

Lesson 50

-Ten Bridesmaids-

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2-5 Years:

Opening Prayer to open the session. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us all together today. Please help us learn more about you and your son Jesus. Amen.”

Discussion:

Explain what a bridesmaid is.

Bible Story:

Tell the story of the ten bridesmaids from Matthew 25:1-13. You can tell this story using a children’s bible or just tell it in such a way that this age group can understand it.

Matthew
25: 1-13

Activity:

Show the children an oil lamp or candle. Show them how it works. Then give them play dough and let them make an oil lamp or candle.

Discussion:

Talk about what it means to be wise and what it means to be foolish. Then give the children examples of each.

Activity:

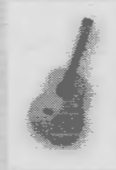
Let children experiment with a large rock and sand.

Need: A couple of large rocks
A couple of large bowls of sand

Let the children feel the large rocks and the sand. Ask them to tell you how each feels. Demonstrate to them that if you set something on a rock, it will not sink in to the rock, but if you put it on the sand, it can sink down into the sand. Ask them if they would rather build their house on the rock where it will stay or on the sand where it could sink and be gone.

Song:

Sing the song "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock"



The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
And the rains came tumbling down!

The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the rock stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
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The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the sand went SPLAT!

So build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ,
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Build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ
and the Blessings will come down.

The blessings will come down as your prayers go up,
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So build your house on the Lord!

Closing Prayer to ask God for help in being wise. For example:

"Dear God, thank you for helping us learn more about you. Please help us to be wise everyday.
Amen."

6-8 Years:

Opening Prayer to open the session. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us together again on this day. Help us to learn from your words and to follow in your footsteps. Amen.”

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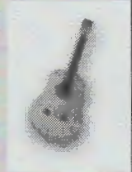
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9-11 Years:

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“Dear God, thank you for bringing us together to fellowship with each other once again. Please help us to learn from your words and do the things you want us to do. Amen.”

Discussion:

Discuss being wise versus being foolish. Have the students give examples of wise decisions and examples of foolish decisions.

Bible Story:

Have the students read the story of the ten bridesmaids from Matthew 25: 1-13.



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Discussion:

Discuss how we are supposed to prepare for the bridegroom.

Writing:

Have the students write a poem that tells the bible story together.

Craft:

Make wedding invitations.

Need: Paper
Markers

Have the students make a wedding invitation for a friend to come to the wedding feast of Christ and the church. Have them write in the invitations instructions on how to get there (what they need to do to prepare) and RSVP.

Closing Prayer to ask God to help us prepare for His second coming. For example:

“Dear God, thank you so very much for loving us. Please help us do what we need to do to prepare for you to come again. Please keep us safe in your care. Amen.”

12-14 Years:

Opening Prayer to open the session. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for bringing us together once again to worship you. Please help us to be open to learning more about you. Help us also to follow in your ways. Amen.”

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Bible Reading:

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