

TO HELP US STUDY

1. Who told this story? _____
2. How many girls were there? _____ Five were _____ and five were _____.
3. Where did the girls go? _____
4. What did all of them take along? _____ What else did the five smart girls take with them? _____
5. What did they do while they waited for the bridegroom? _____
6. When the bridegroom came, what did the girls do? _____
7. What did the foolish maidens need then? _____ Where did they have to go? _____
8. What happened while they were gone? _____
9. When they tried to get in the door late, what did the bridegroom say? _____
10. What lesson was Jesus teaching us in this story? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—Matthew 24:42, "You do not know on what day your Lord will come."

Older ones—Matthew 24:43-44

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

Jesus often taught about his unexpected return to earth. On the back of this page list several scriptures that tell of his return.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

Each week's Bible lesson is a new God-given chance for us to bless our children eternally. It is a priceless opportunity to do for our youngsters what all parents would like to do.

What a demonic twist it is that makes us think of our family Bible study time as a burden or a task to be dreaded and avoided! No doubt this reaction is the product of the unprecedented time pressures felt by our generation. It is understandable. It is almost universal. But that does not keep it from being a sad distortion of priorities in our lives. What blindness to blessings we suffer when we overlook the chance Bible study gives us to influence our children for the rest of their lives.

How can we for a minute think these Bible stories are unimportant? With these stories Jesus taught eternal truths and touched the hearts of the world. The truth in a story, such as this one about the girls enroute to a wedding feast, can change the lives of those who hear it. It is an unforgettable truth all of us want our kids to know. Isn't it?

FOR ADULT STUDY: Mk 13:35; Lk 12:35-36; Lk 21:34-35; Rev 3:11; 16:15; 19:7; Mt 24:36-51.