



Welcome from St Mark's Lutheran Church in Aurora, IL. We miss seeing all of you in-person but we know you will have so much fun with this **Faith @home VBS** this week.

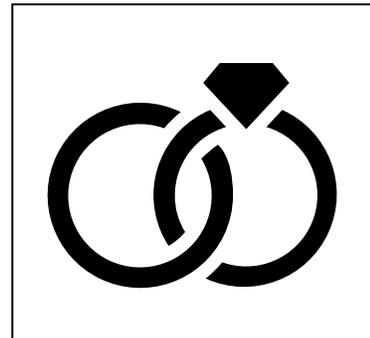
Day 3: Ten Bridesmaids

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DAY 3 - Even when we are distracted, GOD IS WITH US

Supplies needed

- Children's Bible or Story Bible
- Picnic blanket/Cooler or bag
- Sunscreen/bug spray
- Sack Lunch supplies (your choice on food)
- Portable drinks (water bottles, juice boxes, etc)
- Napkins/plastic silverware if needed
- Tote bag/reusable bag for household "emergency kit"



Remember to post pictures of your crafts, your story time, your active play or even your dance time in the St Mark's Aurora Family Group!

Post questions, comments, suggestions as you go through the week – other families may be doing this at their own pace and would love to hear feedback along the way!



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Bible Story: Matthew 25:1-13

Read the verses in the right-hand box aloud (or use children's story Bible and look for the story of the Ten Bridesmaids). Then use these discussion questions:

- What are things it is easy to prepare for?
- What are things that it is hard to prepare for?
- What happens to you when you must wait for something for a long time?
- What things is it easy to stay awake for?
- What is something that always wakes you up?

**You could choose to read the story and discuss AT the field trip portion! It might make the lesson more real for the kids!

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Field Trip day (Craft/Active play combined)

Set out some picnic supplies and lunch ingredients. This could include a picnic blanket, sunscreen, bug spray, etc. Plus for lunch, lay out simple ingredients to either make a sandwich or maybe cut up fruit, veggies, crackers, lunch meat and cheese along with containers to pack them in. Include a paper bag or lunchbox for each child.

Call your kids to the room with the supplies and tell them they have 5 minutes to pack a lunch using items you have assembled. Ask them to also grab the picnic "supplies" you'll need at the park. They can only bring what they remember to pack.

Head to a local park or a state park and make sure to find a place to picnic that is away from others. (Remember social distancing when going out) If you cannot venture from home, or the weather isn't great, have a picnic lunch in your yard.

Have your picnic with whatever the kids packed (be sure to pack one for yourself too!).

- Discuss what did we forget? A blanket? Napkins?
- Did anyone forget to pack a drink?

Ten Bridesmaids

Matthew 25: 1-13 "God's

kingdom is like ten young virgins who took oil lamps and went out to greet the bridegroom. Five were silly and five were smart. The silly virgins took lamps, but no extra oil. The smart virgins took jars of oil to feed their lamps. The bridegroom didn't show up when they expected him, and they all fell asleep.

6 "In the middle of the night someone yelled out, 'He's here! The bridegroom's here! Go out and greet him!'

7-8 "The ten virgins got up and got their lamps ready. The silly virgins said to the smart ones, 'Our lamps are going out; lend us some of your oil.'

9 "They answered, 'There might not be enough to go around; go buy your own.'

10 "They did, but while they were out buying oil, the bridegroom arrived. When everyone who was there to greet him had gone into the wedding feast, the door was locked.

11 "Much later, the other virgins, the silly ones, showed up and knocked on the door, saying, 'Master, we're here. Let us in.'

12 "He answered, 'Do I know you? I don't think I know you.'

13 "So stay alert. You have no idea when he might arrive.

- Is it hard to be prepared for something? Would it have been easier if you had more time to prepare?
- How much do we count on our parents to help us be prepared for things like school, meals, sports, etc.?

Dance it Out

Let's remember It's a Good Day to be ready for the Lord! Watch this VBS music video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ld0cLU7xuJk>

Research This!

What are your school or work punishments if you are late? What things do you need to have prepared to be ready at school or work?

How much do you think a player in the NFL or NBA (or other major sport) has to prepare before games? Look it up – how much do they practice in preparation?

Watch That?

Check out The Holy Tales video on the 10 Bridesmaids!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJiM3qKGzoY&t=322s>

Prayer for the day:

Pray for the people who are delayed or waiting for things right now because the quarantine and health care situation doesn't allow everything to happen on time.

Pray for those who need to stay awake late to help care for others like nurses and doctors!

Community Care:

Help your family be more prepared! Find a reusable bag (ask Mom or Dad) and fill it with things you might need if the power goes out.

Small flashlights, water bottles, deck of cards, band-aids, non-perishable snacks, batteries and anything else you can think of!

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