

PARABLE OF THE WISE AND FOOLISH VIRGINS

Preparing for the return of Jesus



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR EDUCATORS

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This Bible story teaching pack is titled “Parable of the wise and foolish virgins: Preparing for the return of Jesus”. This is the retelling of the parable of the wise and foolish virgins or maidens in the book of Matthew. While explaining this story to your students, it is important to emphasize the following:

- Jesus will come back again (John 14:1-3).
- No one knows when Jesus will come back again, so, we need to be careful of people that predict a date for His return (Matthew 24:36).
- We need to prepare ourselves so that we can be with Jesus when He returns for us (Luke 21:36)
- Repentance, salvation, and watchfulness are some of the ways we can prepare for the return of Jesus (John 3:3; Matthew 25:13)

The bible reference for this story is Matthew 25: 1 – 13.

We ask that you take the time to prayerfully read the bible references provided and study the materials too. We pray “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him” (Ephesians 1:17)

We do not take for granted the call and ministry of training kids in a godly way – right from their childhood. “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

We do not underestimate the potentials for kids to understand and store God’s word in their hearts from their early age. “And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”

(2 Timothy 3:15).

Ultimately, we do not underestimate the power and will of God to bring these children into an enduring relationship with Him. But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14). This is our desire, hope and joy – that each child might come to experience love and grace in Jesus as they understand His words.

In this Bible story teaching pack, you have the following:

1. Story book/cards

You will get a book or a pack of large cards depending on how you print yours. This section has the retelling of the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. There are words and pictures to hold the attention of the children.

2. Conversation cards

These cards will provide some questions for you to explore with the kids. Encourage them to explore the story and lessons from the parable of the wise and foolish virgins using the questions in these cards. Use these cards in a group activity. You will be amazed at what you find out.

3. Story starter cards

Each of these cards has a story prompt or beginning sentence and a corresponding picture to help kids retell the parable of the wise and foolish virgins in their own words. Use these cards in a group activity. They will feel confident that they can tell the story and even go on to tell their friends and families. Are you a parent? You will enjoy listening to your child retelling this story.

4. Memory verse and prayer cards

Print these memory verse cards and ask the children to recite them a few times after the study. Then, ask them to take them home, so they can learn to recite the verses during the week.

You can quickly ask them to recite the verse before the next study in the following week.

A prayer card is also provided – please use this only as a guide. The goal is for each child to be able to use their own words while praying to God.

5. Quiz cards

Questions are provided in the quiz cards. The questions are related to the study; thus, you can assess their understanding in this group activity.

6. Crossword puzzle

Print the puzzle to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the puzzle sheet.

7. Maze

Print the maze to be used as assignment or solved after the study.

8. Word search

Print the word search to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the word search sheet.

9. Word scramble

Print the word scramble sheet and get the kids to unscramble the words. A list of words is provided to make this quick, easy, and fun. If you are using with an older kid, you might want to cut out the word list section and get them to unscramble the words without using the word list.

10. Learn and colour

Another activity aimed at emphasizing the study as kids interact with the pictures and the words.

Please note that the instructions are generic to educators. You know your child/children best; so, feel free to use language that is right for the age group you are teaching.

We hope you will find these resources useful in your homes, classes, churches, or any other location where you teach children the word of God.

We welcome any feedback you might have about using these resources. Please send an email to contact@godlypearls.com or reach out to us through our [Facebook page](#).

Thanks, and God bless you.

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Bible References: Matthew 25: 1-13

You can use this resource to:

- ❖ *Discuss the parable of the wise and foolish virgins from the Bible.*
- ❖ *Discuss lessons from the story and what it means for kids today. Some suggestions are provided in the main story.*
- ❖ *Engage kids in the various activities to reinforce the story and the lessons.*

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Jesus loved to teach people using parables. One day, he told a story about ten virgins, or maidens, who were waiting for the bridegroom to take them to a wedding feast.

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Five of the virgins were wise, and five of them were foolish.



The wise virgins took extra oil for their lamps

while the foolish ones didn't bring any extra oil.





But the bridegroom did not arrive on time.
The virgins grew tired and fell asleep.
At midnight, there was a cry: "Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"

The wise virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps, ready to go. But the lamps of the foolish virgins were going out, and they said to the wise virgins, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out".

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The wise virgins replied, “No, since there will not be enough for us and for you, go to those who sell, and buy for yourselves”.

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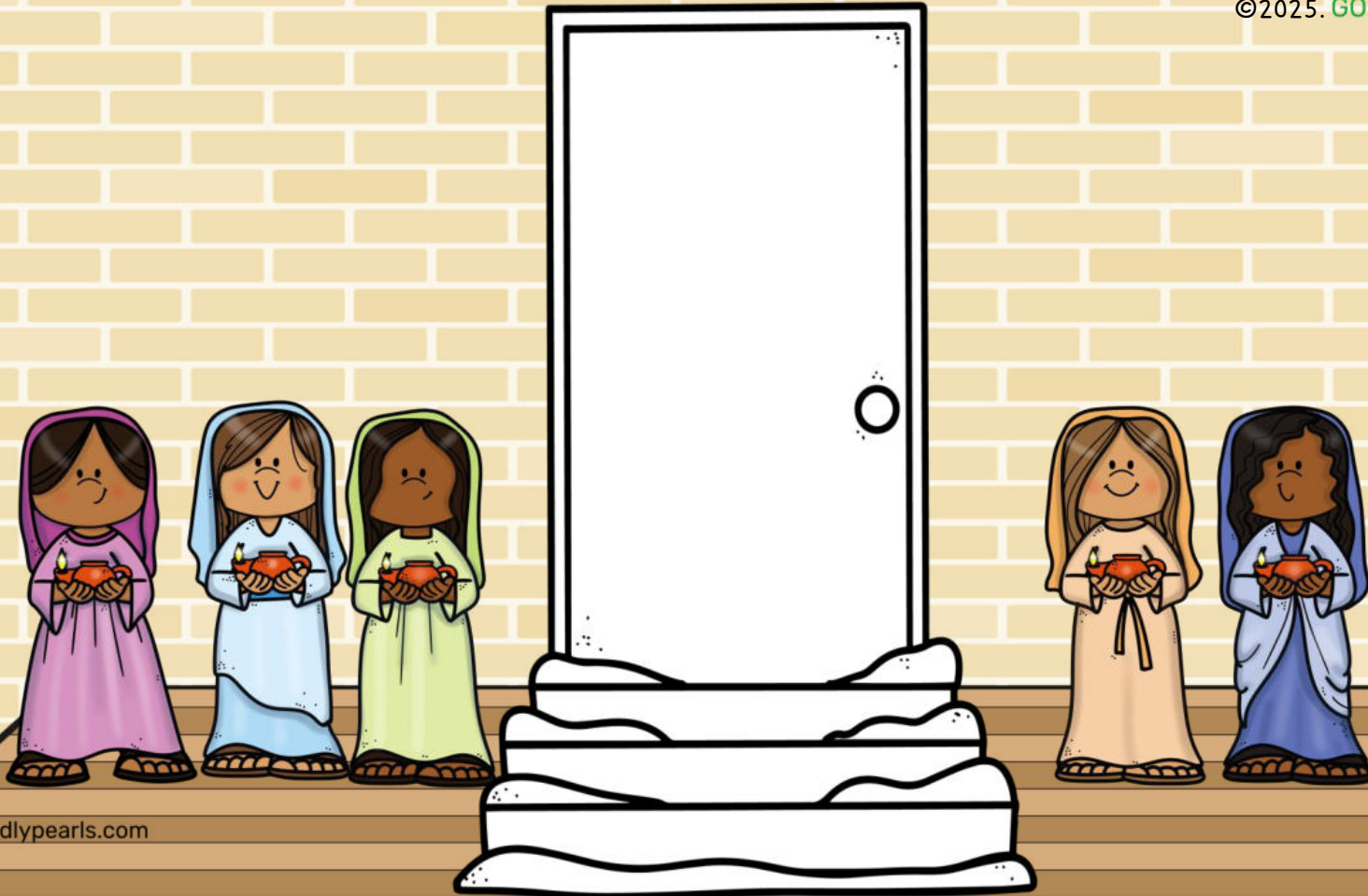
While the foolish virgins went to buy oil, the bridegroom arrived.
The wise virgins went with him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut behind them.

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Later, the foolish virgins returned, and said, “Lord, Lord, open to us!”
But the bridegroom answered, “Truly, I say to you, I do not know you”.

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Jesus ended the parable by saying, “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming”. The story teaches us to be ready and prepared, because we never know when Jesus will return.

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We know that
Jesus will come
back again, but we
don't know when
He will come.



Like the wise
maidens, we need
to be prepared at
all times.

I will be
prepared like
the wise
maidens.



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Why were five virgins or maidens described as “wise”?

Why were five virgins or maidens described as “foolish”?

In this story, what happened during the middle of the night?

When the virgins woke up, what did the foolish ones say to the wise ones?

What did the bridegroom say to the foolish virgins?

What two things did you learn from the parable of the wise and foolish virgins?

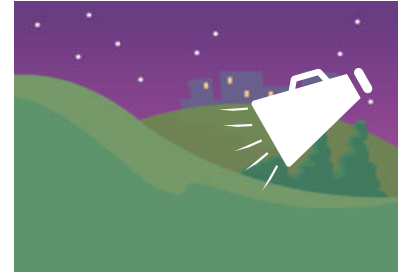
1

There were ...



2

But the bridegroom ...



3

The lamps ...



4

The wise ...



5

Later ...



6

Then ...



STORY STARTERS

Why do you think the wise virgins did not share their oil with the foolish virgins?

1

How would you feel if you missed a party or an event you really wanted to attend?

2

How are you so sure that Jesus will come back again?

3

What do you think it means to be ready for the return of Jesus?

4



I CAN MEMORIZE

Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Matthew 25:13

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I CAN PRAY

Dear God, I believe You are coming back again even though I don't know when. Help me to be prepared and ready to be with You when You come again in Jesus' name. Amen.

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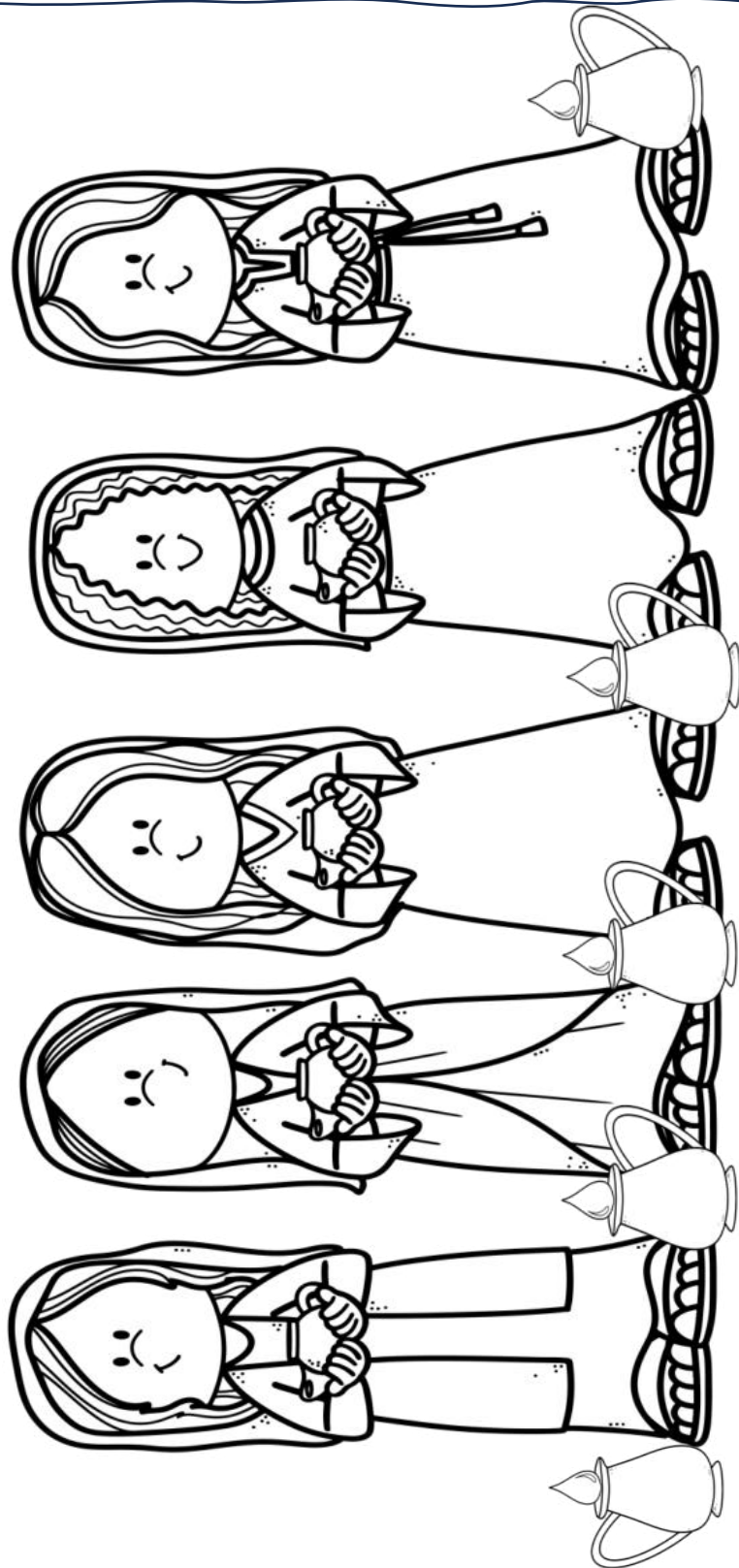


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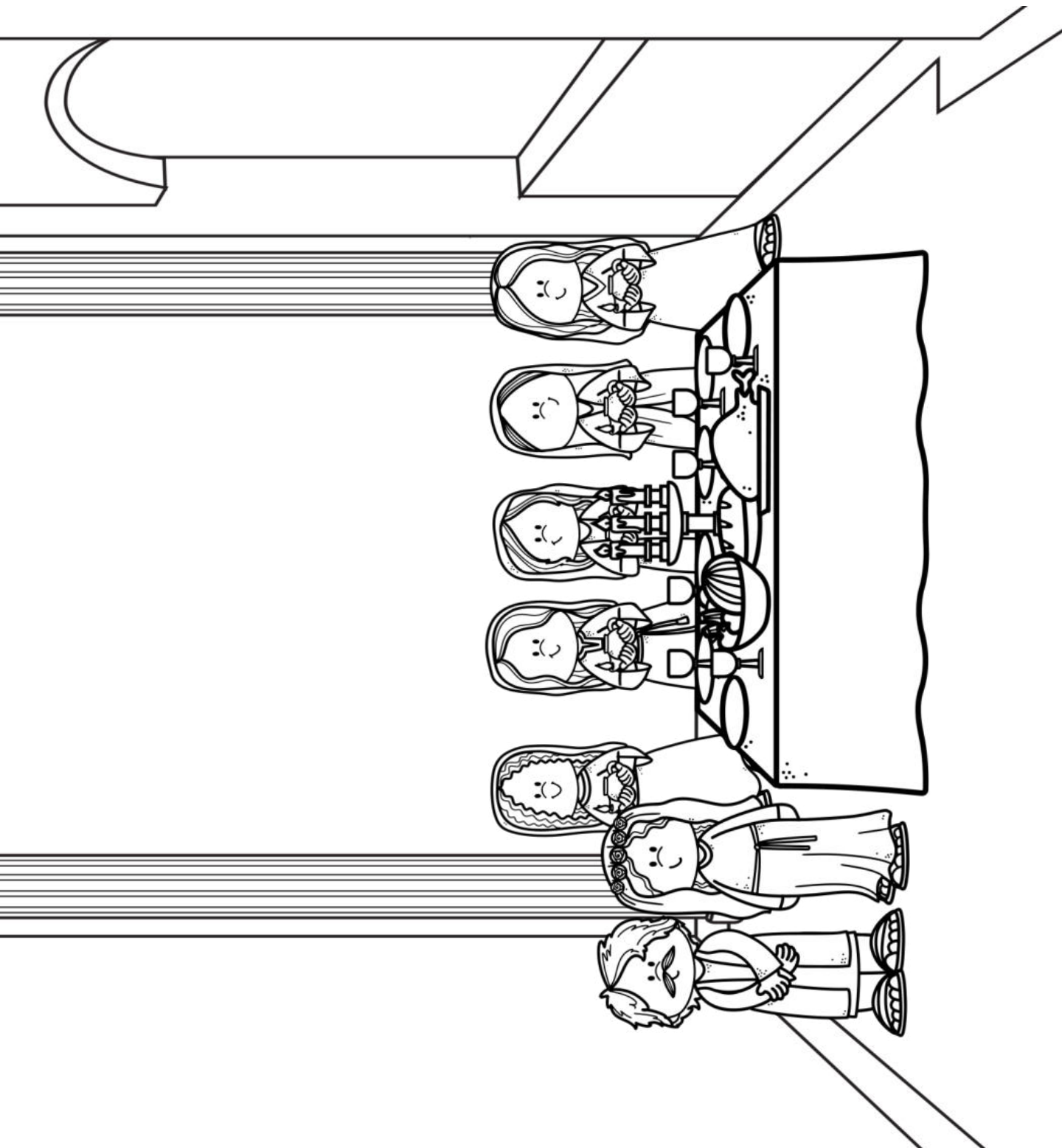
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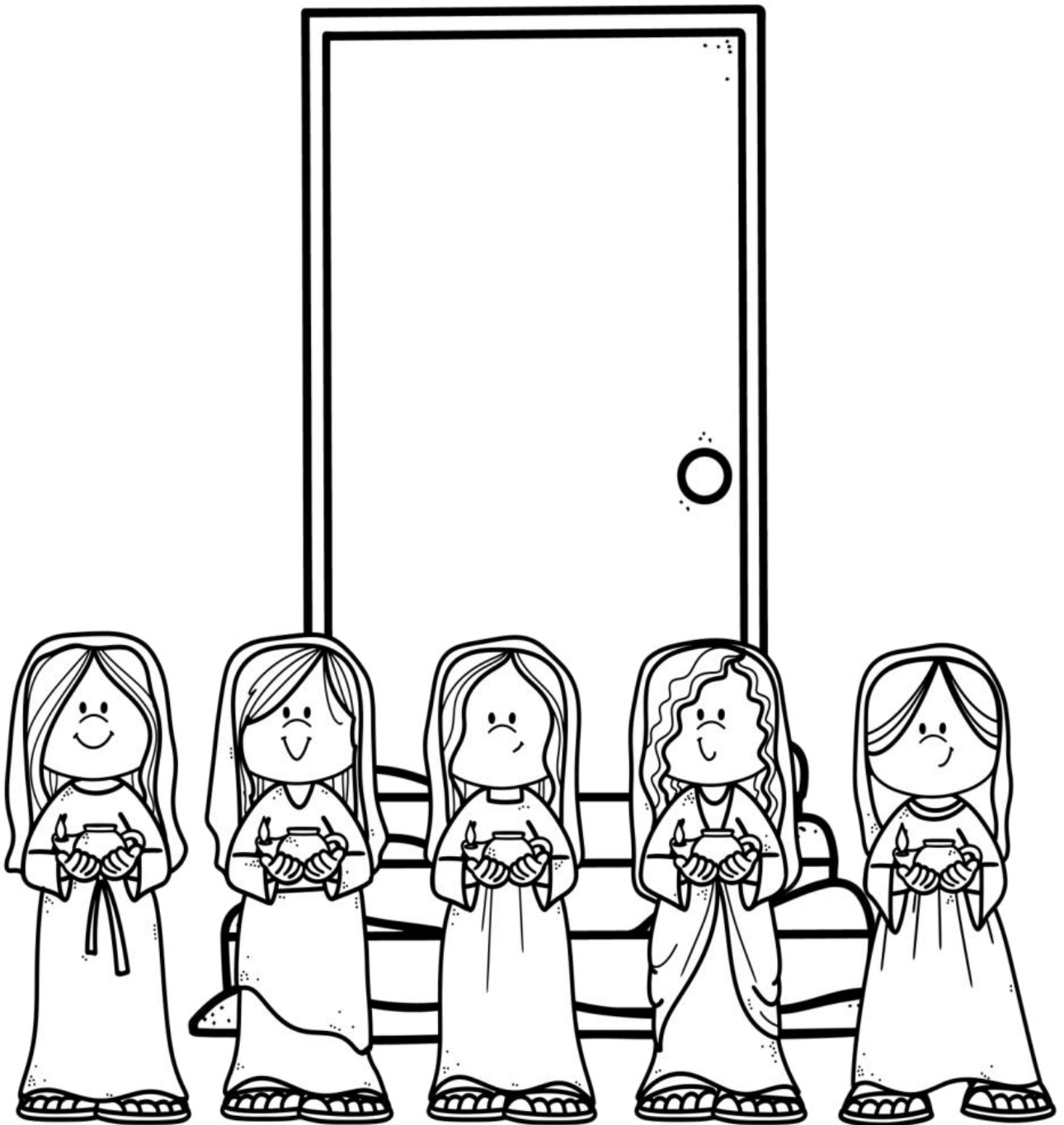
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Word Search

Find and circle the words below

Name:

y	i	h	f	o	o	l	i	s	h	w	n	s
i	x	i	g	z	h	t	v	v	s	v	v	r
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Maidens
Wedding
Bridegroom
Foolish



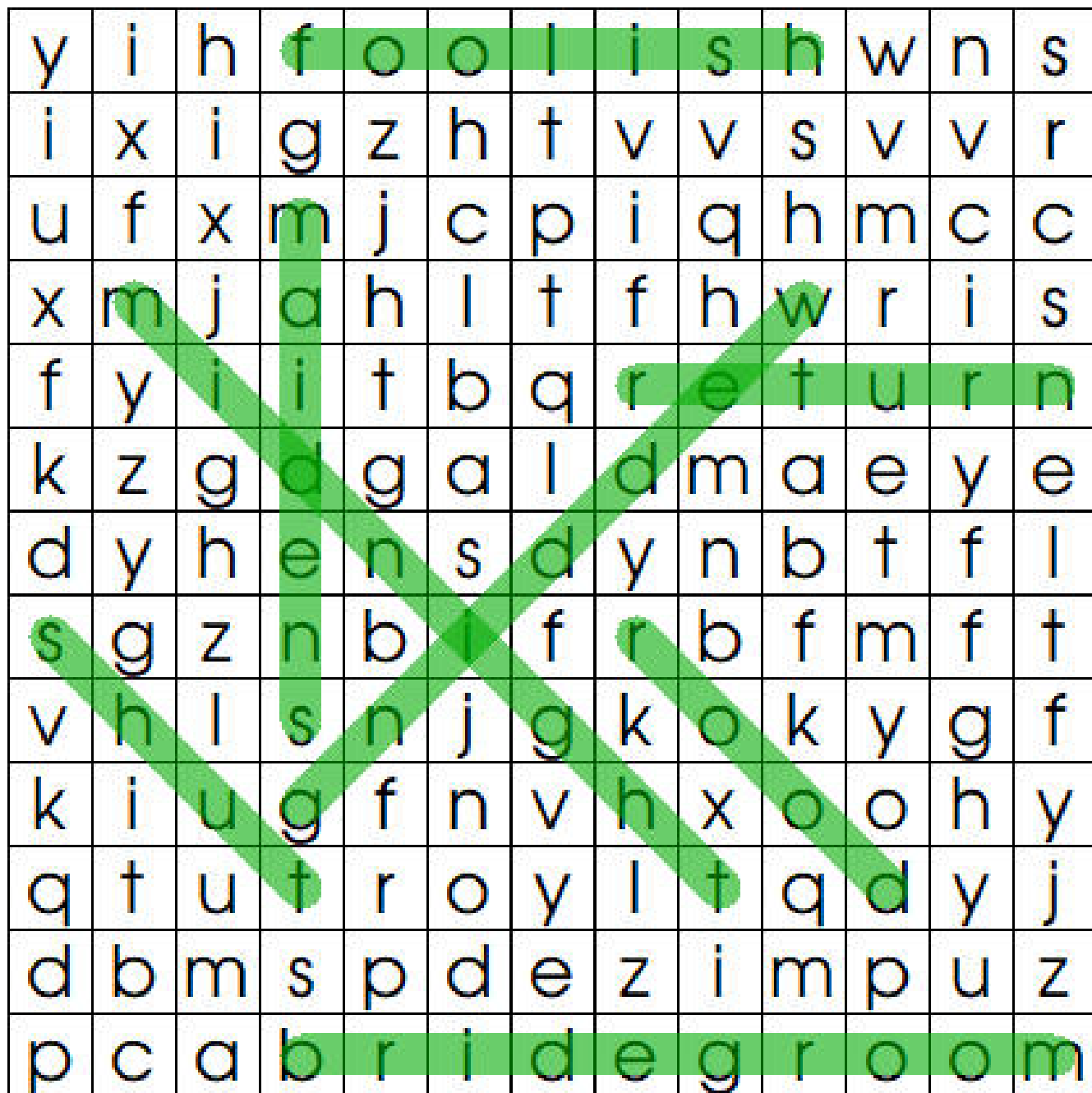
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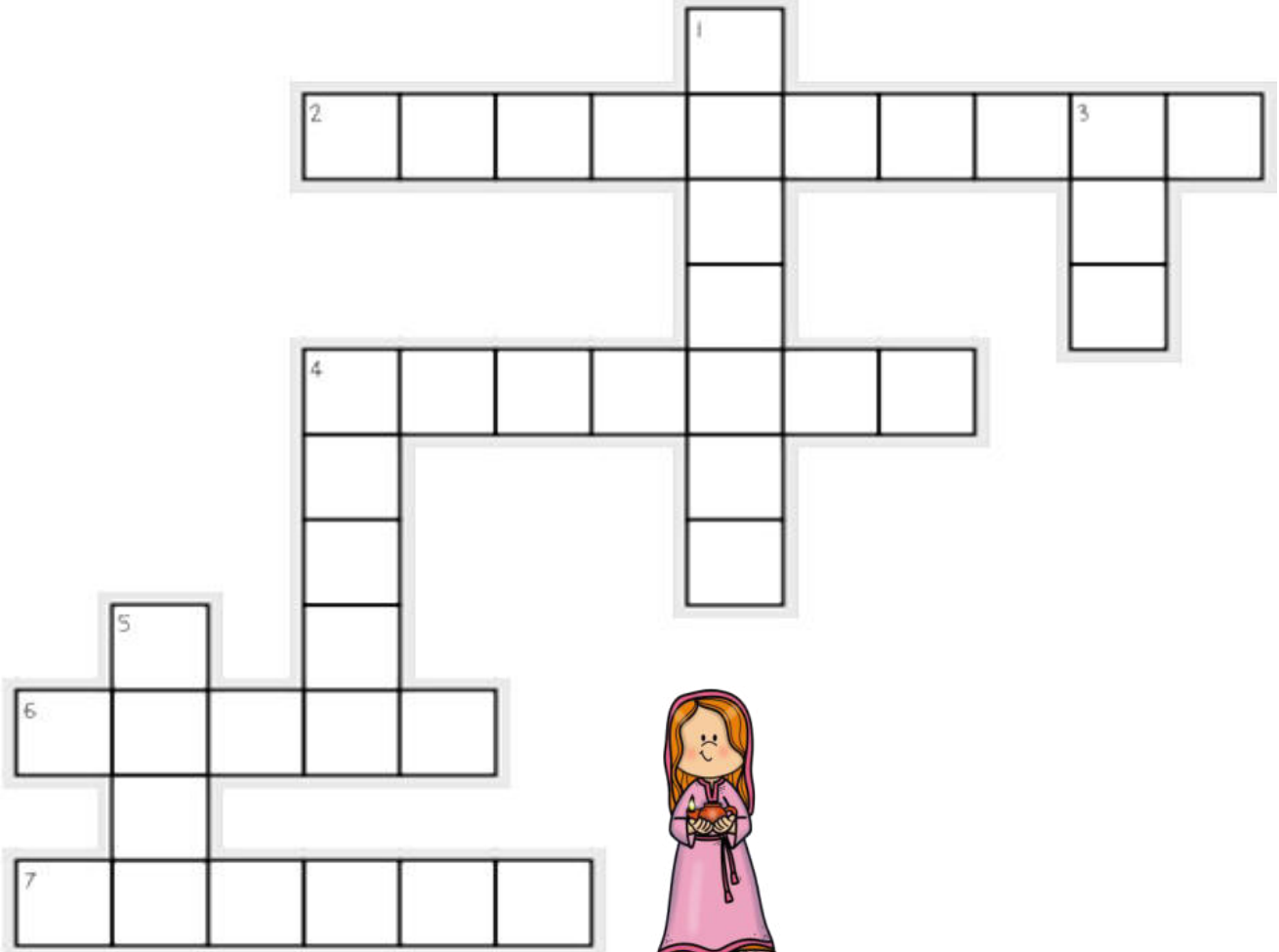
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Crossword Puzzle

Read each clue. Then, write the missing word in the puzzle.

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Across

- 2. "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you". Who said this? (10)
- 4. Five maidens were wise and five were (7)
- 6. While waiting for the bridegroom, all the maidens were and slept off (5)
- 7. We don't know when Jesus will so we need to be prepared (6)

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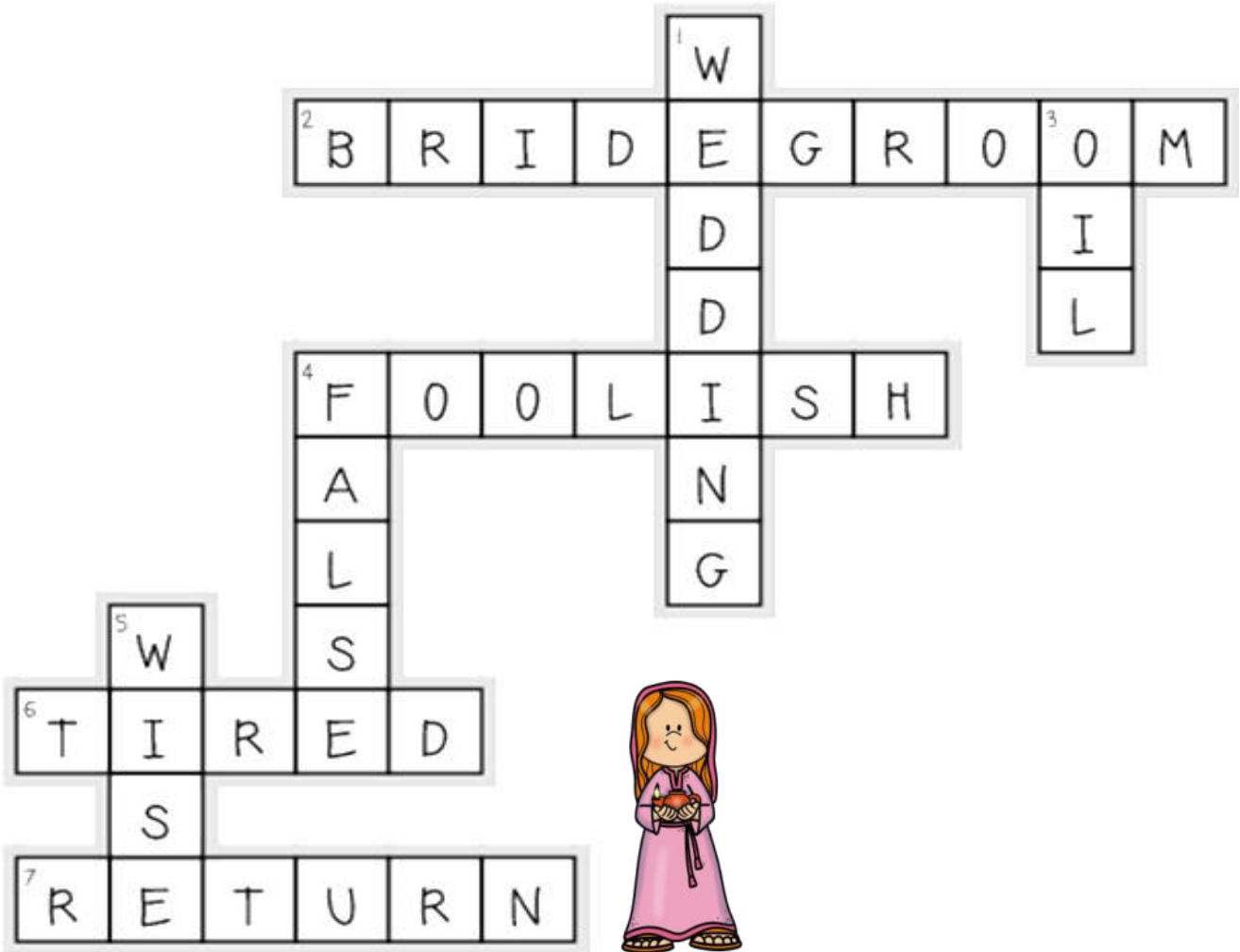
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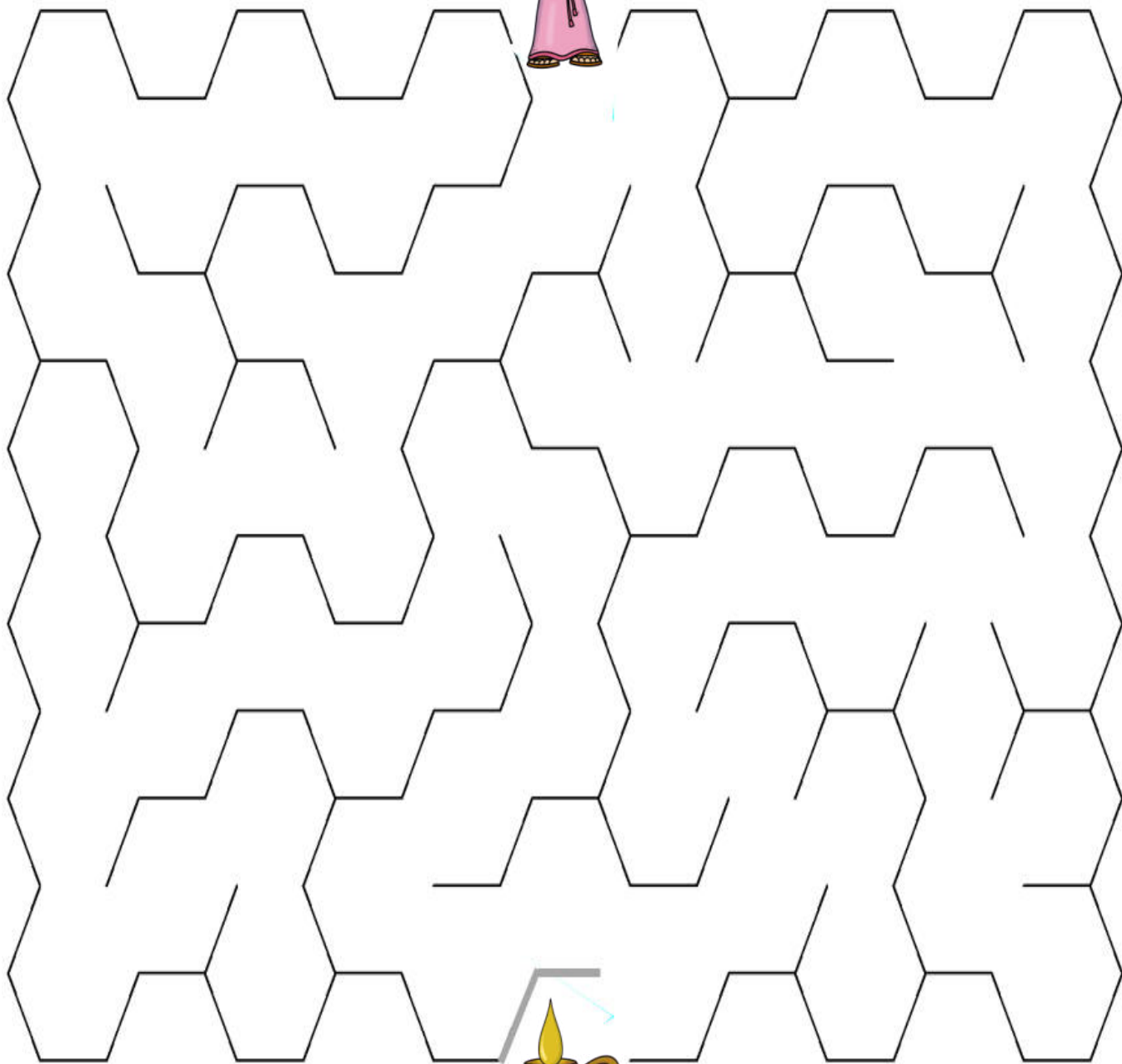
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Puzzle sheet

Hurry! The wise virgin needs to get the extra oil. Can you get her to the jar of oil?

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Word Scramble

Instruction: Unscramble the words below using clues from the word list

Name:

FETAS

IEBDR

SEIW

ERAVIR

DRYEA

CTWHA

ASMLP

ALPEES

Word list

Arrive

Ready

Watch

Bride



Wise

Lamps

Asleep

Feast