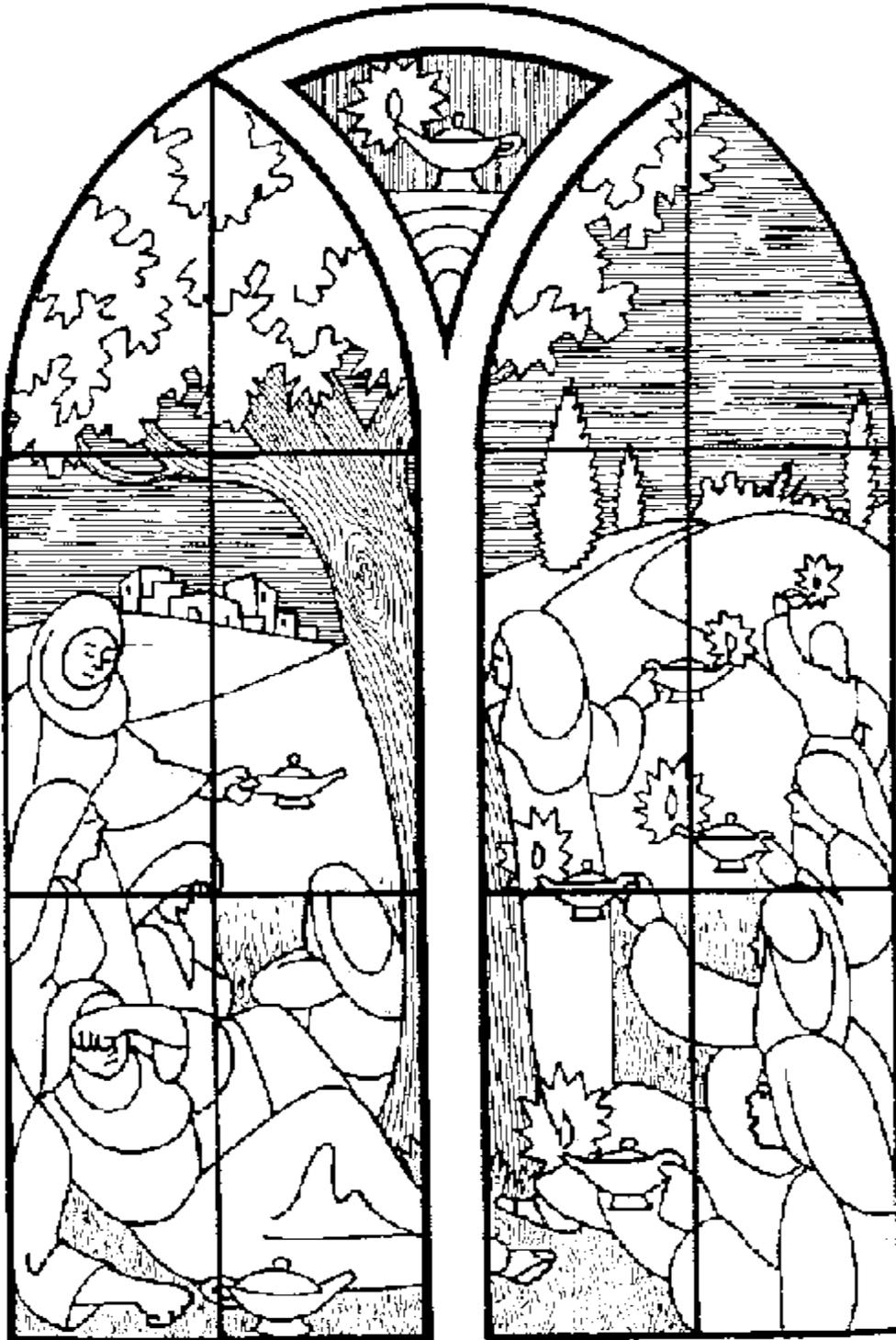
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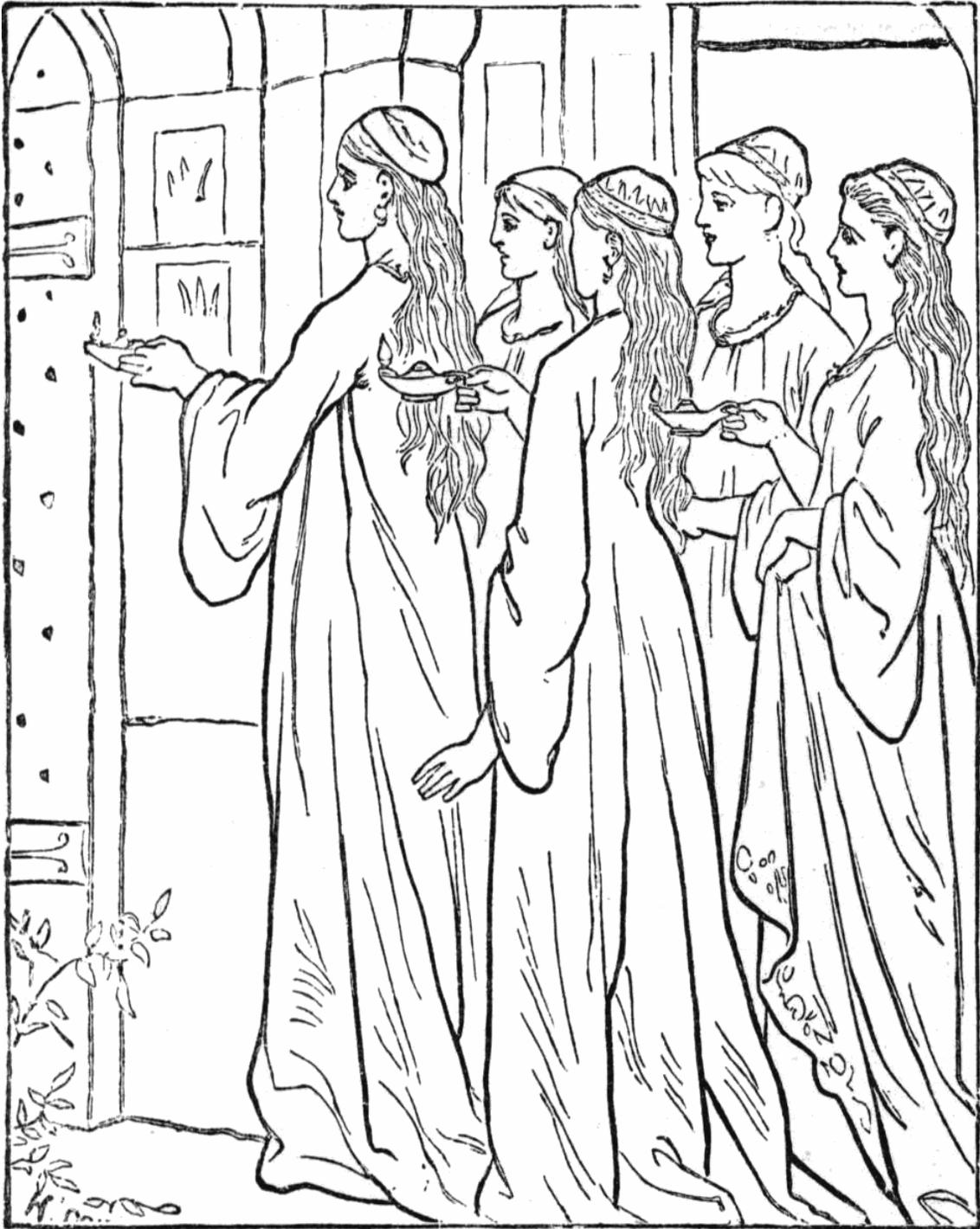
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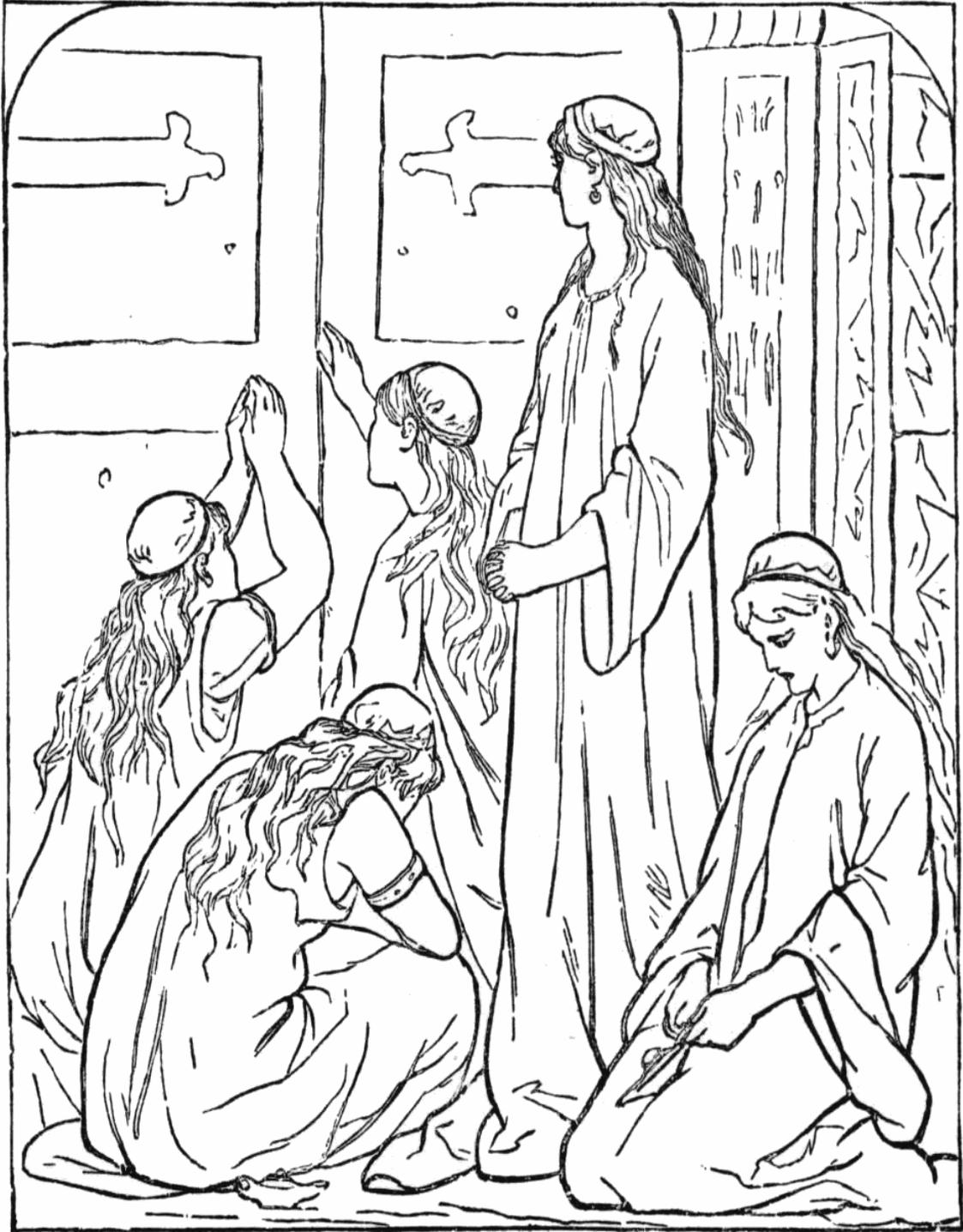
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