

20 Questions Kids Will Ask about Christianity

Free guide on children's ministry.

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About this Guide

Whether you've been in children's ministry for 20 years or just 20 minutes, you've picked up on how full of questions kids are. They are bursting with curiosity, eager to learn more about anything that interests them. This is true of kids in school, at home, on the playground, and in church.

That's a blessing! If you're ministering to children in church, you're surrounded by people who want to know more about what we believe.

But the questions kids ask aren't always easy. Children are asking questions about God, the Bible, salvation, life, death, the afterlife, angels, demons, and more—questions we adults wrestle with, too!

You need to be prepared for these questions when they arise, because your answer may shape that child's view of God, salvation, and the world around them.

That's why [Got Questions Ministries](#) and [Disciplr](#) have partnered to give you this ebook. It's a list of the 20 toughest FAQs kids have asked at Got Questions' children's site, [GQKids.org](#), along with answers from the GQKidz team specifically worded for kids.

This ebook is for you if:

- You're teaching children in your local church. Think of this ebook as a way to prep for a pop quiz—because kids will ask tough questions without warning!
- You're the children's ministry director at your church. This piece can be used as a training resource for your volunteers.
- You're a Christian homeschooling parent. You'll be fielding most of your kids' questions, and this will help you prepare for some of the tough ones.

Note: Scripture quotes are taken from the Holy Bible, New International Reader's Version.

About Got Questions Ministries and S. Michael Houdmann

Got Questions Ministries is a volunteer ministry of dedicated and trained servants who have a desire to assist others in their understanding of God, Scripture, salvation, and other spiritual topics. Got Questions Ministries is a Christian, Protestant, conservative, evangelical, and non-denominational para-church ministry coming alongside the church to help people find answers to their spiritually related questions.

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About Disciplr

Disciplr is a digital platform created for teachers in the local church. The Disciplr team noticed that while teachers often get into ministry to make disciples, they're bogged down by the process of finding, managing, assigning, and presenting materials. Disciplr simplifies this process by giving leaders a single, digital place to find their material, manage volunteers, and present to the class.

Want to know more? Check out [Disciplr.com](https://www.disciplr.com).

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WHO
CREATED
GOD?



Who created God?

Answer: No one created God. He has always been living.

God never was created, and He has always existed. He created all things, so He didn't need anybody to create Him! He has "life in himself" (John 5:26).

God wasn't ever a baby, and He didn't grow up into an adult. He never gets any older. Everything else in the world starts and stops, but God has no beginning or end. He is the greatest!

What the Bible says:

"Lord, in the beginning you made the earth secure. You placed it on its foundations. The heavens are the work of your hands. They will pass away ... but you remain the same. Your years will never end" (Hebrews 1:10a–12).

"Before anything was created, he was already there. He holds everything together" (Colossians 1:17).

DO
ANIMALS
GO TO
HEAVEN?



Answer: The Bible doesn't say what will happen to animals when they die.

Our pets are fun to play with and often seem like a member of our families. But animals aren't the same as people. God didn't give them a spirit or a thinking brain like we have. They can't pray to God or trust Jesus as their Savior.

We can't know for sure if our pets will go to heaven, but God knows everything. He is perfect and good. So we can be sure He has a good plan for us and for our pets.

What the Bible says:

“Those who do what is right take good care of their animals” (Proverbs 12:10a).

“God made all kinds of wild animals. He made all kinds of livestock. He made all kinds of creatures that move along the ground. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our likeness. Let them rule over the fish in the waters and the birds of the air. Let them rule over the livestock and over the whole earth. Let them rule over all of the creatures that move along the ground.’ So God created man in his own likeness. He created him in the likeness of God. He created them as male and female” (Genesis 1:25-27).

CAN GOD
MAKE
MISTAKES?



Answer: We might make mistakes, but God doesn't!

Making mistakes is part of being human. Some mistakes are followed by consequences. Some mistakes are even silly, like putting too much hot mustard on your sandwich! We all make mistakes.

But God doesn't make mistakes. He is all-knowing, so nothing can take Him by surprise. You and I can only guess what tomorrow might bring, but God sees into the future—so there is nothing that can catch Him off-guard.

The Bible, which is also free of mistakes, tells us that everything is going according to God's plan. We may see the world as being in a confusing place, but God has the situation under control. And the day is coming when King Jesus will return to earth and fix our poor, broken planet. In other words, Jesus is going to undo our mistakes and make everything right!

As long as we live, we will all continue to make mistakes. But we can always know that our God never makes mistakes!

What the Bible says:

“Great is our Lord. His power is mighty. There is no limit to his understanding” (Psalm 147:5).

“The heavens are higher than the earth. And my ways are higher than your ways. My thoughts are higher than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:9).

WHERE DID
JESUS COME
FROM?



Where did Jesus come from?

Answer: Jesus has always existed.

Jesus is part of the Trinity. This is a way of saying that God is one God, but He has three parts to Him—God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit. Each part of the Trinity has a different job, but they are all still one God.

When Jesus was on earth, He said, “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30). He was saying that He is God.

The Bible says God has always existed. He has no beginning or end. And since Jesus is God, that means Jesus has always existed too. He was never created—He is the one who created everything (John 1:3)!

What the Bible says:

“He [Jesus] was with God in the beginning” (John 1:2).

“Before anything was created, he [Jesus] was already there. He holds everything together” (Colossians 1:17).

WHY DID
JESUS HAVE
TO DIE?



Answer: Jesus dying on the cross is the one way God made to save sinners who believe in Him.

The perfect Son of God did not deserve to die. But Jesus suffered a horrible death: soldiers beat Him and put a crown of thorns on His head, people mocked and spit on Him, nails pierced his hands and feet into a wooden cross.

Why did Jesus have to die? Couldn't God have saved sinners some other way? No, Jesus dying on the cross is the only way. Here are some reasons:

- **Every person is a sinner.** “Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God’s glory” (Romans 3:23).
- **The punishment for sin is death.** “When you sin, the pay you get is death” (Romans 6:23b).
- **We can’t save ourselves by good works.** “God’s grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn’t come from anything you do. It is God’s gift” (Ephesians 2:8).
- **God allowed His own Son to die to take the punishment for sin.** “God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life” (John 3:16).

Because God is a just Judge, He must and will punish sinners. But because of God’s love and mercy, He punished Jesus in the place of believing sinners. Only Jesus could die in the place of believers because He is the God-Man—both holy God and sinless Man (2 Corinthians 5:21). A sinner can’t pay the punishment for the sin of others. A sinner has to pay his own punishment of death. And no one but God the Son could take our place.

Besides, why would God let His beloved Son suffer and die on the cross if there were other ways to save sinners? Jesus taking the wrath of God against sinners was the only way for believers to escape judgment and have

an eternal relationship with God (1 Peter 3:18). That's why Jesus died on the cross. Thank You, Lord Jesus!

What the Bible says:

“Men of Israel, listen to this! Jesus of Nazareth was a man who had God’s approval. God did miracles, wonders and signs among you through Jesus. You yourselves know this. Long ago God planned that Jesus would be handed over to you. With the help of evil people, you put Jesus to death. You nailed him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead. He set him free from the suffering of death. It wasn’t possible for death to keep its hold on Jesus” (Acts 2:22–24).

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

WHY IS JESUS' RESURRECTION IMPORTANT?



**Answer: Jesus' resurrection proves His victory over sin and death.
Because He lives, believers can have new life in Him!**

Resurrection means to come back to life after death. Jesus died on the cross for sin, but He came back to life three days later. Jesus' friends found His tomb was empty, and then they saw and even touched Him. For 40 days, Jesus proved He was alive and taught His followers. Then, Jesus went back to heaven to be with God.

But why is Jesus' resurrection important? Why couldn't Jesus pay for sin by dying on the cross and then stay dead? Here are some reasons:

1. If Jesus had only died and never been resurrected, His death would have been like the normal death of a human. But the resurrection shows Jesus is both a man and the Son of God, with the power to come back to life.
(See John 10:17–18.)
2. If Jesus had stayed dead, He would still be under the punishment and power of sin, which is death (Romans 6:23). But Jesus Christ proved His victory over sin and death by coming back to life (1 Corinthians 15:55–57).
3. The resurrection shows God will give believers life again after they die. Just like God gave Jesus a resurrected body, God will one day give all believers perfect, resurrected bodies to live forever with Him. (See 1 Corinthians 15:35–57.)

Why is Jesus' resurrection important?

What the Bible says:

“Christ died for our sins, just as Scripture said he would. He was buried. He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as Scripture said he would be ...” (1 Corinthians 15:3–4).

“But Christ really has been raised from the dead. He is the first of all those who will rise. Death came because of what a man did. Rising from the dead also comes because of what a man did” (1 Corinthians 15:17, 20).

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?



Who is the Holy Spirit?

Answer: The Holy Spirit is God, just like Jesus and the Father.

Each part of God (together we call them the Trinity) has different roles or jobs to do, but they're all still the same Person—God. The Holy Spirit is not a ghost, even though another name for Him is the Holy Ghost.

In the Bible, God the Father sometimes spoke aloud to people, and so did Jesus. The Holy Spirit doesn't speak to us in words. He works in our hearts instead. He helps to guide our thinking and give us good or bad feelings—we call them convictions—that tell us when something is a sin or when we should make a certain decision.

Anything the Bible tells us about what Jesus or the Father is like is also true of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit knows everything you're thinking and everything you do. He helps you understand the Bible when you read it, so you can understand God's special messages for you. He helps you have faith in Jesus as your Savior and helps you trust in Him (God) each day.

What the Bible says:

“How can I get away from your Spirit? Where can I go to escape from you? If I go up to the heavens, you are there. If I lie down in the deepest parts of the earth, you are also there” (Psalm 139:7–8).

“I [Jesus] will ask the Father. And he will give you [believers] another Friend to help you and to be with you forever. The Friend is the Spirit of truth [Holy Spirit]. The world can't accept him. That is because the world does not see him or know him. But you know him. He lives with you, and he will be in you ... the Friend is the Holy Spirit. He will teach you all things. He will remind you of everything I have said to you (John 14:16–17, 26).

HOW DO
WE KNOW
IF THE BIBLE
IS REALLY
TRUE?



Answer: The Bible is true because it's God's Word. God's Word has been proven true again and again.

We know the Bible is true for several reasons. First, other historical evidence agrees with the Bible that its stories really did happen and its people really did live. The Bible's stories and teachings have never changed either. Its words have stayed the same ever since it was written many hundreds of years ago! Mark 13:31 says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

Second, the Bible proves itself to be true. The Bible predicted that things would happen long before they did, and all of these things (called prophecies) really did happen. The Bible was written by over 40 different people, but God gave them the words to say in order to make it all tell the same story about Him and about His love for us. Many prophecies in Isaiah told people about Jesus hundreds of years before He came to the earth.

Third, the Bible changes people's lives. It has a special power from God to reveal God's plans for us. It tells how God sent His Son Jesus to die for our sins and to set us free from our sins if we trust in Jesus. The Bible has the power to heal our hearts, make us better people, give us peace with God, and to give us a very important reason to live. Just reading the Bible can make us feel like we finally understand the answers to our questions; God uses it to show us what He wants to teach us. When we read it, God can open our hearts and eyes to help us believe that the Bible is really true.

What the Bible says:

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth [the Bible]" (2 Timothy 2:15).

"For the word of God [the Bible] is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

WHAT
HAPPENS TO
PEOPLE WHO
NEVER HEAR
ABOUT JESUS?



What happens to people who never hear about Jesus?

Answer: God made His Son, Jesus, the only way of salvation. Our all-powerful God can make a way for any person to hear about Jesus.

Jesus died on the cross for sin and became alive again to show He beat sin and death. Only those who trust in the Lord Jesus are saved from sin and go to heaven.

But what if a child lives in Africa and never hears about Jesus? Is God fair to punish people in hell if they never even read the Bible?

Even if a person never reads about God and His commands in the Bible, this amazing world shows the Creator. God has also given each person a conscience to know good and bad. Still, people rebel against God. The Bible says we're all born sinners, going our own way and deserving God's punishment. God is a just Judge. It would be fair if He sent every person to hell, because every person has broken His commands.

But here is good news! Before creating the world, God chose to save some sinners through Jesus. God is all-powerful, so He can make sure these people hear about Jesus. For example, the Bible tells about a man named Cornelius who was seeking God but didn't know Jesus. God sent Peter to tell Cornelius about Jesus, and he was saved from his sin (see Acts 10).

Like God used Peter, God can also use you to tell others about Jesus! Invite a friend to church with you, give your neighbor a Bible, or share Jesus' love with your friends.

What the Bible says:

“Ever since the world was created it has been possible to see the qualities of God that are not seen. I'm talking about his eternal power and about the fact that he is God. Those things can be seen in what he has made. So people have no excuse for what they do” (Romans 1:20).

“When you sin, the pay you get is death. But God gives you the gift of eternal life because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done” (Romans 6:23).

CAN A
CHRISTIAN
LOSE
SALVATION?



Can a Christian lose salvation?

Answer: God keeps the true Christian's salvation safe forever.

Imagine you fall into the deep end of the pool and can't swim. As you're sinking, your dad jumps in and saves you!

Jesus came to save believers from the punishment of their sin—eternal death in hell—by dying on the cross and coming back to life.

Now imagine again that after your dad has saved you, he's holding you with your head above the water. You're clinging to him. But even if you let go, will you fall? No! Your dad is holding you. And he won't let you go.

God the Father is even more powerful and more loving than your own father. When God saves a sinner who believes in Jesus, He makes that person His own child. And God won't let His children go. He is all-powerful and keeps Christians from losing their salvation.

But many people who say they're Christians aren't true Christians because they don't put their faith in Jesus. The Bible helps us know for sure if we're true Christians.

True Christians won't ever lose their salvation because the all-powerful God keeps them forever.

What the Bible says:

“My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never die. No one can steal them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than anyone. No one can steal them out of my Father’s hand” (John 10:27–29).

“What I’m about to tell you is true. Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me [Jesus] has eternal life. He will not be found guilty. He has crossed over from death to life” (John 5:24).

“I am absolutely sure that not even death or life can separate us from God’s love. Not even angels or demons, the present or the future, or any powers can do that. Not even the highest places or the lowest, or anything else in all creation can do that. Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done” (Romans 8:38–39).

WILL EVERYONE
GO TO HEAVEN
NO MATTER
WHAT THEY
BELIEVE?



Answer: It's important to understand that it's not how hard you believe, but in whom you believe.

There are many religions around our world that are filled with faithful believers. But is simply believing in something good enough for God to allow someone into heaven?

Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus made it very clear that believing in something isn't enough to get someone to heaven. Believing in the gift of eternal life that Jesus offers is the only way we can truly know that heaven will be waiting for us one day. If someone tries to find another way to heaven, they're ignoring Jesus' words.

But what if someone really believes in another religion? God told his people in Exodus 20:3, "Do not put any other gods in place of me." God is not only number one, but He is also the only God in the universe. He made the universe! He sent His Son to earth to pay the price of sin for anyone who believes. There is no one and nothing else to believe in.

As Christians, we must remember that as we talk to others—believing in something isn't enough. Only by believing in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord can anyone truly know that they will be in heaven one day.

What the Bible says:

"You can't be saved by believing in anyone else. God has given us no other name under heaven that will save us" (Acts 4:12).

"God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world. He sent his Son to save the world through him" (John 3:17).

CAN GOD
FORGIVE
THE SAME SIN
OVER AND
OVER?



Answer: Yes, He can!

Doing the right thing isn't easy. Even the apostle Paul said that he wanted to do the right things, but found himself doing the wrong things again and again. No one has to teach someone how to lie. No one has to explain to a person how to be selfish. Lying, selfishness, and other wrong attitudes and actions come naturally to us.

Because of this, we all often find ourselves committing the same sins again and again. But Philippians 1:6 tells us that when God begins a good work in the life of a Christian believer, He will finish that work. In other words, God is going to fix us! He is going to make us right!

We all struggle with doing the right things. But God's Holy Spirit lives in all Christ-followers. He leads us in the right direction and will help steer us away from wrongdoing. We will always sin, because it's in our nature, but the Holy Spirit will help us get better and better at doing the right thing. And when we do sin, God will always forgive us.

Our Heavenly Father loves us more than we can understand—and He knows that we face struggles and temptations. But in the end, we will only find happiness and contentment through living a life of obedience to God.

What the Bible says:

“Let the one who is evil stop doing evil things. And let him quit thinking evil thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord. The Lord will show him his tender love. Let him turn to our God. He is always ready to forgive” (Isaiah 55:7).

“But God is faithful and fair. If we admit that we have sinned, he will forgive us our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure” (1 John 1:9).

WHY SHOULD
I PRAY IF GOD
ALREADY
KNOWS WHAT
WILL HAPPEN?



Answer: God works out His perfect plan through prayer.

God's plan is His will—what He wants to happen. God's will always happens because He is all-powerful. God's will is always best because He is all-wise and all-good.

So if God's plan always happens, why should we pray and ask God for things? Won't He do His own will whether we ask Him or not?

We pray because God tells us to pray (1 Thessalonians 5:17). If we disobey God's command to pray, God will still do His plan. But then we may not know He worked, and we won't be able to thank Him and trust Him more.

God also uses prayer to work His perfect plan. Prayer is like a hammer. A hammer can't hit a nail into a board on its own. But a person uses a hammer to pound the nail into the board. God uses prayer to work His perfect plan. He doesn't have to use prayer, but He chooses to use prayer.

Jesus taught us to pray that God's will be done (Matthew 6:10). Before Jesus was arrested, He prayed that if it were possible, God wouldn't make Jesus bear the punishment for sinners by dying on the cross. But then He prayed, "But let what you want be done, not what I want" (Matthew 26:39). So we should pray for God's will, even knowing that God's plan will happen.

What the Bible says:

"The Lord who rules over all has taken an oath. He has said, 'You can be sure that what I have planned will happen. What I have decided will take place'" (Isaiah 14:24).

"There is one thing we can be sure of when we come to God in prayer. If we ask anything in keeping with what he wants, he hears us" (1 John 5:14).

HOW CAN
I BE A
GOOD
CHRISTIAN?



Answer: Believe it or not, we can't be "good Christians" on our own!

Usually when we ask this question, we think of activities we should do. Like going to church on Sunday, or reading the Bible, praying, and telling others about Jesus. Those are all good things we can do to develop our Christian life.

If we know Jesus, though, we know we can't be "good Christians" on our own. We need His help! That's why He sends His Spirit to live in us when we believe in Jesus for salvation. The Holy Spirit will help us by telling us when we do wrong things and encouraging us to do the right thing.

The Bible says that we should "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). When we listen to the Holy Spirit and do the right thing, we're obeying God and showing Him how much we love Him. That's what God really wants us to do—obey Him by following what He says in His Word.

Being a good Christian doesn't mean we follow a checklist on the things we should do. It means we love God so much for all He's done for us that we want to serve and obey Him. And when we do that, we will grow closer and closer to Him. That's what being a good Christian really means!

What the Bible says:

"You are my friends if you do what I [Jesus] command" (John 15:14).

"Come near to God, and he will come near to you" (James 4:8).

"If you love me, you will obey what I command" (John 14:15).

WHY DID
GOD
CREATE
SATAN?



Answer: God’s creation, an angel named Lucifer, became Satan when He tried to take God’s place.

The first name in the Bible for Satan is the Serpent, and he created trouble by coming to Eve, the first woman, and tricking her into disobeying God. That disobedience brought sin into the whole world.

If God knew what Satan would do and the trouble it would lead to, why did God create him? God didn’t create Satan to be the way he is. God actually created a beautiful angel named Lucifer. But according to Isaiah 14:12, Lucifer became Satan, the enemy of God, when he chose to rebel against God.

Satan has many names in the Bible. We know him as Satan, or the devil, and both tell us a lot about him. The name Satan means “adversary” or “enemy.” He became God’s enemy (and ours when we become God’s child), because of his disobedience and pride. The name devil means “accuser.” When you accuse someone, you’re saying that person did something wrong—even if it’s not true. The devil accuses God’s children night and day, trying to get them in trouble. But God’s children are forgiven, so Satan’s doesn’t win!

God created Lucifer to serve Him, but because of Lucifer’s rebellion and pride he became Satan. Because Satan is God’s enemy, God created hell for Satan and the angels who followed him, where they will be punished forever one day.

What the Bible says:

“You [Satan] said in your heart, ‘I will go up to heaven. I’ll raise my throne above the stars of God ... But now you have been brought down to the grave. You have been thrown into the deepest part of the pit” (Isaiah 14:13, 15).

“He [Satan] has been sinning from the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the devil’s work” (1 John 3:8c).

DO I HAVE
TO BE
NICE TO
EVERYONE?



Answer: God says in His Word that we should love and be kind to everyone—even our enemies.

Sometimes it can be hard to always be nice to everyone! Even your little brother or sister, who you really do love, can sometimes be a real pain! Once in a while even your best friend can say or do something that really irritates you. And there are a few people in the world who have evil or selfish ideas in their hearts and don't care who they hurt or upset. But being nice to people is a good thing to do, especially as a Christian.

So what does it mean to be nice? It might include things like being polite and friendly, pleasant, considerate, helpful. It means that we speak kindly to other people, even when they are unkind to us. People who know Jesus have God's Spirit to help them do these things, because they're not things they can do on their own! Galatians 5:22–23 says, "But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself. There is no law against things of that kind."

Once we become Christians by believing in and following Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in us and helps us to live a new life. People around us will notice this and God can actually use it to reach others. So we must remember we are representatives for God as people around us watch and listen to all we do.

If we're honest, it can be a struggle not to let the real emotions we feel show through—especially if we're upset or annoyed with someone. In fact, there are times when we realize we simply can't accept everyone's behavior as being OK, especially if we know it to be illegal, harmful to others, or offensive. We need to be sensitive to our feelings and emotions, but choose to react in a way that pleases God. Remember, though, it's important to share your feelings with parents or other adults if you feel a bit confused or unsure.

Do I have to be nice to everyone?

What the Bible says:

“I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you. If you love one another, everyone will know you are my disciples” (John 13:34).

“Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive each other, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done” (Ephesians 4:32).

WHY DID
MY PARENTS
GET
DIVORCED?



Why did my parents get divorced?

Answer: God designed marriage to be permanent, but people make sinful choices that sometimes lead to divorce. But your parents' divorce is not your fault!

God created marriage (Genesis 2:24), but He didn't create divorce. Divorce is a very hard thing for everybody involved, especially the children. You may be feeling sad, angry, or afraid. God understands the hurt you're going through, and He wants to comfort you (2 Corinthians 1:3).

Whatever choices your parents made that led them to choose to end their marriage, it had nothing to do with you. You did not somehow cause this to happen, so don't blame yourself. The best thing you can do now is to pray for your parents. God forgives any sin (1 John 1:9). We all have sinned in various ways, and all of us need God's grace and forgiveness, your parents included.

You might be feeling angry with one or both of your parents. Pray that God will help you be obedient, loving, and forgiving toward them. God's Word, the Bible, doesn't give us any excuses to not honor our parents (Ephesians 6:2), and He asks us to love others as He has loved us (John 15:12). You can be a blessing to your parents during this hard time in their lives.

No matter the situation you find yourself in, God loves you and will take care of you. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways remember him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight." Trust God to guide you and give you everything you need to live in a way that honors Him, even through something as tough as your parents' divorce.

What the Bible says:

"Scripture says, 'Honor your father and mother.' That is the first commandment that has a promise" (Ephesians 6:2).

"Turn all your worries over to him. He cares about you" (1 Peter 5:7).

WHAT SHOULD
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GOD?



What should I do if someone in my family doesn't believe in God?

Answer: Pray for him or her and be a good example of a child of God.

Families help us form and shape important things in our lives like attitudes, habits, and beliefs. Sometimes, though, those beliefs go against what the Bible teaches. So what if someone in your family, like maybe your mom or dad, doesn't believe in God? The Bible gives us some good answers to help in a situation like this.

First, always honor your parents, even if they don't believe in God. God's Word teaches us to love, honor, and obey our parents. Exodus 20:12 says, "Honor your father and mother." Ephesians 6:1 says, "Children, obey your parents as believers in the Lord." Obeying your parents can also be a good example to other family members who don't believe in God. So listen to your parents and respect them. Tell them how much you love them, and show that by living a godly life.

Second, pray for your non-Christian family members. God can change their hearts and show them the truth about Him. Just remember, it's God who does the work of drawing people to Him (John 6:44).

Finally, don't preach at them all of the time. But when an opportunity comes to share your faith, do it in love and respect.

Be glad that God has given you faith in Him, and pray that all of your family will come to know Him too. He doesn't want anyone to be lost, but to believe in Him and someday live with Him forever.

What the Bible says:

"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders (non-Christians). Make the most of every opportunity. Let the words you speak always be full of grace ... then you will know how to answer everyone" (Colossians 4:5–6).

"Make sure in your hearts that Christ is Lord. Always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks you about the hope you have. Be ready to give the reason for it. But do it gently and with respect" (1 Peter 3:15).

WHY DOES
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Why does God let bad things happen?

Answer: God allows the consequences of sin in the world, but He will one day make all things right.

God is all-powerful, all-wise, and all-good. He created the world as a perfect, good place for people to enjoy as they loved and obeyed God. But Adam and Eve, the first people, disobeyed God. Because God is a holy and just Judge, sin brought the horrible consequences of death and suffering.

We are sinners like Adam and Eve, and we live in this sin-cursed world. So we hear on the news about violence like wars and crime. Children all around the world experience natural disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, tornados, fire, floods, famine, hunger, sickness, and death.

God is all-powerful and can stop these bad things from happening, so why does God allow so much suffering? Although we can't completely understand, we can trust that God's ways and thoughts are higher and better than ours (Isaiah 55:9).

We must also remember that we don't deserve anything good. Because of our sin, we deserve to suffer, die, and be separated from God. But because of God's great love and mercy, He sent His perfect Son Jesus to take the punishment for believing sinners by suffering and dying on the cross. Jesus showed His victory over sin and death by coming to life again! God saves sinners who turn from sin and place their faith in Jesus.

However, even a Christian still suffers in this world. But God uses a Christian's suffering for good. He uses suffering to make us more like Jesus, or show His strength in our weakness.

One day, Jesus will return to bring His own to heaven. He will make a new heaven and earth for believers to enjoy Him forever, free from sin and suffering!

What the Bible says:

“Christ suffered for you. He left you an example. He expects you to follow in his steps. You too were chosen to suffer ... He himself carried our sins in his body on the cross. He did it so that we would die as far as sins are concerned. Then we would lead godly lives. His wounds have made you whole” (1 Peter 2:21, 24).

“My brothers and sisters, you will face all kinds of trouble. When you do, think of it as pure joy. Your faith will be put to the test. You know that when that happens it will produce in you the strength to continue. The strength to keep going must be allowed to finish its work. Then you will be all you should be. You will have everything you need” (James 1:2–4).

WHY DO
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DIE?



Answer: People get sick and die because of the evil that came into the world when Adam and Eve sinned.

When God created the world, everything in it was perfect. In fact, the book of Genesis records the Creation and says, “God saw that it was good” (Genesis 1:10b). Because the world was perfect, there was no sickness or disease. So what went wrong?

Well, Satan tempted Adam and Eve, and they sinned against God by disobeying Him. This sin caused evil to enter the world. The world was no longer perfect, and from then on we’ve all had to live with the effects of the terrible day when sin entered into God’s perfect creation.

With sin and evil came many other bad things including separation from God, death, guilt, and also sickness and disease. The unfortunate thing is that this affects us all. The Bible tells us this: “Sin entered the world because one man sinned. And death came because of sin. Everyone sinned, so death came to all people” (Romans 5:12). We all live in this imperfect world, and so we all suffer the same consequences.

But God didn’t just give up on us! Instead, He had a perfect rescue plan to sort out the mess sin left us. He sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty of sin and disobedience.

Jesus came to save us from the imperfect world we now live in and promises that all who trust in Him will be washed clean of their sin. When we choose to follow Jesus, we’re guaranteed a place in a new and perfect creation that God has for us in the future. And this time God promises that nothing imperfect can ever enter there. That means no evil, no death, no hatred, no lies, and no sickness or disease. Now that’s something to look forward to!

What the Bible says:

“Sin entered the world because one man sinned. And death came because of sin. Everyone sinned, so death came to all people” (Romans 5:12).

“God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life” (John 3:16).

“He [God] will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be” (Revelation 21:4).

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