

All is ready!

The five bridesmaids who were ready had lamps filled with oil. Find them and color their lamps.



Advent is coming soon. In Advent we get ready for Jesus' coming. How do you celebrate Advent? What do you do to get ready for baby Jesus?



Advent begins in three weeks. What do you do to get your home ready for Advent?

This week

Light a candle during dinner, and thank God for the day.



gather

Welcome to worship. Getting ready for worship takes time. What do you do at home? On the way? At church?

You can begin at home by preparing your offering or

On the way to church you can notice God's beautiful world or

Inside your worship space you can say a prayer or
















Lord, help us to be ready when you come. Amen




Ready and waiting

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told many parables about the kingdom of heaven. Find this parable in Matthew.

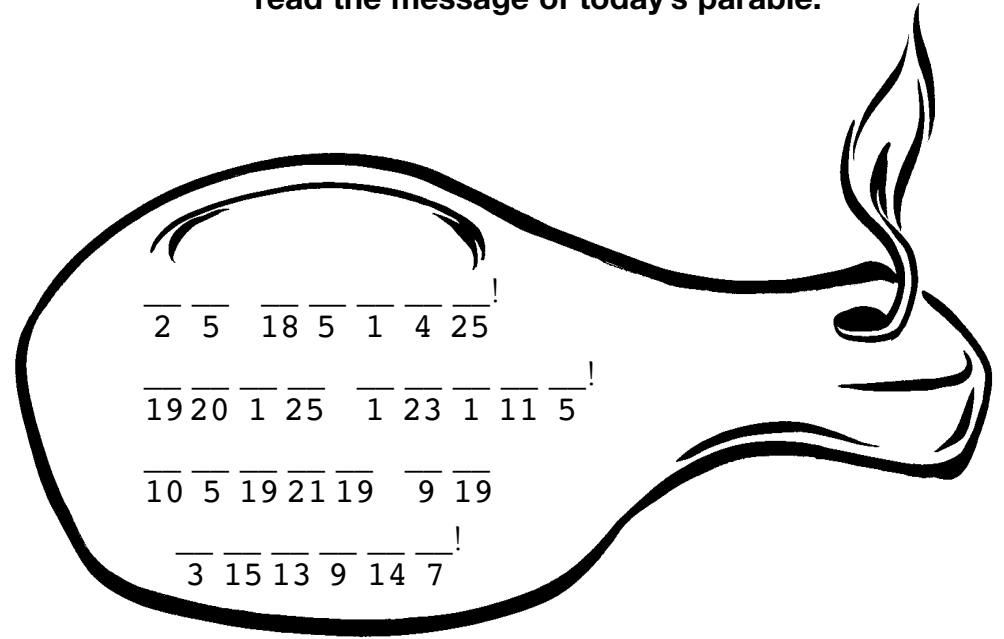
Fill in the blanks with the correct numbers and read the story quietly.

$\frac{\quad}{5+5}$  took their oil  and went to meet the . $\frac{\quad}{4+1}$ were wise and filled their  with oil. $\frac{\quad}{3+2}$ weren't wise, and didn't fill their  with oil. It got to be late at night, and the $\frac{\quad}{9+1}$  fell asleep. Suddenly, at $\frac{\quad}{11+1}$ midnight, the  arrived. The $\frac{\quad}{1+4}$ wise  lit their oil  and went in to the wedding banquet with the . The $\frac{\quad}{2+3}$ not-so-wise  couldn't light their , so they couldn't go to the wedding banquet. Jesus says we should be like the $\frac{\quad}{0+5}$ wise  and be ready!

 = bridesmaids
  = groom
  = lamps

Crack the code

Use the code at the bottom of the page to read the message of today's parable.



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