

Ten Bridesmaids

Jesus told a story about getting ready.

Ten bridesmaids ran down the road holding their lamps to light the way. “The groom is coming!” they shouted excitedly. But the groom was late, and they had to wait. “We’re so tired,” said the bridesmaids. Ten bridesmaids closed their eyes.

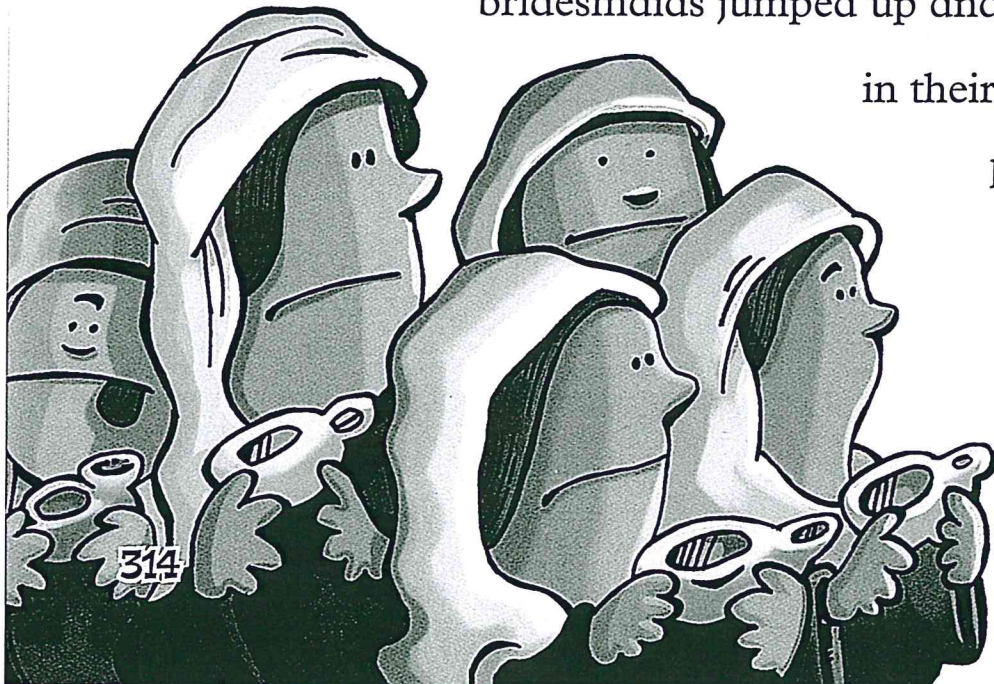
Later, there was a shout. “He’s here!” Five

bridesmaids jumped up and poured oil

in their lamps to

keep them

burning.



But the other five bridesmaids forgot to bring extra oil for their lamps. “Give us some of your oil!” they told the first five bridesmaids. “Sorry, there’s not enough for everyone,” they replied.

Five happy bridesmaids ran down the road to the wedding, leaving five sad bridesmaids who couldn’t go.

Jesus said, “I’m coming to meet you again. Be ready for me to come, whenever it may be!”

★ **Count your fingers. As you count, name ten ways you can get ready to go to church.**

