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Signs & Wonders

Doctrine and Covenants 45

Objectives:

- Discuss the signs of the times preceding the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and how we can be spiritually prepared.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Preparation

Reverence Time

Song: “When He Comes Again” Children’s Songbook, page 82

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/when-he-comes-again>

Scripture: Doctrine and Covenants 45:56-57

“And at that day, when I shall come in my glory, shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the ten virgins. For they that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived—verily I say unto you, that they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day.”

Video: Watch this week’s clip from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. Find the clip at <https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-signs>

Lesson

Summary:

In section 45, Joseph Smith receives a revelation about the signs that will appear before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. There will be some terrible things like wars, earthquakes, sickness, and sin, but there will also be really great things, like the gospel spreading around the world, temples being built, and hope through Jesus Christ. We are promised that we need not fear if we are prepared.

In this section, we are reminded of the parable of the ten virgins. Ten virgins were waiting for the bridegroom to arrive so the wedding could begin. Five of the virgins were wise and had plenty of oil for their lamps. Five were foolish and weren't prepared and didn't have enough oil. When the bridegroom came later than expected, only the five who were wise were able to attend. In this parable, the ten virgins represent the members of the church and the oil represents our spiritual preparation. The wedding represents the Savior's Second Coming. It's important for us to prepare ourselves spiritually for the Second Coming of the Savior. If we are prepared, we can look forward to His coming with joy.

Quote:

"It's all in the holy scriptures, and of all the great events of the history of the world, as far as the prophets have foretold, the greatest is the preparation for the coming of the Savior in the latter days, when He will come in power and great glory, with all the holy angels, as King of kings and Lord of lords." LeGrand Richards

Questions:

What are some of the signs that will appear before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ?

Have some of these signs already happened?

How can we be spiritually prepared for the Second Coming?

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)

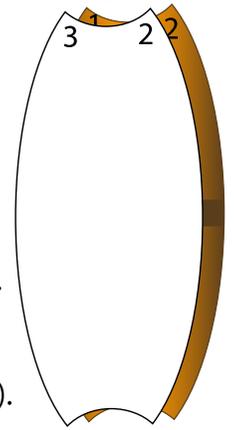


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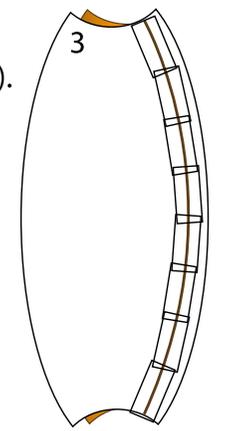


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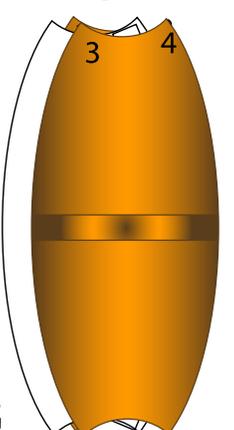
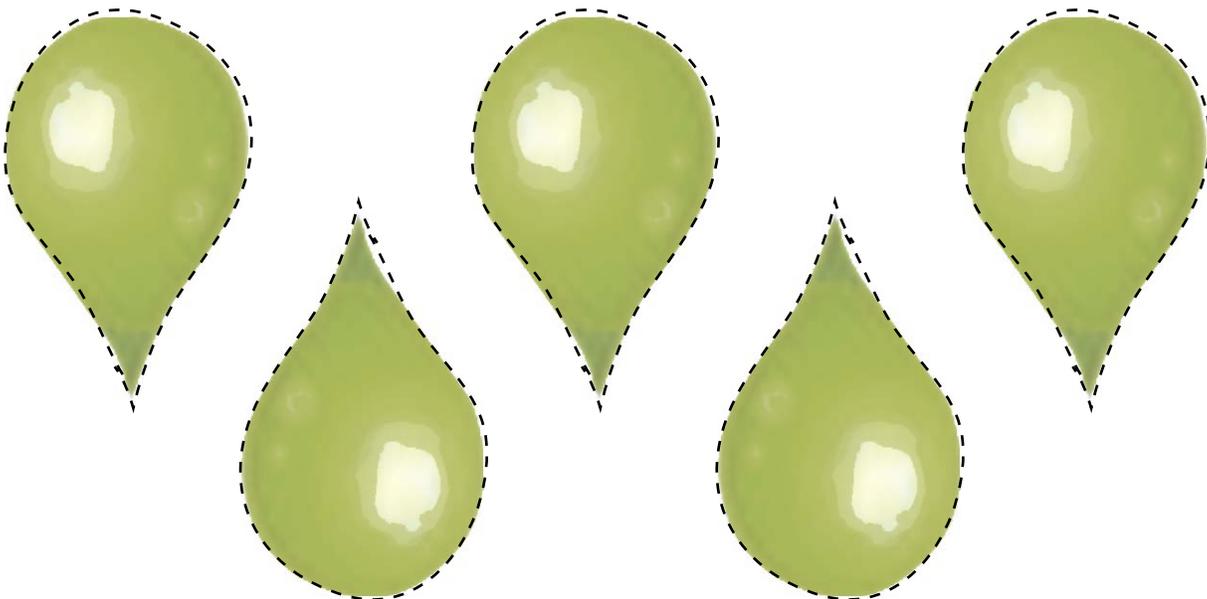
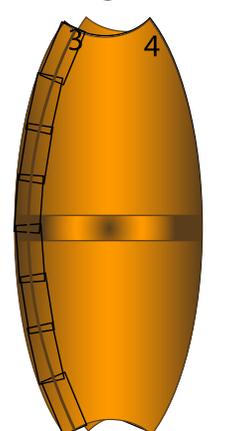
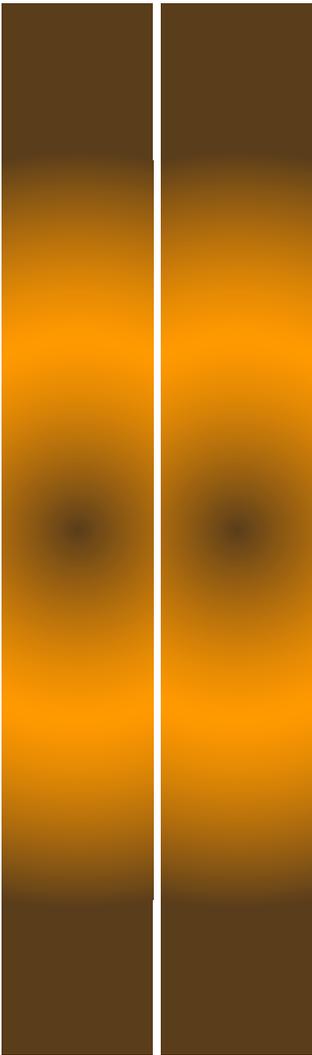
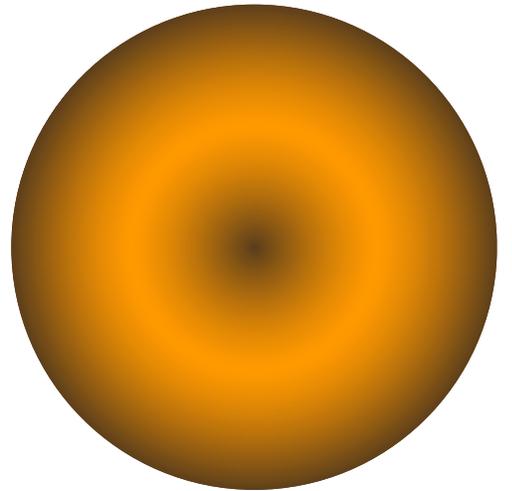
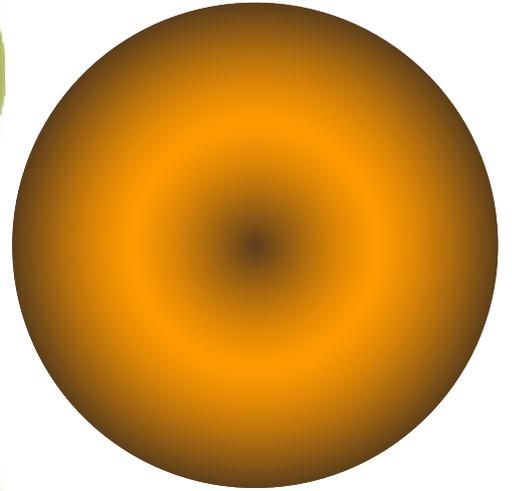
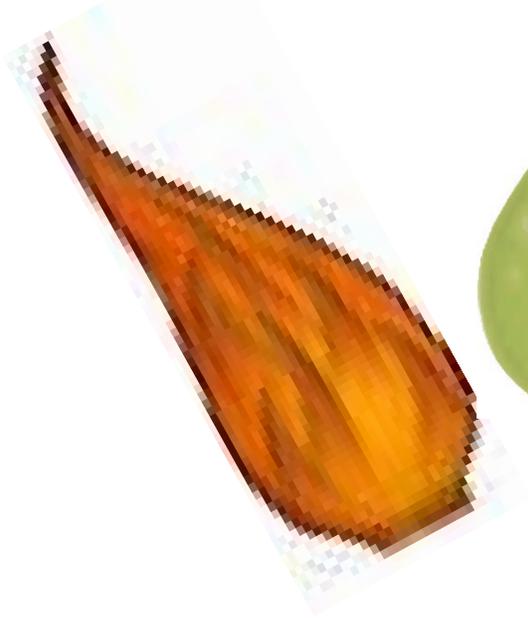
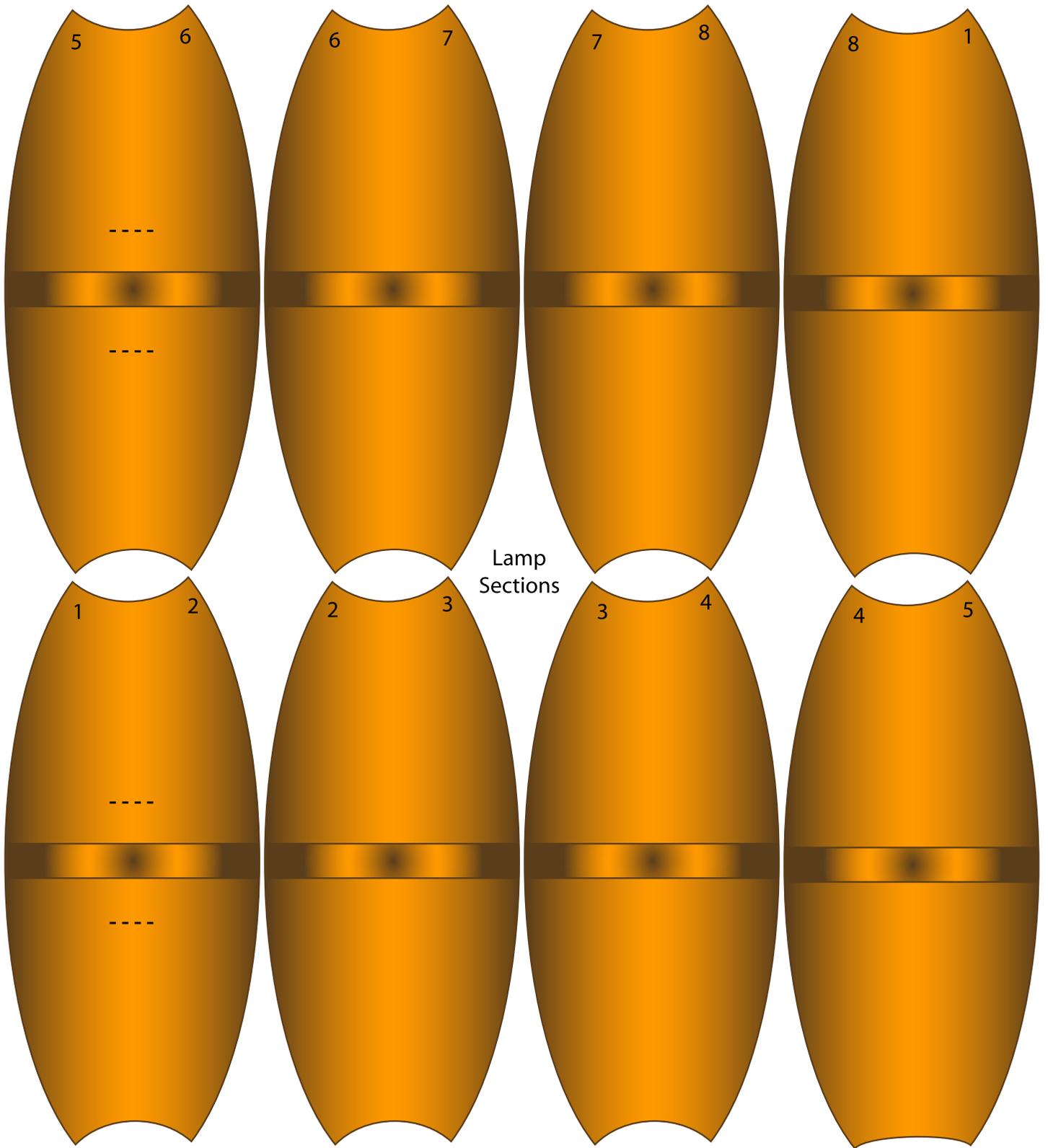


Diagram (4)







Lamp
Sections

Treat Time

"The Sun" Treats (Lemon Chiffon Cream Tarts)

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes
Chill Time: 15 minutes



Ingredients: **Crust**

3 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 cup all-purpose flour
15 drops yellow food coloring

Filling

1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1/3 cup lemon juice
2 (10 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, softened
20 drops yellow food coloring

Instructions: Crust: Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Blend with electric mixer, cream cheese with the butter. Stir in flour just until mixed well. Chill for 15 minutes. Dough can be made ahead and chilled for up to 24 hours.

Treat Time: Divide dough into 12 balls. Give each family member one ball. Press or roll into a four inch circle. Pinch around edges into points to make sun rays. Press into muffin cups. Pierce bottoms and sides of crusts with fork. Bake for 10 minutes, or until light brown. Prepare filling while crusts bake.

Filling: Mix together until smooth the sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice and 15 ounces whipped topping. Reserve 5 ounces of whipped topping for garnish. Pour into baked shells. If you are not going to eat immediately, cool crust before adding filling. Top your suns with clouds if desired (the reserved 5 ounces of whipped topping).