

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

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## THE MAN THAT BEAT THE CLOCK

Thursday 6th May 1954 was cold and damp. The crowd that had gathered for the race meeting at the Iffley Road sports ground in Oxford was very subdued. It was only when the stadium announcer gave the final result of the one-mile race did they erupt into loud cheers. All that could be heard over the loudspeaker was the announcer's first two words, "Three minutes..." not four minutes, but three minutes, fifty-nine point four seconds... a world record.

Falling into the arms of the officials at the finish line was the exhausted slender frame of a tall young medical student called Roger Bannister. For a quarter of a century runners had been trying to accomplish what seemed to be the impossible, running a mile in less than

four minutes, but now it had been done by this young Londoner.

Over the years that record has been broken many times over by other athletes. Today the record is held by Moroccan, Hicham El Guerroiy, 3 minutes and 43 seconds. However, Roger Bannister was the most famous of them all because he was the first to break the 4-minute mile.

Sadly, on 3rd March 2018, aged 88, Sir Roger Bannister died with his family by his bedside. Time had run out for the man who had beaten the clock. And so, it is for all of us. No matter how healthy and young we may feel, we are up against the clock and sooner or later we all run out of time. Some will run out of time with regards to salvation. Some will run out of time with regards to Christian service.

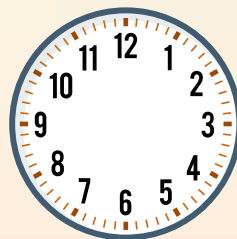


The Bible says, "prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12) and "behold now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2), reminding us to act now before it is forever too late. "Backward, turn backward, O time in your flight, make me a child again just for tonight." These fanciful words of the poet cannot compare to the truth stated in 1 Corinthians 7:29 - "time is short". Boys and girls, you may beat the clock on occasions but in the end, you too will run out of time.



Answer all the following questions to do with numbers. Cross out each answer from the clock face. There will only be two numbers left. Draw an hour hand pointing at the smaller of these two numbers and draw a minute hand pointing towards the bigger of the two numbers.

1. How many brothers had Joseph?
2. How many disciples had the Saviour?
3. How many thousands did the Saviour feed in John Ch.6?
4. How many cubits in height was Goliath in 1st Samuel Ch.17?
5. How many disciples walked together along the road to Emmaus in Luke Ch.24?
6. How many barrels of water did Elijah pour onto his sacrifice to God in 1st Kings Ch.18?
7. How many commandments are there?
8. With how many hundred men did Gideon defeat the Midianites?
9. What age was Josiah when he became king in 2nd Kings Ch. 22?
10. How many devils did the Saviour cast out of Mary Magdalene in Mark Ch. 16?



Answer: What time is it?

Name:

Address:



Church:

## PRIZES!

Are you 12 or under?  
Send your answer, name,  
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EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T WIN THIS TIME, PLEASE KEEP TRYING - MAYBE NEXT TIME!