





Matthew is the first book of the New Testament. It shares the good news about Jesus, starting with His family tree. It tells us about Jesus' teaching, His journeys and His stories.

Jesus used stories to help people to think about God. He often used everyday objects, jobs or situations to make His message really clear to the people He was talking to. This week's story takes place at a wedding.

*The ten bridesmaids by Fellowship Kids Tulsa [\(1\) The Ten Bridesmaids | Matthew 25:1-13 - YouTube](#)
Ready or not by Gracelink*

[\(1\) Bible story "Ready or Not..." | Primary Year C Quarter 2 Episode 12 | Gracelink - YouTube](#)

Matthew 25 v1-13 by UCFD Youth [\(1\) Matt25 1 13 TenBridesMaids - YouTube](#)

Matthew 25 v1-13 KJV [\(1\) ENGLISH KJV | The Gospel of Matthew 25:1-13 - YouTube](#)

Bible in Lego [\(1\) The Ten Virgins \(Matthew 25:1-13, NASB\) - YouTube](#)

This little light of mine by Soweto Gospel Choir

[\(1\) This Little Light Of Mine - Soweto Gospel Choir.flv - YouTube](#)

Give me oil in my lamp by St Michael's by the Sea [\(1\) Give Me Oil in My Lamp - YouTube](#)

Are you ready? By ChristanKidSongs [\(1\) "ARE YOU READY" | kid song | Action Song - YouTube](#)

While I wait by Lincoln Brewster [\(1\) Lincoln Brewster -ewster](#)



– books that explore the same theme



by *Julia Donaldson* and *David Roberts*
George is a very kind giant who is always ready to help the people he meets.

[\(1\) Storytime for Kids Read Aloud: Smartest Giant in Town by Julia Donaldson - YouTube](#)



by *Kevin Henkes*
This is a story about five friends who wait together, next to a window. What will they see?

[\(1\) Read Aloud "Waiting" by Henkes - YouTube](#)

Each day over a mealtime, have a quick conversation. Here are a few questions to get you going.

- What things are easy to wait for and what things are hard?
- Who is the best person at waiting in your family?
- Who likes to be prepared?
- How does it feel to miss out on something?

Thinking about the characters...

- The wise girls
- The foolish girls
- The bridegroom
- The wedding guests

Think about each of the characters in the story and how they felt at the beginning, in the middle and at the end of the story. Would they do things differently at the next wedding they go to?

What treasures can you find to put in the box for your little ones to explore?

Perhaps older children could help find the things.



Use a box or a bag to hold the treasures and encourage any little ones to explore what's in the box/bag each week to go with the Bible story.



Something a child might wear to a wedding or some photographs of a wedding



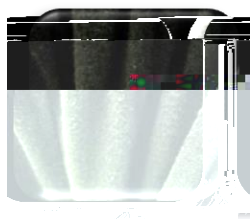
A torch



Something with rainbow colours for God's promise

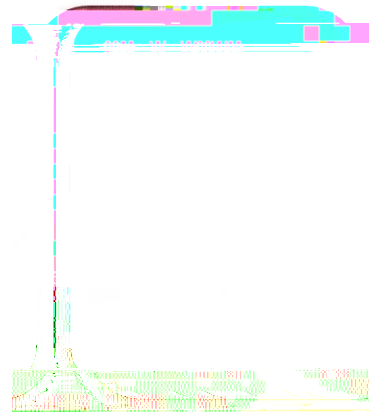


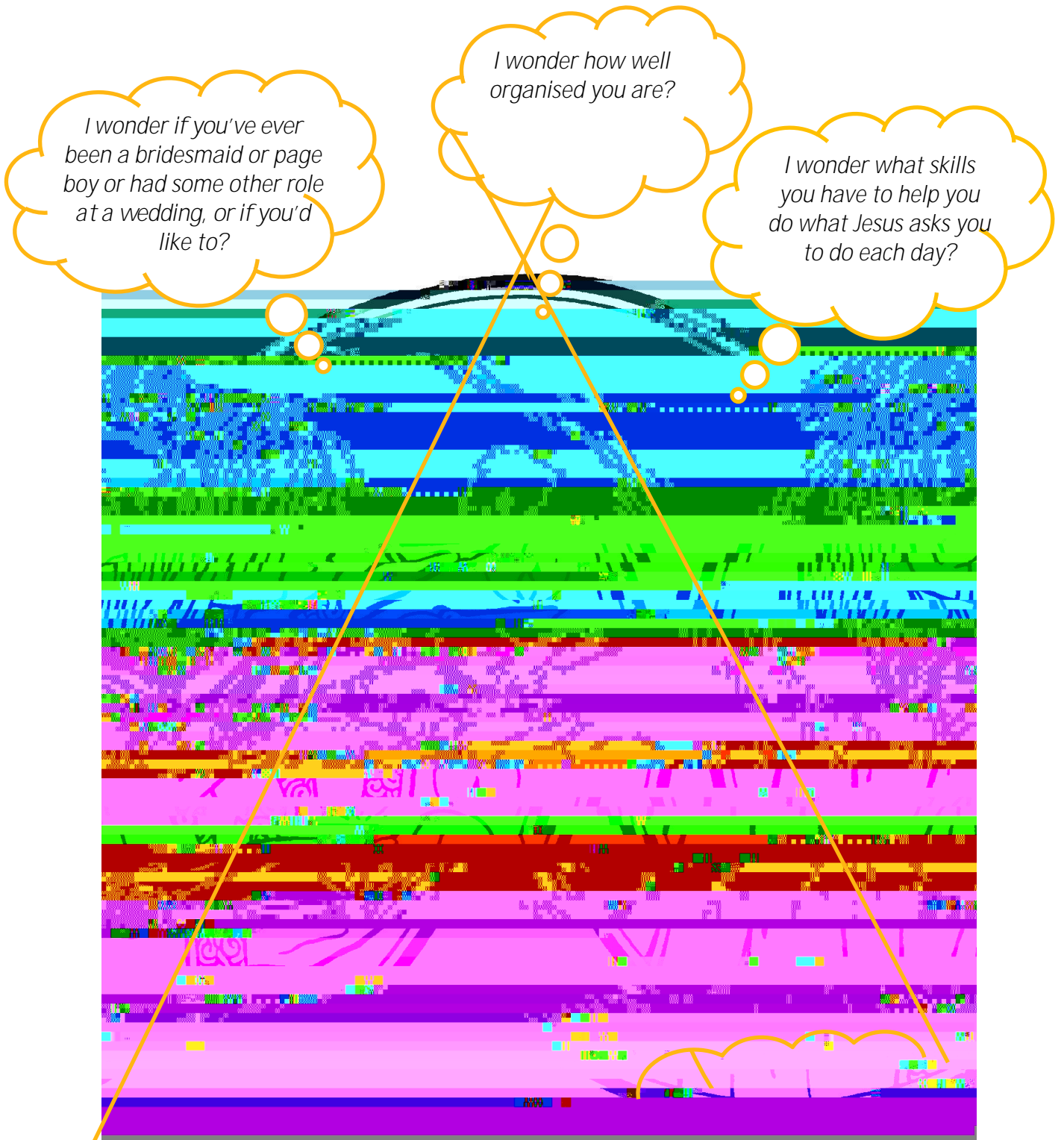
A watch or child's clock or sand timer

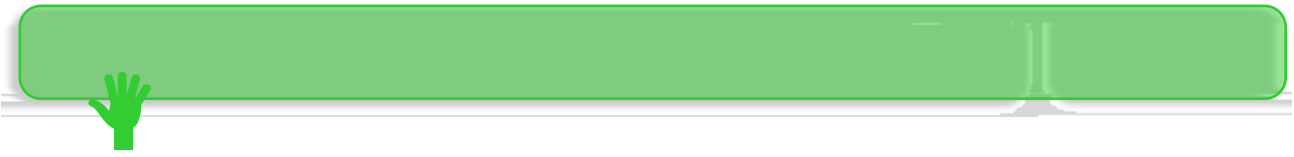


A dark piece of fabric to represent night-time

A child's Bible







*Jam jar
A tealight candle
Or A jam jar with a lid*



This week's story is all about being ready. And waiting patiently for God to ask you to do something. Of course, if we're going to be ready to hear God's voice, we need to listen. The Holy Spirit helps us to listen to God, so each morning this week, let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us be ready to hear God speaking to us and asking us to say yes.

Everyday Faith:

A bridesmaid, page boy or usher at a wedding helps the bride or groom with anything that they need to make the day go smoothly. They keep their eyes open for anything they need to do without being asked. Why not cut out a picture of your face from a photo and then design an outfit, or cut one from a magazine, and put your face as

Scrapbooking:

Take it Further:



