

## When Little Kids Ask Hard Questions About God

Hard questions can catch us off guard, but if we think about how we might answer, it can be helpful. Remember that a child may really be seeking an answer, but it is equally possible that the child desires a relationship with you or needs a little of your time. It's wise then to keep the answers short.

Who is God?

God is someone who knows you by your name and loves you.

Where does God live?

God is everywhere there is life, goodness, beauty, hope, love, and peace.

Can I see God?

Not directly, not like you can see me, but we can see the things God does.

Why didn't God give me what I asked for when I prayed?

When we pray, we trust that God knows what is best. We don't always understand why we don't get the things we pray for, but we still believe that God does what is best.

Does God punish bad people?

God doesn't punish us. We punish ourselves when we do things that are wrong.

Which is right - science or the Bible?

They both are. They ask different questions. Science asks how things happen. The Bible asks why.

Where is heaven?

I'm not sure and nobody else is sure either. But Jesus told us that it is like a great feast of thanksgiving that never ends, and there are no strangers in heaven. We will be happy and alive like we never were before so we don't need to fear dying.

Why do people die?

People die for many different reasons, but when we die, God promises that we will be given a new life.