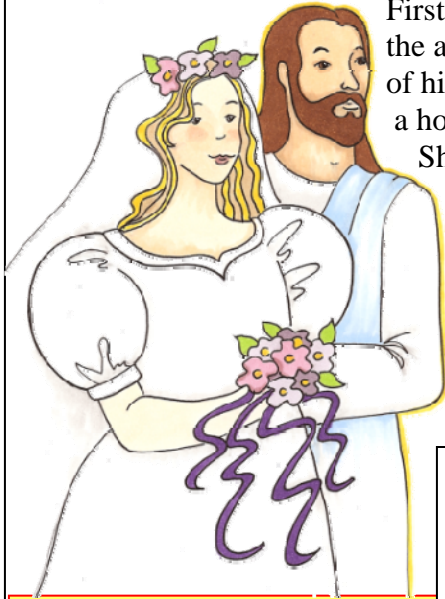


M3W4 TIPS for parents and teachers

Many of the parables that Jesus tells about being ready for His second coming have to do with Jewish wedding customs. They are quite different than ours, so describing the customs to the kids (not to mention ourselves) can be really helpful.



First, the prospective groom comes to the bride's home. He makes all the arrangements, pays a bride price, and leaves something as a promise of his return. Then he departs to go back to his father's house to prepare a home for them. The bride has no idea when he will return for her.

She is to remain faithful to him and be ready to go with him at a moment's notice. When he comes for her, there is a big wedding party that many people are invited to and lasts for several days.

For more information, visit these:

- <http://www.hopeofisrael.net>
- <http://www.don.ratcliffs.net>
- <http://www.mayimhayim.org>
- <http://www.believersweb.org>

Look at a party store for some engagement rings.



Throw a bridal shower! Put up some wedding decorations, have those fun little mints, and of course you need gifts for the bride to be. What is she going to need to be "ready" when the groom comes for her? Give the kids a blank sheet of paper to create a helpful "gift" for the bride.

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