

A GAME for Great and Holy Tuesday from
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THE WISE VIRGIN'S OIL LAMP RACE

Time limit: **20 minutes** (leave plenty of time 😊)

Objective: **To fill your oil lamp with oil (virtues) and enter the wedding banquet on time.**

YOU WILL NEED

- One empty water bottle for each participant, label removed. (this is your oil lamp)
- Nine stations, one for each virtue. Each station will be set up with portions of mineral oil, or baby oil, for the lamps, (one small cup with about ¼ cup of liquid per participant at each station) but they will collect it each in a different way.
 - Love: the portions of oil should be tinted red or pink (Make sure to use the Wilton Candy Colors to dye the mineral oil; food coloring is water-based, and therefore, will not dye oil).
 - Joy: the portions of oil should be mixed with glitter
 - Peace: you get the cap for your oil lamp (water bottle) back.
 - Patience; participants must use a plastic pipette (or cotton swab, or straw) to drop the oil into their lamps.
 - Kindness: someone else must pour the oil into your lamp
 - Goodness: this station has a ½ cup portion of water (tinted yellow or blue for fun!) instead of oil. It will be much easier to pour and will make the oil lamp fun to shake and observe afterward!
 - Faithfulness: The portions of oil should be poured through a straw into the oil lamp
 - Gentleness: the portions of oil should contain a cotton ball which must be squeezed out and put into the lamp.
 - Self Control; The portions of oil should have a layer of dark green water (yuk!) under the oil which should be left behind when pouring the oil into the lamp.
- A finish line area, decorated with candles, (battery-operated ones are fine) and is complete with a banquet (snack) to be enjoyed upon completion of the task!

INSTRUCTIONS

Gather your participants and read the Gospel story of the Wise and Foolish Virgins. (Matthew 25:1-13)
Discuss the fact that we can prepare our souls to meet the Lord by filling our souls with virtues!

Give each participant their own empty water bottle and let them know that for this game, this is their oil lamp. When the group leader says "Hurry, the Bridegroom is coming!" they will need to visit each station, in any order they choose, and follow the instructions there. They are to take one portion (only one!) of the oil at each station to fill their lamp and must visit all nine stations! When all of the portions have been gathered and their lamp is full, they may enter the wedding banquet prepared for them! But hurry and do so before the doors are closed!