Catholic Mom
HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time **Matthew 25:1-13**

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses a parable to teach His followers that we must always be prepared for Him. When Jesus walked the earth, there was no electricity. The only light a person used at night was a lamp filled with oil. In this story, some of the young women (who were like bridesmaids) prepared themselves for darkness by making sure they had enough oil to last through the night. The other young women weren't prepared and their oil ran out, leaving them in darkness. When they went to go buy more oil, they missed the arrival of the bridegroom, and they were locked out of the wedding feast!

We must be like the wise young women who were prepared. Jesus is the Bridegroom, and we must always be prepared for His return and for Heaven. We don't know when He will return, but when He does, we need to be ready!

Activities:

- How do you get ready to go on a trip with your parents? Now, think about going to Heaven. Write a list of things you can do as a Christian to get ready to meet Jesus!
- What are some of the traditions you've noticed at weddings? If you've ever been at a wedding or attended as a guest, consider what you did to prepare for the celebration.
- As Catholics, we have many tools to help prepare us for heaven and "keep oil in our lamps." The sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation are two very important ones. What else can you think of?