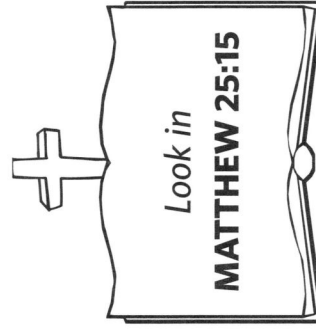





# Be ready

## What are they being given?



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Fit the rhyming words on the lines to finish the story

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to the wedding they could \_\_\_\_\_!



Like the wise bridesmaids,  
Jesus wants us to be prepared  
for his coming!

Use the secret code pad to find the  
words of Jesus in Matthew 25:13

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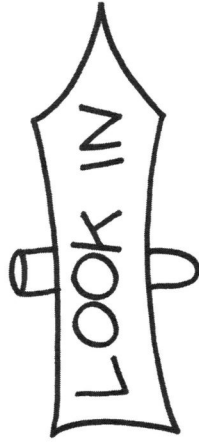
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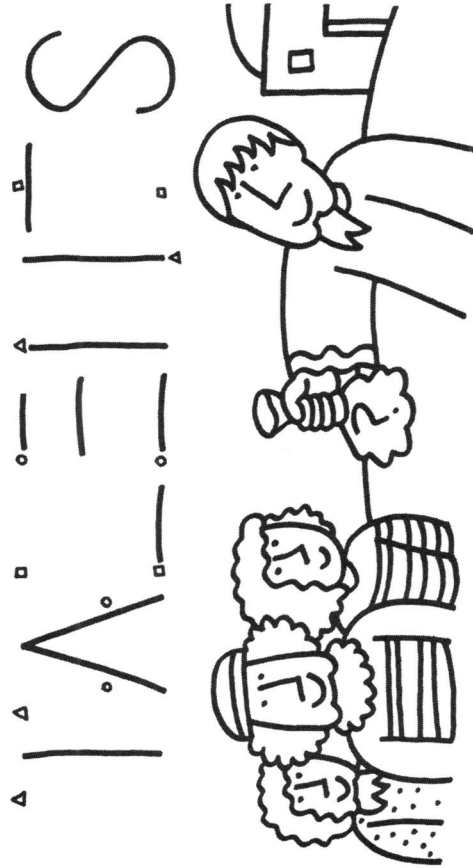
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What are they being given?

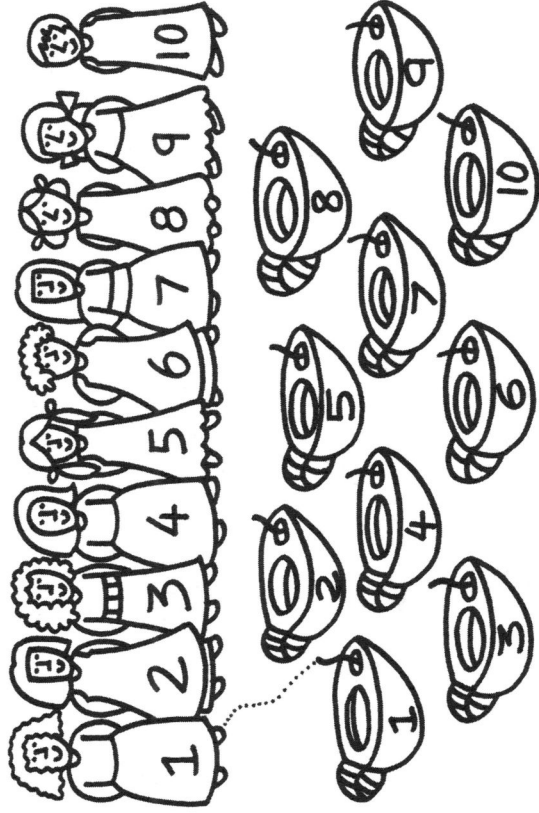


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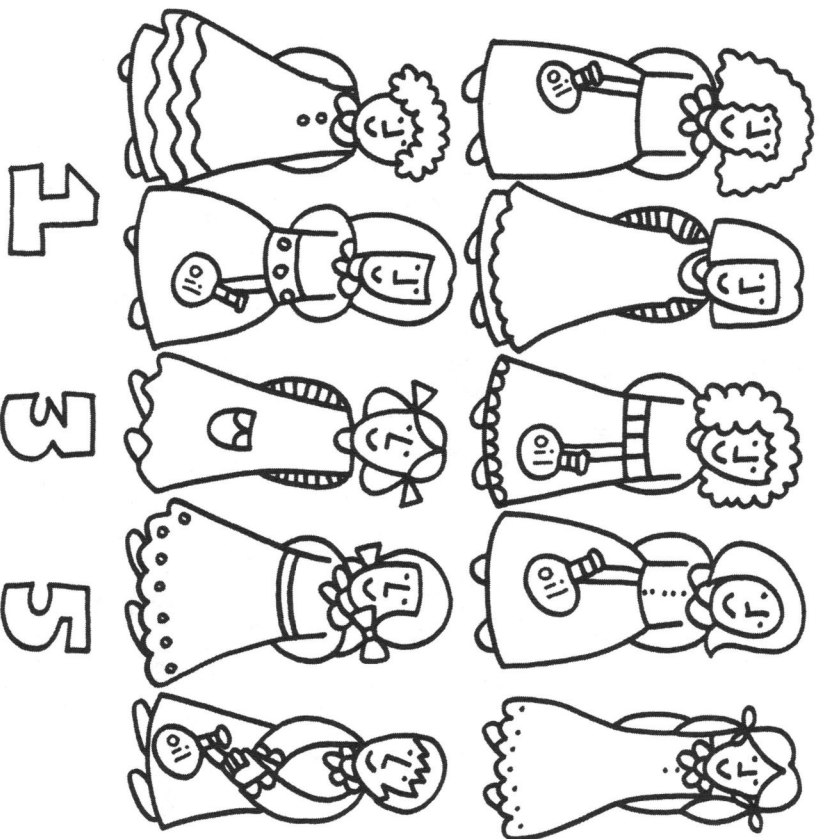
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Match each bridesmaid with a lamp



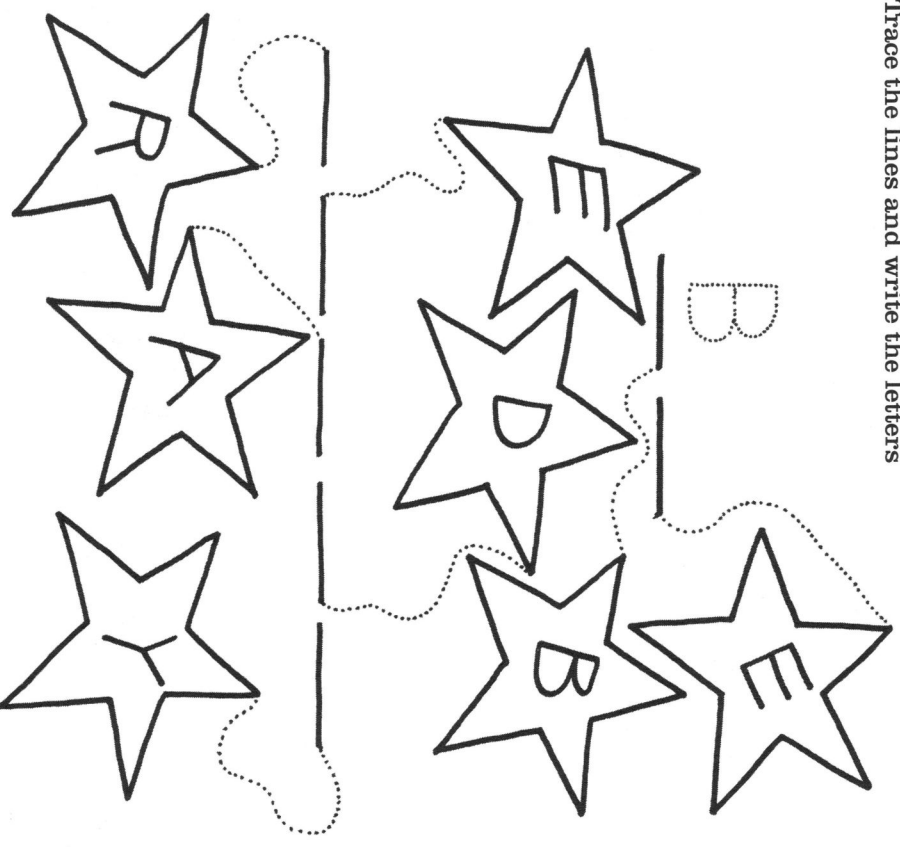
Some of the  
bridesmaids were wise  
and brought extra oil for  
their lamps.

How many bridesmaids had extra oil with them?  
Circle the bottles of oil and count them



No one knows when  
Jesus will return. We must be  
ready to greet him!

Trace the lines and write the letters





Fit the rhyming words on the lines to finish the story

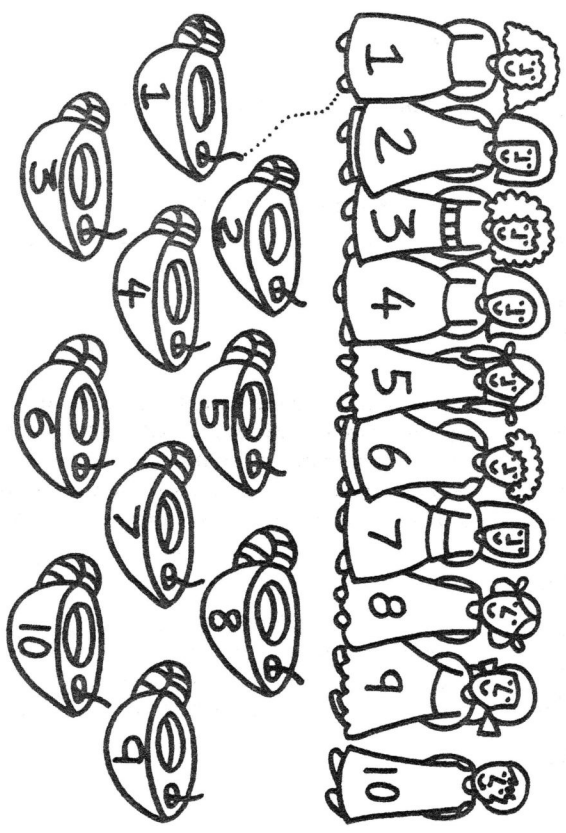
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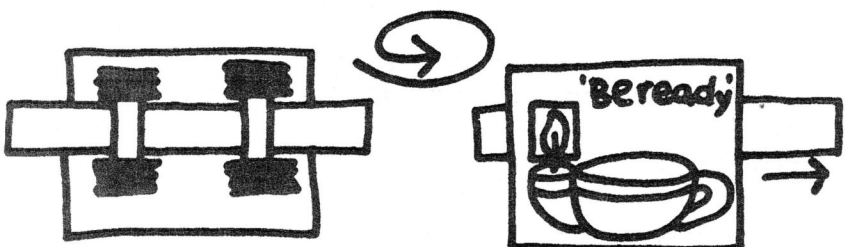
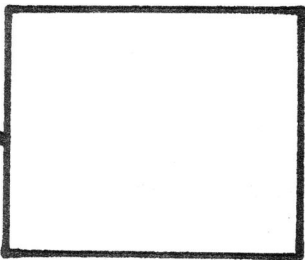
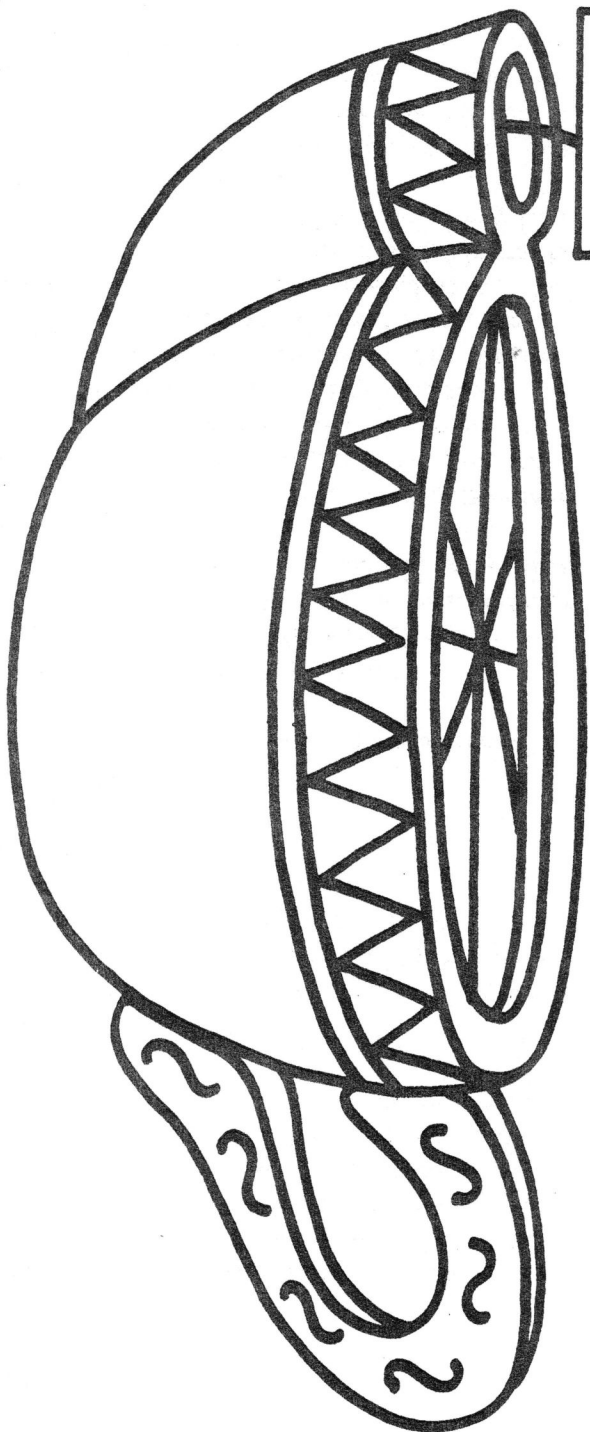
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'Be Reddy'







## Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year

Be ready

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### SIGN OF THE CROSS

### LIGHT THE CANDLES

Light the candles and say Candle Prayer 1.

### SORRY

Close your eyes and listen to this prayer, as you say "I'm sorry" quietly in your heart:

Jesus, open our hearts  
and make us more loving.

Help us to change our ways  
and make a fresh start.

If we have hurt you or other people  
by being unkind or selfish,  
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### GLORIA

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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### DISCUSSION

The ten bridesmaids were waiting to greet the bridegroom and show him the way to the wedding hall. They knew that he was coming, but they did not know the exact time he would arrive.

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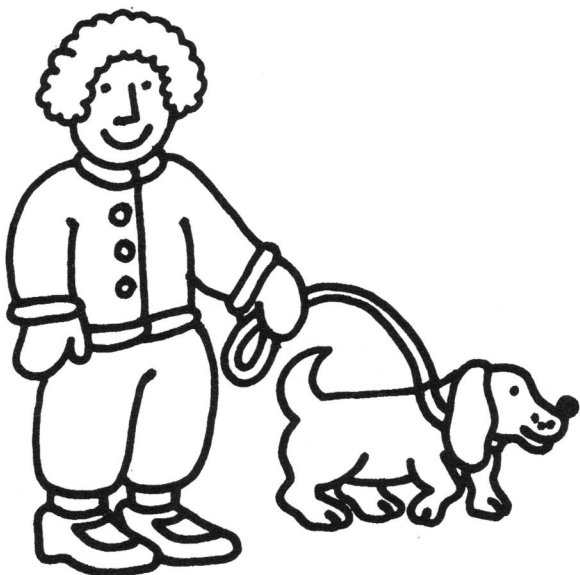
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### CREED

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