



ST NINIAN'S UNITING CHURCH

NOVEMBER 19TH 2023

'BE PREPARED'

Based on Matthew 25:1-13



A STORY OF TWO SISTERS:

Bella and Belinda were twins and even though they looked alike, they were very different. Christmas wasn't too far away and Bella had finished all of her Christmas shopping, Belinda on the other hand hadn't even begun – and it was now the end of November!

Bella had also written and posted and handed out all of Christmas cards, Belinda, hadn't even bought hers. Like I said very different. Bella took it upon herself to remind Belinda to get started, and even offered to her. But Belinda just shrugged her shoulders and grunted that she still had plenty of time to do both.

And then it happened, it was the 19th of December and Belinda fell over after school one afternoon and broke her leg. She had to go to hospital get it put together again and have a cast put on it when the swelling went down; which took a whole day! After that, the doctor told her she had to 'rest' and not do too much walking. Naturally hearing that news, Belinda who knew just how much she had to do before Christmas began to cry. Belinda was thinking of her sister's beautifully wrapped gifts which were already placed under the tree.

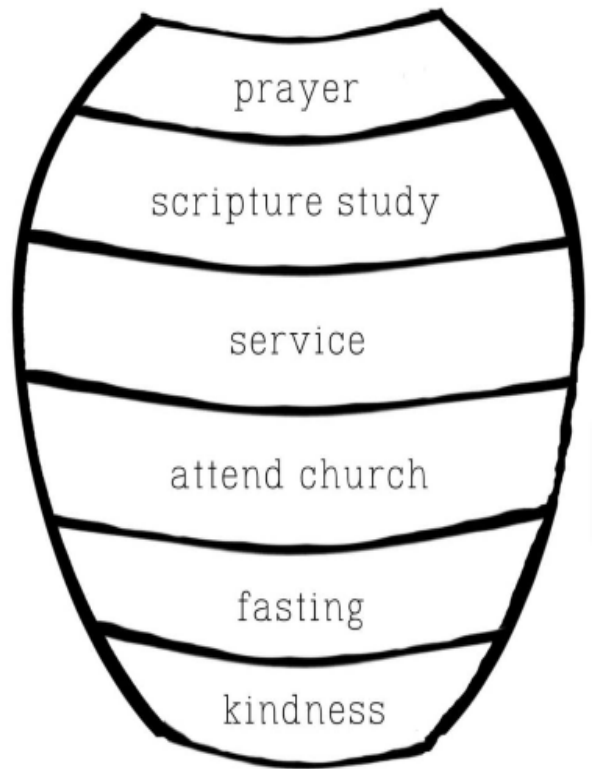
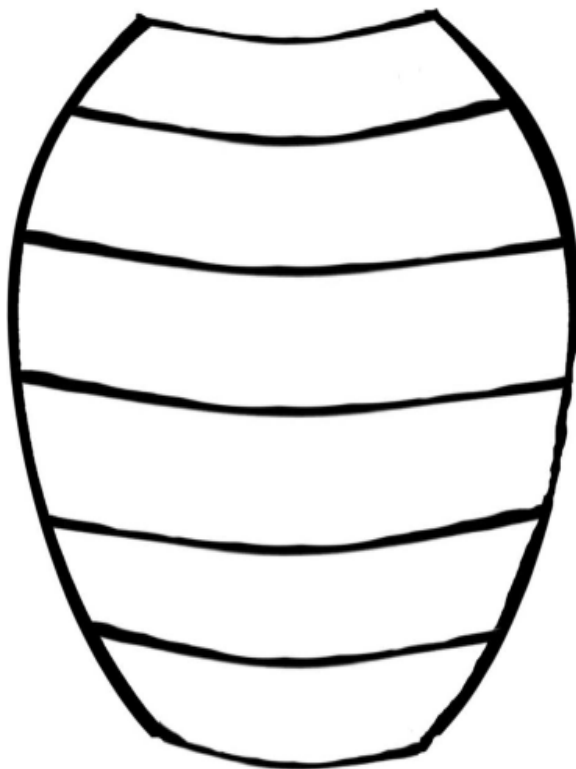
Bella went to the shops and bought Belinda a pack of cards to write on in preparation for the postage stamp and offered to post them for Belinda. They would be late now, but at least they would be sent to her loved friends and family. She also offered to take her shopping on Christmas eve so she could place them under the tree.

Belinda made Bella a promise that she would be better prepared next year and not be so stubborn when her sister Bella reminded her to finish the things she needed to do earlier. It's far easier to be prepared, than to have to rush to get things done properly or run of time and not getting anything done at all.



Filling our urns with extra oil:

1. Print main coloring page onto cardstock or heavy paper.
2. Print this page on regular weight paper.
3. Fill in ways to fill our urns with extra oil by adding an item on each section of the blank urn OR use the worded urn provided.
4. Have children color word strips and cut out.
5. Use tape or glue to adhere each word strip (starting at the bottom) to your urn.
6. When the final word strip is in place your urn is filled.
7. Hang finished poster where your family can see it for the coming week.



MAKE YOUR OWN COLOURFUL LAMP

MATERIALS:

Different coloured tissue paper

Glass

Electric candle

Glue

Scissors

METHOD:

1. Cut tissue paper into different shapes and sizes
2. Put glue on the area of the glass that you are working on
3. Randomly place the paper on the glue
4. Repeat steps 2 & 3 until the outside of the glass is covered in tissue paper
5. Turn on the electric candle and place it inside the glass
6. Sit back and look at what you have made!



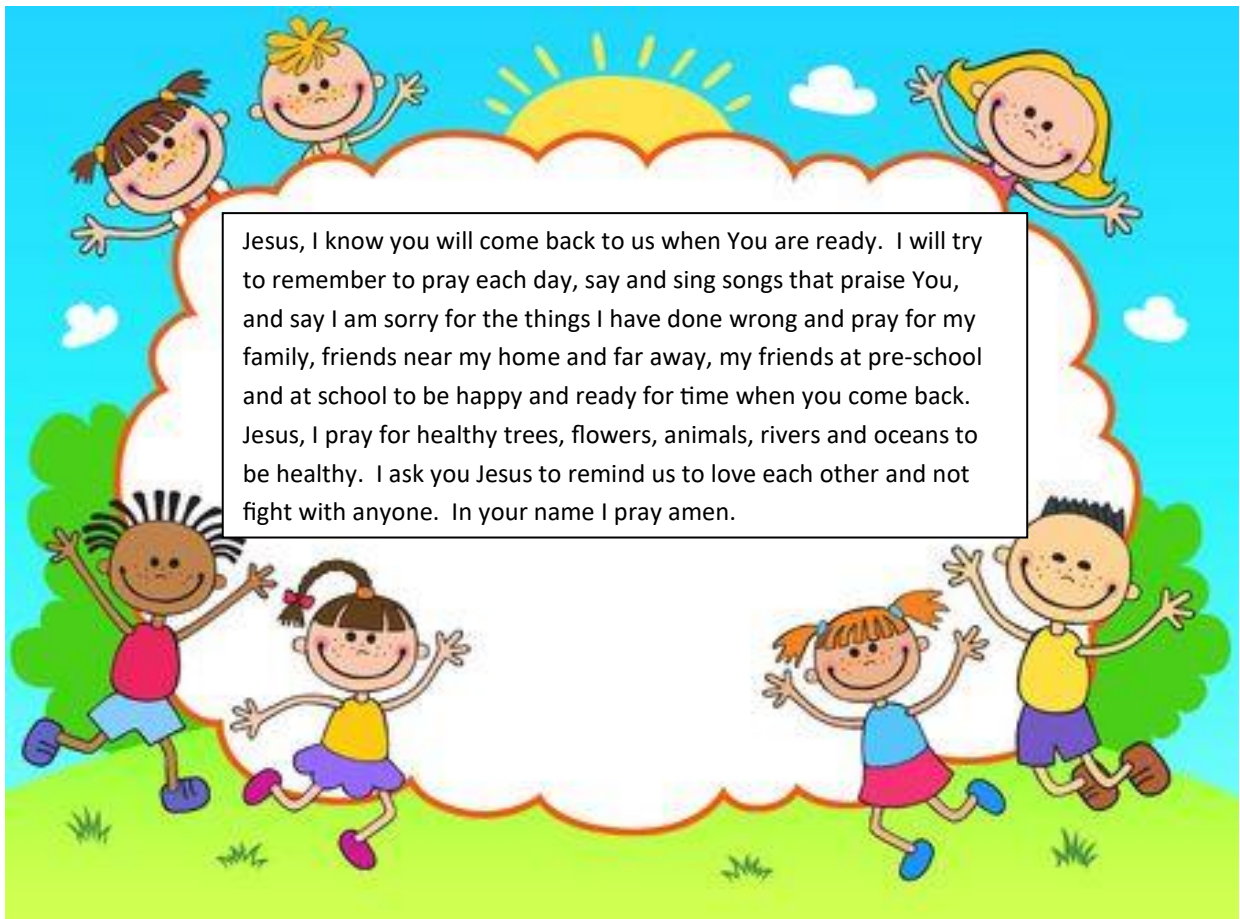
There are many variations in making a decorative table lamp!





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFKSABicXak>

put on your dancing shoes everyone – it's that kind of song!! 😊



Jesus, I know you will come back to us when You are ready. I will try to remember to pray each day, say and sing songs that praise You, and say I am sorry for the things I have done wrong and pray for my family, friends near my home and far away, my friends at pre-school and at school to be happy and ready for time when you come back. Jesus, I pray for healthy trees, flowers, animals, rivers and oceans to be healthy. I ask you Jesus to remind us to love each other and not fight with anyone. In your name I pray amen.



Give Me Oil in My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)



Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Answers can be found in Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)

- ___ 1. Ceremony in which a man and a woman are married.
A. wise B. wedding C. oil D. lamps
- ___ 2. Where God lives
A. watch B. come C. heaven D. lamps
- ___ 3. Devices used to produce light
A. lamps B. asleep C. banquet D. foolish
- ___ 4. Not awake
A. asleep B. heaven C. oil D. lamps
- ___ 5. Made a sound like a bell
A. rang B. asleep C. lamps D. oil
- ___ 6. A feast or meal held in recognition of some person or occasion
A. come B. midnight C. wedding D. banquet
- ___ 7. To arrive at a particular place; the opposite of go
A. door B. come C. midnight D. heaven
- ___ 8. To observe or look at something
A. wise B. midnight C. watch D. wedding
- ___ 9. Someone who has good judgment and makes good decisions is _____.
A. watch B. wise C. rang D. door
- ___ 10. Someone who does not use good judgment is _____.
A. asleep B. oil C. midnight D. foolish