LET IT SHINE
Teachers' Instructions
12. Five Were Ready

OBJECTIVES
Teach the parable of the ten virgins. We will call them "ladies" because preschoolers don't understand the meaning of "virgins." Show how important it is to be ready for Jesus by letting our lights shine! This lesson will be continued next week.

PREPARATION
Print the graphic with the lesson text at the bottom. Be ready to tell the story. If you are printing from the book or CD, you may want to print one master copy, add eyes and frowns to those in the distance and dots for eyes to those who are closer, then print from your master copy (or add the eyes onto the book page). If you have the CD, but don't have a copy machine, too, you could quickly add eyes and frowns to all of the pages if your class is not too large. If you plan to use the song, "Ten Little Ladies," make copies for all students and helpers. You can use it again next week. There is a cut and paste activity, which would work best if printed on cover stock. Use bright blue or another color for the page with the frown and 5 on one side and a 5 and smile on the other side. The lamps could be printed on yellow or gold. Use crayons or markers to add a little more color to the fire on the lamps. There are enough for two students on each page. These take a long time to cut out, so if you don't have time to do it yourself, plan ahead and ask a teenager or adult who is not teaching a class to help you. Put five with lights lit and five without fire in each envelope or baggie so they will be ready to hand out in class. Make copies of the page with graphics for students to circle the pictures that were in the lesson. Copy the PRC cards and cut them.

BIBLE STUDY: Matthew 25:1-13

LESSON
Teach everything on the coloring page, but in your own words. It is too difficult to explain to a preschooler that we will meet Jesus in the air and be with Him in heaven. Instead, keep emphasizing that they should let their lights shine for Jesus. They will be ready for Jesus because their lights are shining, and they are ready for Him to see their lights.

ACTIVITIES
Children will love gluing on the lamps! Circle the pictures depicting the lesson. Do it together if you have very young ones so they won't make a mistake. Let them color.

SONGS AND PRAYER
If you are using flashlights, this will be an especially important lesson to sing "This Little Light of Mine." My students have enjoyed doing it **every** class, and look forward to taking a flashlight home at the end of the 13th lesson! It is a highlight of every class. Even if you are not using flashlights, the song would be good for this lesson. Another good song would be "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam." Have a prayer.