



# KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023

**BIBLE LESSON: MATT. 25:1-13**

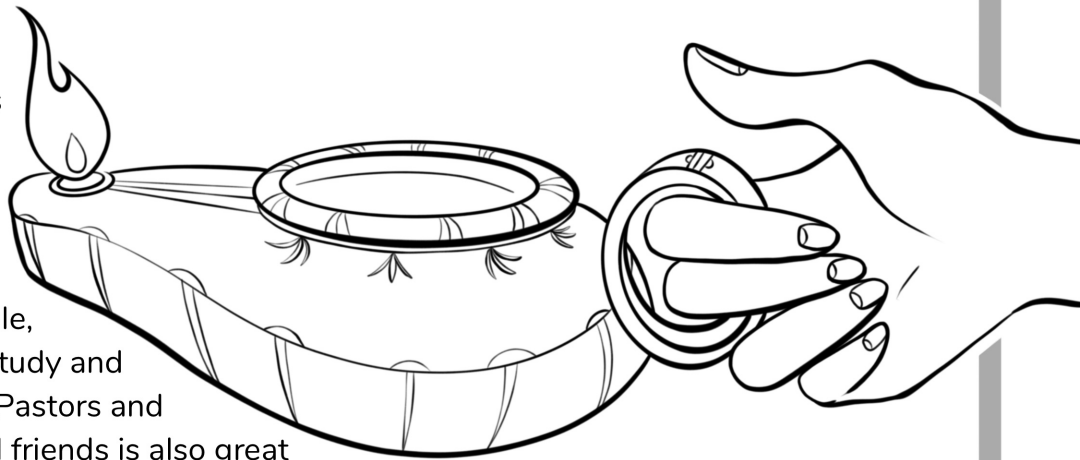
## The Parable of the Ten Virgins Matthew 25:1-13

Today's gospel provides us with opportunity to speak to little Lutherans about the pure faith that they have which trusts so willingly. A contrast to those much older who claim to be wiser and think they know better than to trust blindly.

When Luther preached on this passage, he told the congregation that the lessons were not about unbelievers or enemies of the Christian faith being unprepared when Christ comes again, but rather a warning to those who say they believe but trust in their own understanding and belief system. Without the Holy Spirit as a guide, the oil will run out!

Luther explains that in the parable, the lamps are a vessel (like us), and the oil is the gift of faith that comes from Jesus. It is that faith and trust in Jesus that "fuels" our desire to love and serve one another.

Jesus shared this parable as an encouragement for us to keep our oil tanks full. Some practical ways to do so is by applying Spiritual Disciplines such as prayer, reading the bible, and corporate worship. Bible study and devotion when offered by our Pastors and Deacons and with families and friends is also great heart fuel!



## Prayer

Let us pray together: Dear Father in Heaven, thank you for giving the Holy Spirit to help light the fire of faith in our souls. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Notes:**