



## Wiki 5 – Whiringa ā rangi / November 12

### Kaupapa: Te kupu whakarite o ngā wāhine tekau

**Mihimihi /  
Introduction**  
10 mins

Kia ora everybody, mihi to tamariki  
Icebreaker

**Pānui /  
Reading**  
5min

Matiu 25: 1-13

Matthew 25: 1-13

**Rārangi o te rā**

Kia mataara rāpea koutou, e kore hoki koutou e mōhio ki te rā, ki te hāora, e puta mai ai te Tama a te tangata.

*Matiu 25: 13*

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

*Matthew 25: 13*

**Kupu o te rā**

**hāora**

**hour**

**Activity**  
20mins

- Preparing for a kai tahi
- Napkin folding

**Waiata**

**Conclusion  
Evaluation**  
5mins

What did we learn? Positives, negatives, suggestions?

Feedback from tamariki/whanau

### Resources needed:

Bible

Kai for kai tahi

Thick serviettes/ napkins

Paper clips, if using on napkins





## Pānui / readings:

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### Matiu 25: 1-13

Ka timata te panui kei te pukapuka o Matiu, te 25 o ngā upoko, ki te whiti 1

“Nā, ka rite te rangatiratanga o te rangi ki ngā wāhine kotahi tekau, i mau i ā rātou rama, ā, haere ana ki te whakatau i te tāne mārena hou. <sup>2</sup>Tokorima o rātou he maharakore, tokorima he mahara. <sup>3</sup>Ko ngā mea maharakore i mau i a rātou rama, kīhai ia i mau hinu. <sup>4</sup>Ko te hunga mahara i mau hinu atu i roto i a rātou ipu me a rātou rama. <sup>5</sup>Ka whakaroa te tāne mārena hou, ka tunewha rātou katoa, ka moe. <sup>6</sup>Nā, i waenganui pō, ka pā te karanga, ‘Ē, ko te tāne mārena hou! Puta mai koutou ki te whakatau i a ia!’

<sup>7</sup>Kātahi ka ara katoa aua wāhine, ka whakapai i a rātou rama. <sup>8</sup>Nā, ka mea te hunga maharakore ki te hunga mahara, ‘Homai ki a mātou tētahi wāhi o tā koutou hinu; ka pirau hoki ā mātou rama.’ <sup>9</sup>Nā, ka whakahoki te hunga mahara, ka mea, ‘Kāhore! Kei kore e ranea mā mātou, mā koutou; engari, me haere koutou ki ngā kaihoko, hoko ai i tētahi mā koutou.’

<sup>10</sup>Ā, nō tō rātou haerenga atu ki te hoko, ka tae mai te tāne mārena hou; ā, tomo tahi ana me ia ki te mārena te hunga kua āta rite; ā, tūtakina ana te tatau. <sup>11</sup>Muri iho ka tae ēra wāhine, ka mea, ‘E te Ariki, e te Ariki, uakina ki a mātou.’ <sup>12</sup>Nā, ka whakahoki ia, ka mea, ‘He pono tāku e mea nei ki a koutou, kāhore ahau e mohio ki a koutou.’

<sup>13</sup>Kia mataara rāpea koutou, e kore hoki koutou e mōhio ki te rā, ki te hāora, e puta mai ai te Tama a te tangata.”

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### Matthew 25: 1-13

Today’s reading comes from the book of Matthew, chapter 25, beginning at verse 1

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” <sup>12</sup>But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.’

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## Reflection notes by:

### Reverend Deacon Charlotte Horton-Woolley

*Te Puaha o Waikato ki Hauraki, Te Hui Amorangi o Te Manawa o Te Wheke*

Firstly, let us remind ourselves of what a **parable** is? Parables are **short stories** used in the Bible to teach or help explain ideas and lessons taught by Jesus.

In this parable **Jesus** is the **Groom**.

The **Wedding** Celebration is **Heaven**.

We as **believers** are the **5 bridesmaids with oil** for their lamps; who were **permitted** to enter the Wedding party.

The **5 Bridesmaids** who **didn't have oil**, were **not allowed** to go to the Celebrations.

The **oil** in the lamp represents **God's presence** in our lives.

The **Holy Spirit** is the fire burning.

Belief, in constant movement; to not let that flame go out.

This **story** teaches us that we must always be **prepared** for **Christ's return**.

**No one knows when this will be**. It may be tomorrow or it may be in **100 years**.

**No one knows**.

**What** does being **prepared** look like?

**How** do we keep our **oil** full and ready?

**For Example;**

- \* Focusing on Christ / Christ centred.
- \* Being Christ-like. Discipleship.
- \* Maintaining the **10 Commandments**.
- \* Daily Prayer. Preaching/Sharing.
- \* Being kind, giving and forgiving;
- \* Remembering that God is **LOVE**.

**Again**, as this parable shows us, **not all people** will be given automatic entry into Heaven.

However, there is always **hope**. **God's love and forgiveness** enables the opportunity for faith and belief to open that door for **ALL**.

**Heavenly Father,**

Let us keep the **fire burning**. Keep our **oil full**.

May we **maintain** our focus so at **Christ's return** we are by his side, truly prepared for that awesome **Celebration!**

**Glory** to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. **Amen**





## Pātai mō ngā tamariki:

In this story, there are two types of people. Those who were prepared, and those who weren't. Who has ever had the power go out in their house? Were you scared? Were your parents prepared? Did they have candles or torches easily available? Or did they have to hunt around for them?

In this parable, think of this: **Jesus** is the Groom.

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Who was prepared? (The 'ladies' with the oil in their lamps)

They didn't realise that they would be waiting so long did they? (No)

Sometimes we don't know how long we are going to be waiting for something - a baby to be born, how many times we need to practise a trick before we perfect it, and many other things.

But the key thing is what you are doing in the lead up. Are you sitting around expecting that you will be good at the trick the first time you do it? (No)

When a baby is going to be born, do we not get the house ready, get clothes, and do a lot of things in preparation for it? (Yes)

You could have further discussion on the need to prepare for things, then read the prayer offered by Rev. Charlotte below

**Heavenly Father,**

Let us keep the fire burning. Keep our oil full.

May we maintain our focus so at **Christ's return** we are by his side, truly prepared for that awesome **Celebration!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

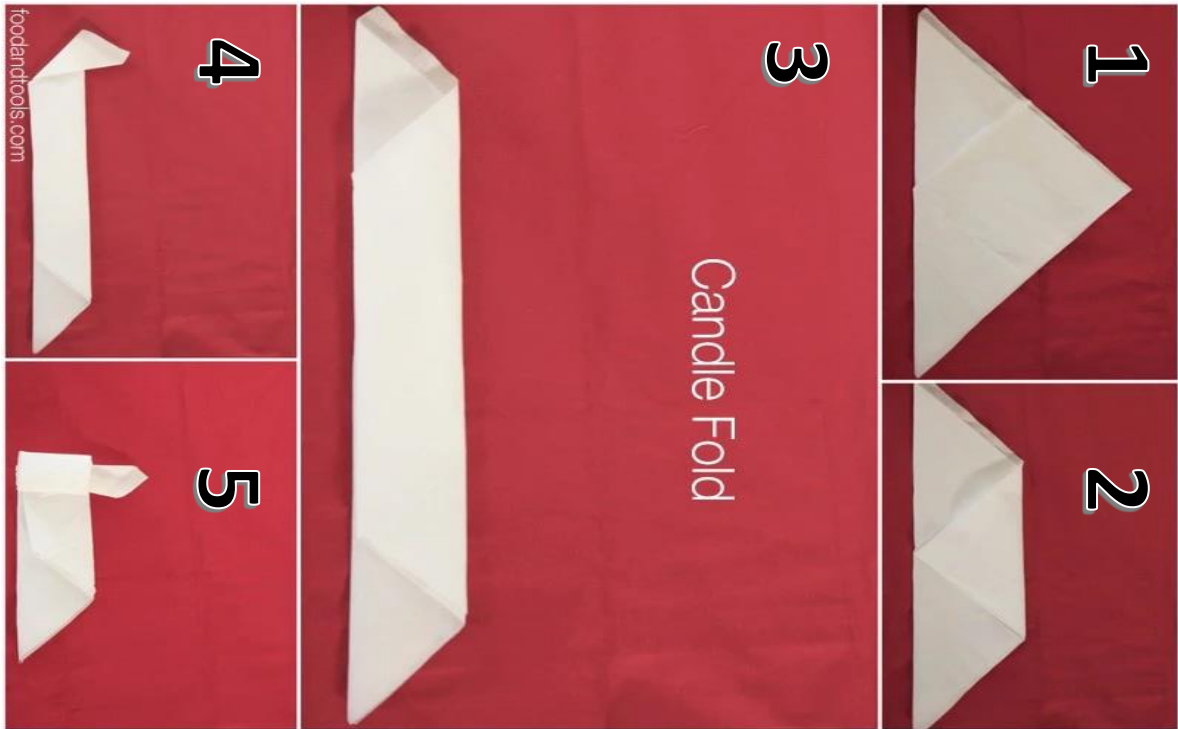
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## Activity – Preparing for a hakari, napkin folding

Get tamariki to set up the wharekai/kai area for a kai tahi. This involves setting up the tables, getting the kai ready, making the drinks, etc. You could also have some decorations. See [these ideas](#) for how to fold serviettes. OR, here are some below...



### Instructions:

1. Fold your napkin in a triangle with the open end away from you
2. Fold the top point down to meet the bottom
3. Fold the top bit down to meet the bottom again
4. Fold the left end upwards so that there is a bit that sticks above the top edge. This is the burning candle part.
5. Roll the candle from the left to the end of the right.

When the napkins have been folded / rolled, you could:

- Secure the back with a decorative and colourful paper clip.
- Just fold the end under, this will help the napkin from unfolding.
- Adhesive the paper with a little bit of water





## For something a bit trickier, try...

The Bishop's Hat (website reference = <https://www.napkinfoldingguide.com/04-bishopshat/>)



1. Lay the napkin face down in front of you.



2. Fold the dinner napkin in half so that the open end is towards you.



3. Fold the far-right corner diagonally towards you, resting the point in the center of the side closest to you.



4. Fold the near-left corner diagonally away from you, resting it so that it lays right next to the previous fold.



5. Flip the napkin over and orient it so it points to the far-left and to the near-right.



6. Fold the bottom half of the napkin up and away from you, laying it so the far edges run on top of one other.



7. Reach underneath of the napkin and pull out the flap on the right, making the near-side come to two points as seen in the picture.



8. Gently roll the left half of the left triangle over and tuck it's end underneath the right triangle.



9. Flip the napkin over, points pointing away from you.



10. Fold the right-triangle to the left, tucking it's end into the other triangle.



11. Open up the hat and press the material inside down to fill it out so that it becomes circular, this may take a little fidgeting.

