

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

Why do you think Jesus told us the story of the ten virgins? Do you think this story has any effect on us? How or why?

What is an overcomer?

Why would you say that Jesus is really coming back to earth?

What are the basic requirements for being ready?

What can we do to keep our "lamps" from going out?

Verse 13 says, "Watch therefore . . ." How do we spiritually watch?

In the ANSWER story, what was the main point concerning the firemen and in what way was that story similar to the story of the ten virgins?

THINGS TO DO

Bring an empty kerosene lamp to class, then fill it and light the wick. Discuss how the oil is used up as the wick is burned. Make the point that we must remain close to our supply of "oil" too.

Each of the letters in the word WATCH can help to remind us of some of the things we should be watchful of. "W" stands for the WORD. We should watch the Word of God by reading it daily.

"A" stands for AMUSEMENTS. We should watch our amusements and not be found in a place we would not want to be found when Jesus comes.

"T" stands for TALK. We should watch our talk, and not be guilty of using words we would not want to be using when Jesus comes, or talking about someone in slanderous ways.

"C" stands for COMPANIONS. We should watch our companionships and not be found with those we would not want to be with when Jesus comes.

"H" stands for HEART. We should watch our hearts to remain an overcomer.

Why should we watch so carefully? Because Jesus could come any day.

Material needed: A kitchen timer. Set it without telling your students when it will go off. Use this to illustrate that time is running out and Jesus may come at any time.

Read all the statements. Then number them in the story sequence.

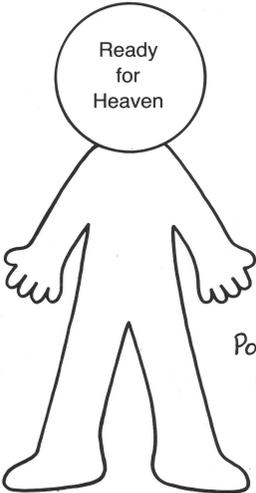
- _____ They that were ready went in with him to the marriage.
- _____ Those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.
- _____ They all slumbered and slept.
- _____ At midnight a cry was made, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh."
- _____ The door was shut.
- _____ While they went to buy, the bridegroom came.

Answers for ANSWER

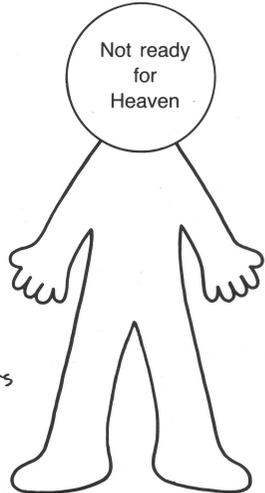
Ready or Not?

You can't always tell just by looking at people if they are ready for Heaven. The two figures below appear similar but one is ready and the other is not. List five things below each one that show why they are ready or not ready.

Ready
for
Heaven



Not ready
for
Heaven



Possible
Answers
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1. <u>Prayed</u>	1. <u>Disobeyed</u>
2. <u>Read Bible</u>	2. <u>Was unkind</u>
3. <u>Obedied</u>	3. <u>Lied</u>
4. <u>Was Kind</u>	4. <u>Stole</u>
5. <u>Told of Jesus</u>	5. <u>Cheated</u>