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All is ready!

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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.

Kids Celebrate
Lectionary 32



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

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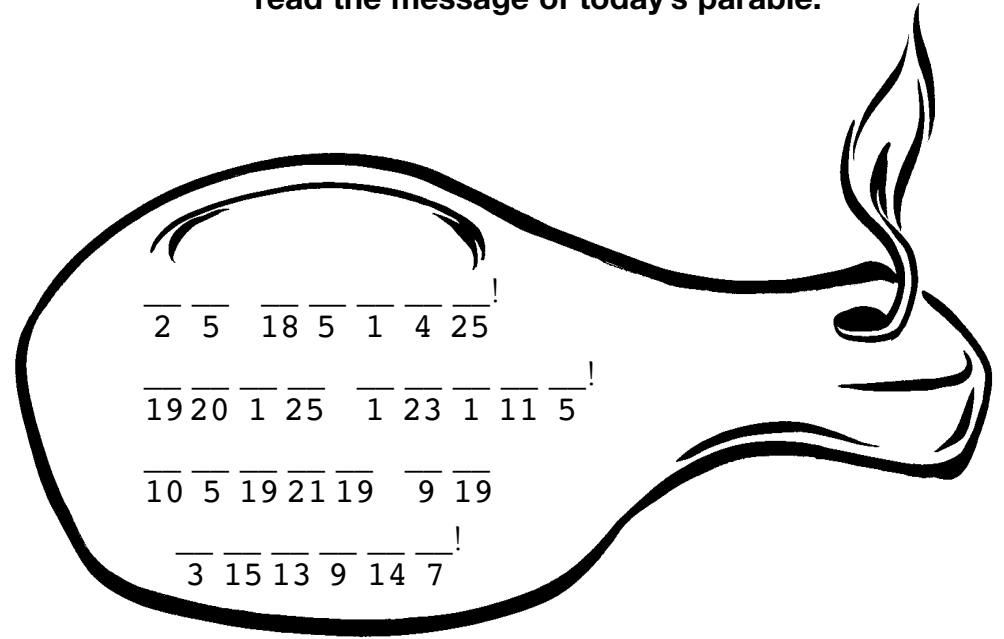
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Crack the code

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



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Get Ready for Worship

Here's a quiz to help you get ready for worship. Circle the letter that matches your answer.

1. What can you bring to church each week?

- a. Bible
- b. Headphones
- c. Snacks

2. How can you get ready to pray during worship?

- a. Read the bulletin.
- b. Start looking through your hymnal.
- c. Fold your hands and close your eyes.

3. How can you get ready to sing at church?

- a. Do some voice warm-up exercises.
- b. Find the hymn numbers in the hymnal or the song in the bulletin service folder.
- c. Do some drum rolls on the pews.

4. How do we get ready to take communion at church?

- a. Go to the communion table.
- b. Stare out the window.
- c. Start whistling.

Now try writing your own question or two!



READER

Pentecost 24

- Today is the **24th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The Pentecost season is the **longest season** of the church year.
- At the **end** of the Pentecost season, we enter **Advent**.
- Advent is the time when we **get ready** for Jesus at Christmas.

Ready, Set, Grow

Jesus tells us to get ready to meet God. What helps us get ready to meet God? Unscramble the words above the road and write your answers on the road.



iebbi
rrayep
eolv
plenhig

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Memory Verse

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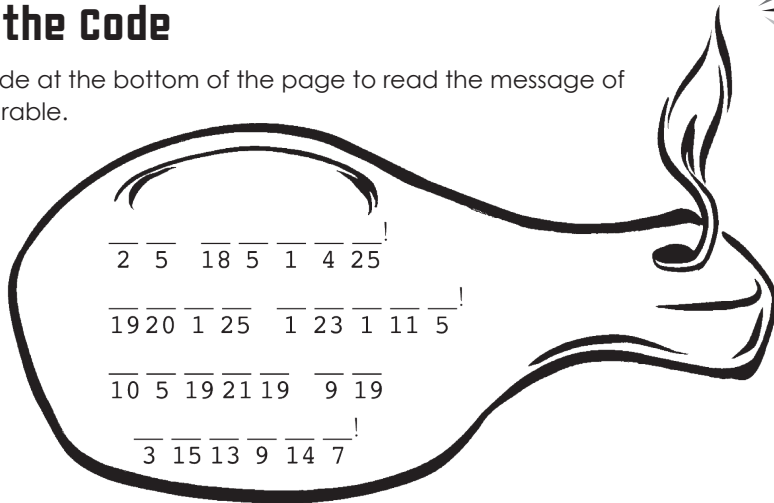
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Today's story is about a wedding. Lots of weddings happen at church.

What do you need for a wedding? Circle those things.



PRE-READER

Pentecost 24

- Today is the **24th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is a season of **growing**.
- God wants us to grow by **being ready** for God to **show up**.

God wants us to walk on the road of love. God welcomes us on this road. Color in the welcome mat. Use lots of colors. Everyone is welcome.





Jesus told a story about getting ready.

Five bridesmaids put oil in their lamps. They were ready.
Five other bridesmaids need our help. We can help them
get ready.

**We can draw flames on their lamps. We can
draw smiles on their faces.**

