



# Madam Rides the Bus

1. How does Valliammai's curiosity about the outside world symbolize the natural human desire for exploration?
2. How does the bus ride serve as a metaphor for Valliammai's journey from innocence to experience?
3. How does Valliammai's age influence the way she perceives and interprets the world around her?
4. In what ways does Valliammai's adventure reflect the clash between childish curiosity and adult responsibilities?
5. How does the story highlight the role of imagination in shaping a child's personality?
6. How does Valliammai's careful saving of money for the bus ride demonstrate maturity beyond her years?
7. How does the humorous tone of the story balance its deeper message about life and death?
8. How does Valliammai's interaction with strangers on the bus highlight her innocence and courage?
9. How does the description of ordinary people on the bus add realism and depth to the narrative?
10. What role does the bus conductor play in Valliammai's journey of self-discovery?
11. How does Valliammai's first-hand encounter with death mark a turning point in her life?
12. How does the author use the bus journey to show that wisdom can come from unexpected experiences?
13. How does Valliammai's return home reflect both satisfaction and a new sense of awareness?
14. How does the story capture the tension between childhood dreams and adult realities?
15. How does Valliammai's character illustrate the courage to act on one's curiosity?
16. How does the story encourage readers to value small experiences as transformative moments?
17. How does Valliammai's innocent perception of death differ from the adult world's understanding?

18. How does the bus serve as a microcosm of society in the story?
19. How does the narrative suggest that independence and self-discovery begin at an early age?
20. Why does Valliammai's small act of courage (riding the bus) feel like a big step in her personal growth?