

Some of the Questions Children Ask

The numbered questions here appear in the book 'So, who is God?' by Robert Willoughby.

1. Who is God?
2. Did God make the world?
3. How do you know God is really with you?
4. Why do bad things happen to good people?
5. Does God live in the sky?
6. Would God forgive a murderer?
7. Is God a man?
8. Where did God come from?
9. Has God ever made a mistake?
10. Does God ever get cross?
11. What does God look like?
12. What is God's real name?
13. How do you know you can trust God?
14. How can God hear everyone?
15. Does God speak English?
16. How does God keep us safe?
17. How big is God?
18. Why did God make people?
19. Does God like giving?
20. Can God make a stone so big he can't lift it?
21. Does God know everything?
22. How do you know God is your friend?
23. Does God ever go to bed?
24. How old is God?
25. Are there 3 Gods or just one?
26. Why do we have so many wars?
27. Is God in everything?
28. How can God be a father?
29. Does God have feelings?
30. Does God like my pet rabbit?

Questions from a Church youth group

Who goes to heaven?

Why should a bad Christian go to heaven when a good non-Christian won't?

Earning your way to heaven – is it selfish?

Do you still go to heaven if you backslide/rebel/go away from God – are you still a Christian?

Will my pet go to heaven?

What happens when we die?

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Why do we have so many wars?

What are the main differences between Christianity and the other Religions?

Do we pray to God the Father or Jesus?

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in prayer?

How do you know if God is speaking to you?

Children are asking new questions. They also get upset by some of the stories in the Bible in a way that did not used to happen.

Our church youth worker went to the Democratic Republic of Congo for a year to work with street children. On his return he gave a presentation to the church about his work there. He was careful not to go into too much detail about some aspects and left people to fill in the gaps themselves.

At the end, the first question was from an 11 year old boy who asked "Did any of the things you saw and heard about, cause you to question your faith in God?"

Wow! All the adults were astonished at the depth of the question from someone so young.

Do you listen well so that you know what questions your children are really asking?