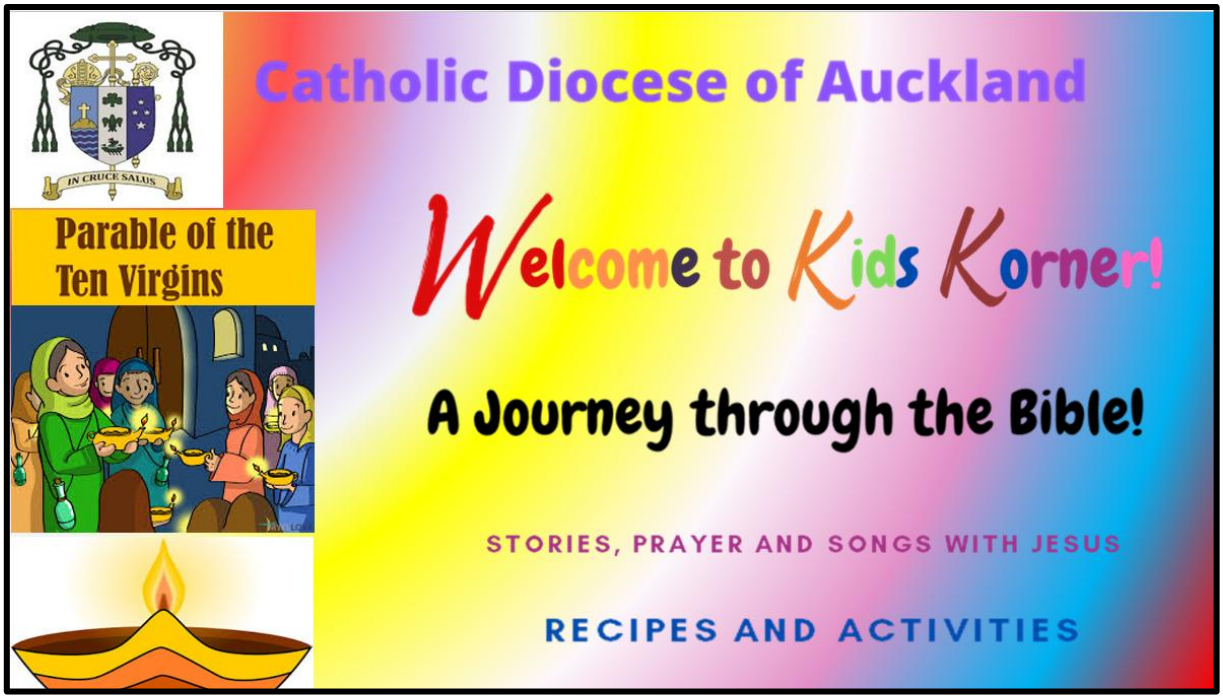

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Diwali (Festival of Lights) November 8th
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Exploring our Faith with Children
Celebrating our November Saints

One day Jesus told this parable:

Ten bridesmaids were getting ready for a wedding,
and together they went to greet the bridegroom.
They were not sure when he would come or how
long they would have to wait.

Five of them were sensible girls who brought flasks
of oil to refill their lamps; the other five girls didn't.
The bridegroom was late and after waiting all afternoon and all
evening, the bridesmaids finally fell asleep.
It was already midnight when somebody cried,

"The bridegroom is coming!
Quickly go and greet him!"

the wise bridesmaids refilled their lamps
and went to meet him, but the lamps
belonging to the other five girls had gone out,
and they had to go off to buy more oil.
When they returned, the bridegroom and the five bridesmaids
had already gone into the wedding hall.

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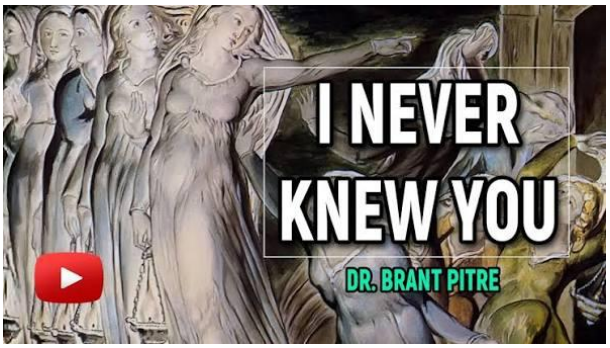

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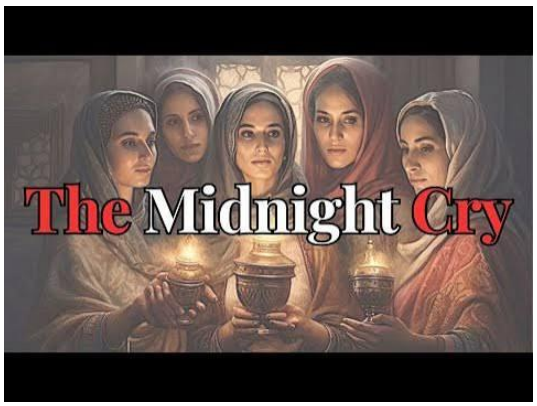

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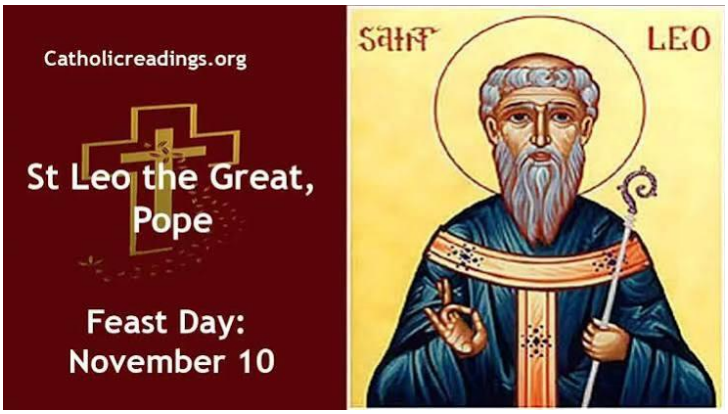

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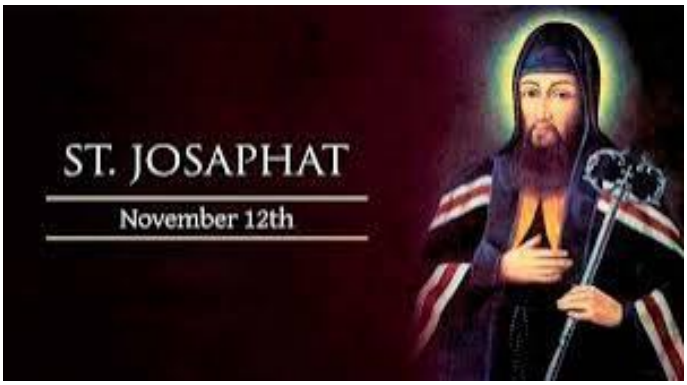

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Slow-Cooker Tomato & Chickpea Soup

Ingredients

3 cans diced tomatoes

1 brown onion, chopped coarsely

1 stalk celery, trimmed and sliced thickly

3 cans chickpeas, drained and rinsed

1 3/4 cup chicken stock1

2 tsp smoked paprika

1/3 cup sour cream

3 cloves garlic, chopped coarsely

1 tbs caster sugar

Method

- Place the tomatoes, onion, garlic, celery, chickpeas, stock, paprika, and sugar into a 4.5-litre (18-cup) slow cooker.
- Cover and cook on low for 8 hours.
- Take out 2 cups of the chickpeas with a slotted spoon and set them aside in a bowl.
- Let the remaining soup rest for 10 minutes, then blend it until smooth.
- Stir the reserved whole chickpeas back into the blended soup and season with salt and pepper to taste.
- Serve hot topped with a dollop of sour cream and crusty bread.

Dairy free date loaf

Ingredients

- 1 cup chopped dried dates
- 2 tablespoon golden syrup
- 1 cup (250ml) boiling water
- ½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- ¾ cup rolled oats
- 1 ¼ cups plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

Method

1. Preheat the oven to moderate (180°C) and grease a loaf pan.
2. Combine dates and golden syrup in a large heatproof bowl
3. Add the water and leave to stand for 15 minutes.
4. Add sugar, rolled oats and sifted flour and baking soda.
5. Stir into the date mixture until well combined.
6. Spread the mixture into the prepared loaf pan and bake for approximately 50 minutes or until cooked through to the centre.
7. Stand 5 minutes before turning onto wire rack to cool.

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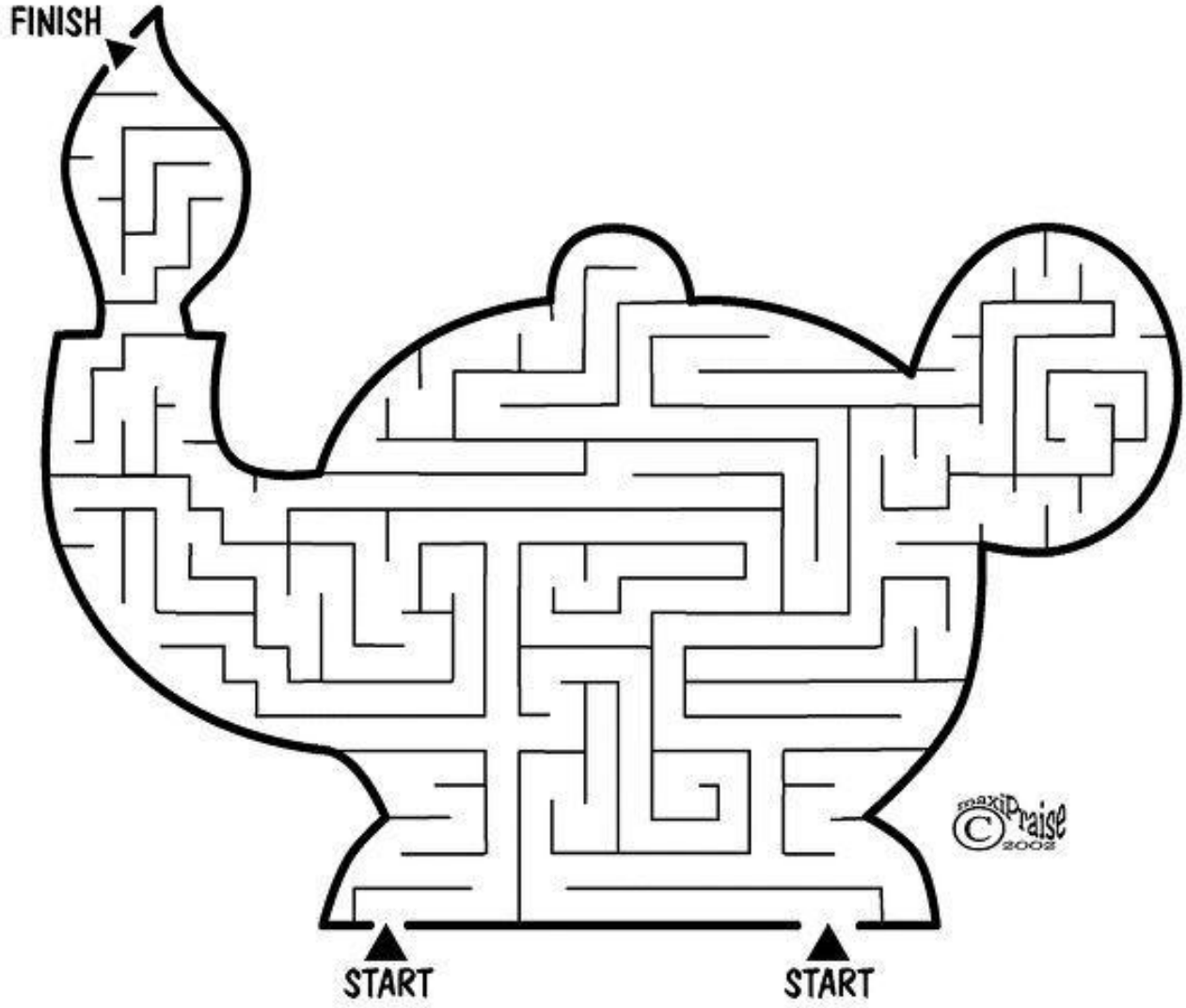
The Ten Maidens

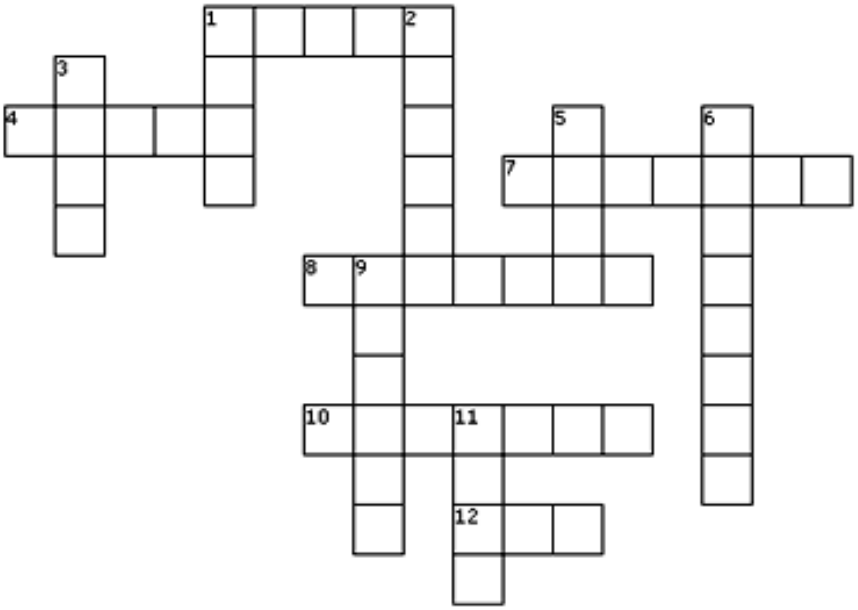
Just like the Ten Maidens who had a choice to take extra oil and be prepared for the coming of the bridegroom, you have a choice of which path to take. One will lead you to the light. The other path will lead to darkness.



Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven was like ten maidens who were waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. Five of the maidens were wise and took extra oil for their lamps. The other five were foolish and didn't take any extra oil. By the time the bridegroom arrived the foolish five had left to buy some more oil. Only the five wise maidens still had their lights burning and were able to go in with the bridegroom. We need to spend time with Jesus every day filling up with the light of His love so that when He comes again He will be able to recognise us. Then we will be able to go into the Kingdom of Heaven with Him.

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

Matthew 25:1-13



ACROSS

1. To observe or look at something
4. Devices used to produce light
7. Someone who does not use good judgment is _____.
8. A feast or meal held in recognition of some person or occasion
10. Ceremony in which a man and a woman are married.
12. A liquid that is often used to make fuel.

DOWN

1. Someone who has good judgment and makes good decisions is _____.
2. Where God lives
3. Made a sound like a bell
5. To arrive at a particular place; the opposite of go
6. 12 o'clock at night
9. Not awake
11. A swinging or sliding cover over the place where someone usually enters a room