

## **FUN FISH – Every Toddler COUNTS**

### **Session 10: Don't Be Lazy - TEN – Those TEN Girls**

**Memory Line:** "You are precious to me." (Isaiah 43:4 NLT)

**Welcome:**

**Theme Song:** to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.*

*Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.*

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.*

### **Number and Topic:**

You can find the number TEN in a zoo. Most monkeys have TEN toes! And they can eat with their toes as well! Have you ever tried? Can you eat peas just by using your toes? Of course not! You use a fork or spoon.

### **Bible Story: Those TEN Girls (Matthew 25:1-13)**

Dolls, puppets or dressed up wooden spoons:

Ten girls –

Bride and groom

**Materials needed:** (feel free to swap the materials with what you have)

A wedding invitation – a folded piece of paper or a card

Ten lamps – you could also use ten birthday candles

Door – you could use a piece of card or a breakfast cereal box...

### **Reflective Time (interactive):**

Ask the children – Do you ever feel lazy and don't want to brush your teeth or wash your hands? You don't want to put your shoes away? Why do you think these are good to do?

**Bean Bag Prayer:** "Dear God, help me not to be lazy. Amen."

**Sing a song:**

"Every Toddler COUNTS" card for this session:



### **Story 10: Those TEN Girls (Matthew 25:1-13)**

Jesus told a story about TEN big girls. Each one got a card. It said, "The wedding is tonight! Bring a lamp."

All TEN girls found a lamp. All TEN girls polished them. But when girls one, two, three, four, and five, looked inside their lamps, not much oil was left. "Never mind," they said. "We will have enough for the wedding."

So those first five girls washed their faces. They put on their dresses and hurried to the wedding. But they got there too early and sat on the grass.

Girls six, seven, eight, nine and TEN, looked inside their lamps as well. "Oh no!" they said. "Not much there." They ran to the shops. They each bought a bottle of oil and then they ran all the way home.

They washed their hot faces. They put on nice dresses. They huffed and puffed as they ran to the wedding. But it still hadn't started, so they sat down as well.

The first five laughed. "What a waste of time. The wedding will soon begin."

But they waited and waited. Soon they all fell asleep. Suddenly, at midnight a shout woke them up. "The wedding has begun!"

The TEN girls jumped up and rubbed their eyes. It was dark. Their lamps had gone out. Girls one to five said, "We have run out of oil. Please give us some."

Girls six to ten said, "We only have just enough. Go buy some yourselves."

Those first five girls ran off. Huff and puff. But by the time they got back, the doors were locked. They never got in.

Jesus looked at the people. "Please, don't be lazy," he said. "Be like girls six to ten. Always be ready! You never know when I will come."