
Activity Time

Oil of Preparedness

Description: Take turns telling what we can do to prepare for the Second Coming; then put an oil drop into the lamp. With each drop of oil, raise the flame slightly. When all the oil drops are in the lamp, the flame should be full.

What you need:

- A copy of the “Oil of Preparedness” activity (artwork included with this lesson), scissors, glue, and tape

Preparation:

1. Cut out artwork.
2. Assemble lamp according to directions on instruction page.

Activity: (Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.)
Ask the following questions:
Who does the bridegroom represent in the parable of the ten virgins? (*The Savior.*)
Who do the ten virgins represent? (Members of the Church.)
What does the wedding represent? (The Savior’s Second Coming.)
What does the oil in the lamps represent? (Preparation for the Second Coming.)

Read: “In the parable, oil can be purchased at the market. In our lives, the oil of preparedness is accumulated drop by drop in righteous living.” Spencer W. Kimball

Divide up oil drops among family members. Hold the lamp in one hand and the end of the flame in the other with the flame not showing. Have family members take turns telling what they can do to prepare for the Second Coming; then putting their oil drop in the slit adjacent to the flame. With each drop of oil, raise the flame slightly. When all the oil drops are in the lamp the flame should be full.

Ask: Why didn’t the wise virgins share their oil?

Read: “The wise were not unkind or selfish when they refused oil to the foolish in the moment of truth. The kind of oil needed by all of us to light up the darkness and illuminate the way is not sharable.” Marvin J. Ashton

Conclude: Although we can’t share our oil of preparedness at the last days, as family members and as members of the Church we can help each other prepare for that time through love, encouragement, teaching the gospel and bearing testimony.



Paper Oil Lamp Instructions

1. Fold the flame in half along solid dark line. Glue together. Fold again along red line to serve as a stop for the flame when it is fully extended.
2. Fold handles in half along solid lines. Glue together.
3. Lay piece #2/3 face down on piece #1/2; leaving a 1/4 inch space along side #2 (see diag.1). (The numbers showing on wrong side in diagram is for placement purposes only.)
4. Fold the 1/4-inch space on piece #1/2 over the top of piece #2/3; tape securely (see diag. 2).
5. Lay piece #3/4 face up on piece #2/3; leaving a 1/4-inch space along side #3 (see diag. 3).
6. Fold the 1/4-inch space on piece #2/3 over the top of piece #3/4; tape securely (see diag. 4).
7. Repeat with remaining pieces until all six pieces are taped together fan style. (Do not tape piece #1/2 to piece #8/1 at this point or you won't be able to open without tearing.)
8. Reinforce the seams on top and bottom with more tape. Carefully open; with all pieces facing out; forming a ball.
9. Fold down 1/4-inch along side #1 of piece #1/2 and tape securely to piece #1/8 to form the vessel of the lamp.
10. Tape top onto vessel to cover the hole.
11. Tape bottom onto vessel to cover the hole.
12. Put handle ends into the slits on sides of vessel and tape securely.
13. Thread flame through slit in bottom and corresponding slit in top.

Diagram (1)

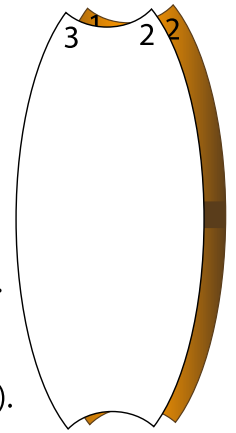


Diagram (2)

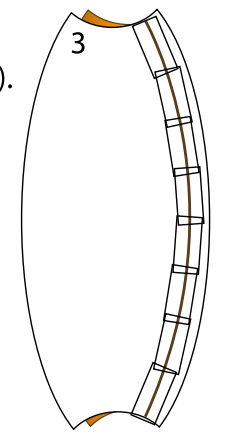


Diagram (3)

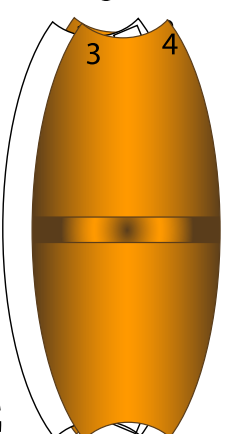


Diagram (4)

