



TRAIL TIP:

Don't wait until after dark to fill the lamp.

Illustration:

Use two oil lamps. Fill one with clear lamp oil. Fill the other with clear water. Have matches ready.

The picture on the right is of my Grandma's Aladdin Oil Lamp; carefully handed down to me via my Uncle, my Dad's brother. These lamps, common in the 1930s, 1940s use special oil, not your normal kerosene lamps. It is still useable today; we have it displayed in our home.

Matthew 25:8

And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

In the Bible, Oil represents the Holy Spirit of God. He, the Holy Spirit, is possibly the most misunderstood part of the Trinity. In fact, we find that most kids don't even know there is a Trinity until we explain the concept.

Jesus illustrates the concept with the story of the 10 virgins/young ladies invited to the wedding. Five were foolish; five were wise.

[Refer to Matthew 25: 1-13]. The story refers to the second coming of Christ depicting 5 people that have the "real deal" and five people that do not.

Set up your two lamps. Can you tell by looking at the outside which lamp has the oil and which lamp has water? Try lighting them. Obviously one is going to burn; one is not.

When a person is saved/born-again the Bible says: **Romans 8:9**

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

What about you? Are you filled with "oil" that is the Holy Spirit like in *Matthew 25*? Or with water that won't burn, that is, not the real deal? Remember, don't wait until dark to fill the lamp; it's too late then.

To be filled with the Spirit, you must first be BORN-AGAIN.

[Present Salvation].

