

WHY? WHY? WHY?

As parents, we all know that kids love to ask questions. Some studies suggest that especially inquisitive **kids can ask up to 400 questions a day!** Their questions may range from easy ones like “How much do you love me?” to more difficult ones like “Why are we here?” And kids love to ask questions about their faith.

Though it may be exhausting to field our kids’ questions, it’s important for us to realize that this is an essential part of their development - both socially and spiritually. Kids who have parents that attend to their questions about faith and validate them are more likely to keep asking them, leading to deeper family relationships and a stronger faith foundation.

BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ANSWER...

So what do we do when kids ask hard questions and we don’t know the answer, or don’t know how to answer in a satisfying way? Here are 3 simple steps:



Acknowledge the validity of the question. Make your child feel heard.
“That’s a great question!”
“Thanks for asking that!”
“I’ve never thought about it that way!”



Don’t panic! It’s okay to say you don’t know and it’s okay for your child to ask hard questions. Even questions like, “Is there really a God?” or “Why do bad things happen?” can help grow faith.



Make a plan. Ask your child if you can research the answer together, or set a time to talk about it at a later date or time, after you’ve had time to think.
Actually do the work!

**WHERE DO GOD &
JESUS LIVE?**

God and Jesus live in heaven! We know God is in heaven because Jesus told us to pray to God, "Our Father in heaven" (Matthew 6:9). Jesus lived on earth as a real human being 2000 years ago. He died on the cross, and when he was resurrected after 3 days, he walked on the earth again. Then, after 40 days, the Bible tells us, "While [Jesus] was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven" (Luke 24:51). God and Jesus are still in heaven now, but the Holy Spirit was sent to live within us (1 Cor. 3:16) until the time we can be in heaven, too!

WHO MADE GOD?

It's hard for our minds to understand this, but no one made God. He has always existed! He is the creator who created everything. God is eternal - which means that he has always been and always will be. Paul described God as the "King eternal" (1 Tim. 1:17) and in the Psalms it says, "Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God" (Psalm 90:2). God says about himself that He is the one "who is, and who was, and who is to come" (Rev. 1:8). So God just has always been God! Sometimes we aren't able to fully understand this amazing truth because we are human, but we can rejoice in knowing who God is!

**WHERE IS HEAVEN?
SHOW ME ON A MAP!**

Heaven is a real place, but it is not a geographical place. Basically that means that even though we might wish we could, we can't walk, fly an airplane, or even ride in a space shuttle to get there! We do know that many verses in the Bible say that heaven is above the earth. Psalm 103:11 says, "as high as the heavens are above the earth," and when Jesus went back to heaven after his resurrection, it says "he was taken up before their very eyes" (Acts 1:9). Wherever heaven is, we know that it is an amazing place because God and Jesus are there!