

Bible Stories for Young Children

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PARABLE OF THE TEN BRIDESMAIDS

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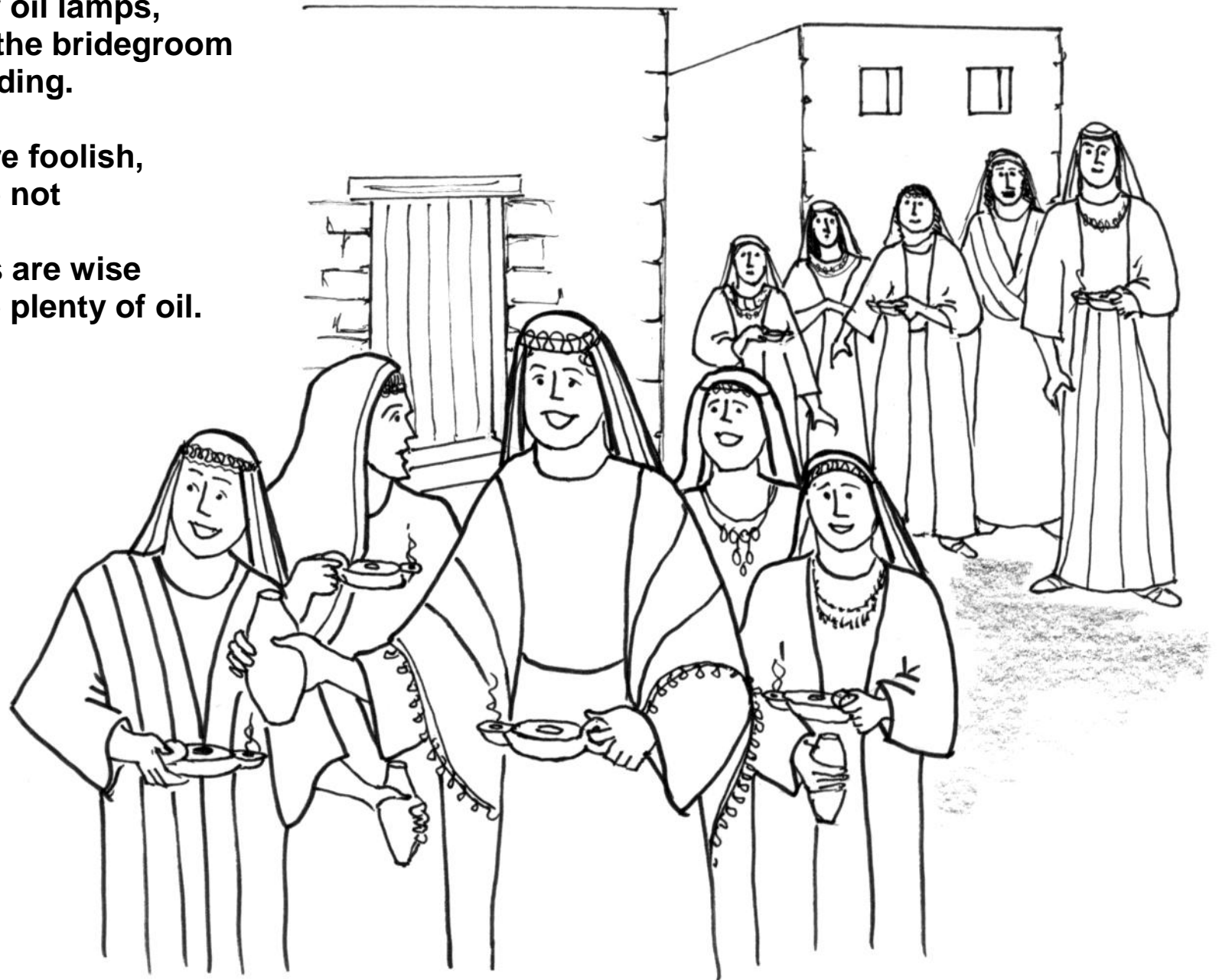
MATTHEW 25:1-13
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**Jesus is coming back again
to take His people
to be with Him.
He wants everyone to be ready
when He comes,
so He told this parable.**



'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten girls, with their oil lamps, going out to meet the bridegroom coming to his wedding.

'Five of the girls are foolish, because they have not brought extra oil. The other five girls are wise because they have plenty of oil.



**'The girls wait for the bridegroom,
but he does not come
when they expect him.
It gets late at night.
They are tired and go to sleep.'**



**‘In the middle of the night
someone calls out,
“The bridegroom is on his way.”’**

**‘The girls wake up
and get their lamps ready.
The foolish girls
can’t get their lamps
to stay alight,
because their oil has run out.’**

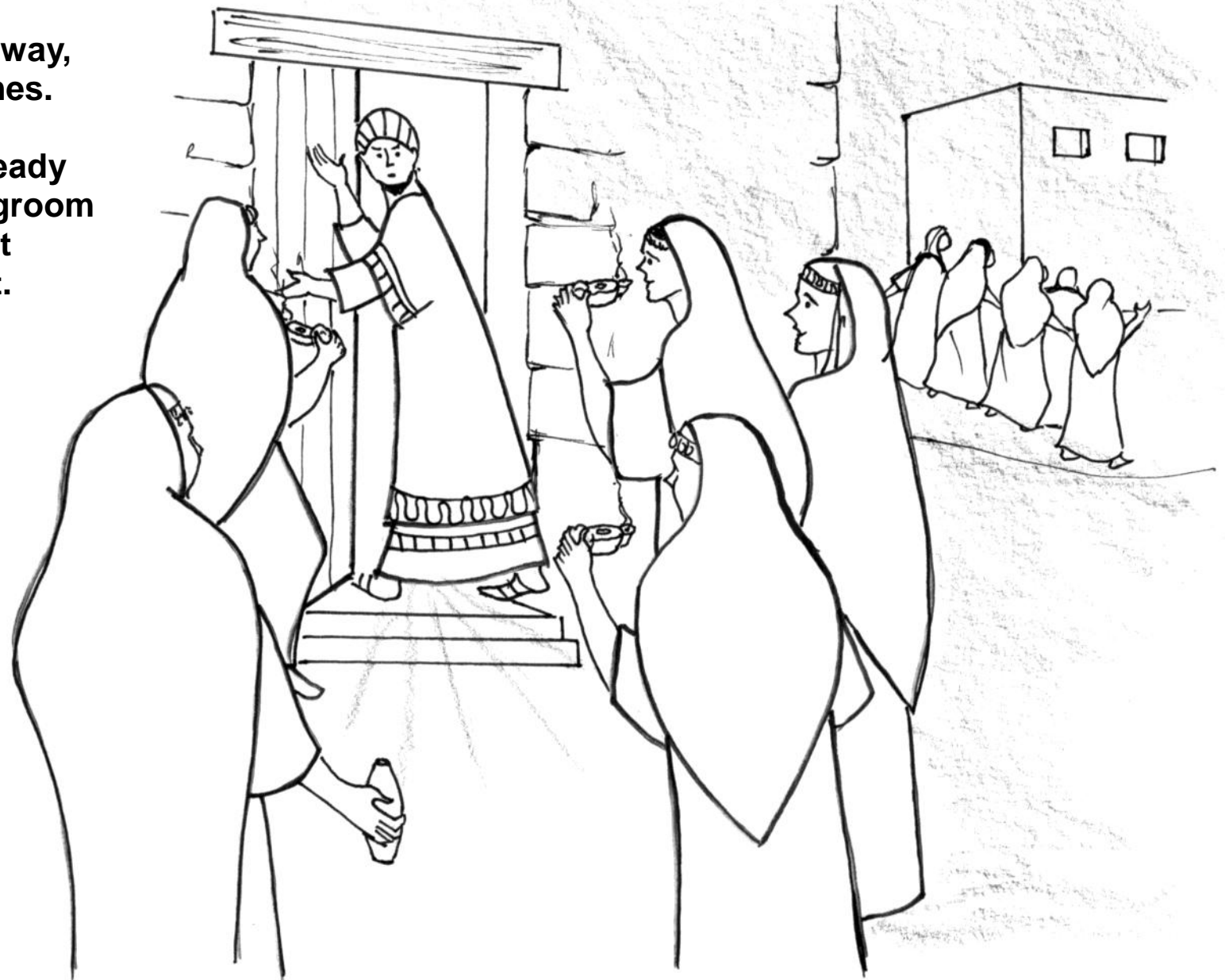
**‘They say to the wise girls,
“Give us some oil.
Our lamps are going out.”’**

**‘The wise girls say,
“No.
There may not be enough
for us.
Go and buy your own.”’**



**‘The foolish girls
go to buy their oil
and while they are away,
the bridegroom comes.**

**‘The girls who are ready
go in with the bridegroom
to the marriage feast
and the door is shut.**



‘Later, the five foolish girls come back and find that everyone has gone in with the bridegroom.

**‘They call out,
“Lord, here we are,
please let us in.”**

**‘He answers,
“Who are you?
I don’t know you.”’**

**Jesus said,
‘Always be ready
and waiting for the Lord’s return,
because you don’t know
when He will come.’**

