



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY? – Q&A

Directions:

- Look over the following questions with your child.
- Have them pick a question that they would like to know more about.
- Go through the answers together using the guide below.
- You may choose to look up the scripture references and research the topic more together.
- Throughout the week, you can pick additional questions to discuss together

QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

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| 1. Does God love bad people? | Yes! God created everyone for a special purpose and He loves them all very much - enough to send His Son, Jesus, to die for us on the cross! But, God does not love sin. God can separate the person from his/her sin which means He still loves us even though He hates our sin. He loves you unconditionally, even though you make bad choices and sin, too (John 3:16-18). |
| 2. Who made God? | No one! He was not made or born (Revelation 1:8). He has always been there (Genesis 1:1). I know it's hard to understand because we think of time in hours, minutes, days, and years, but the Bible tells us that God exists outside of time. Time is different for God, so it makes sense that He has always existed because He is eternal (Revelation 1:8; John 14:6)! |
| 3. How does God watch over everyone at the same time? | God can be everywhere at the same time because He does not have a physical body like you and I do. He doesn't work on the same timeline as humans, either, so minutes and hours and days are different for Him. Imagine being in an airplane and looking down on the Earth beneath you. You can see so much more because you are on a different level than if you were on the ground. God is on a different level than us - time and space don't mean anything to Him because He has His own time |

and space. He can see everything and everyone at one time (Jeremiah 23:24)!

- 4. Is there anything really wrong with getting angry?**

Feeling angry is not wrong, but how we ACT when we are angry can be wrong. God gave us emotions for a reason and anger is an emotion He gives us. When we feel angry or mad, we have a CHOICE of how we are going to RESPOND or express our anger. When we know why we feel angry or mad, we can address the real issue. Sometimes when we do not look for the reason, we may REACT by verbally attacking someone or physically acting out. This is not pleasing to God and we generally get into trouble at home or at school because of that choice (Ephesians 4:26-27)!
- 5. Why did God put the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the garden if He didn't want Adam and Eve to sin?**

God gave Adam and Eve free will. That means He wanted them to be able to choose right or wrong. They would have the choice whether or not they would obey or disobey Him. Without free will, we would not be able to make our own choices. We would be like robots! Even though God didn't want Adam and Eve to sin, He wanted them to be able to make their own choices (Genesis 2:16-17). Unfortunately, they chose to sin. But that's why God died on the cross - to save us from those sins!
- 6. Does God love people who don't love Him?**

Yep! God loves all people, even if they don't love Him in return! But He wants them to choose to follow Him and love Him (2 Peter 3:9).
- 7. If God is good, why do bad things happen?**

God is good and all powerful (Psalm 100:5; Jeremiah 31:18b)! And when He created the world, He said "It is good" too (Genesis 1:31)! But sin entered the world when God gave Adam and Eve the choice to eat fruit from the bad tree in the garden. He wanted to give everyone the choice to love Him or ignore Him (2 Peter 3:9). He didn't want us to all be robots. So, some people choose not to love Him and make bad choices instead. The world we live in is broken, not because of God - He wanted the world and humans to be perfect - but because Adam and Eve brought sin into it and passed sin on to the rest of humanity (Genesis 3:23; Romans 5:12). But God still cares about us and wants to help us through the hard times (Matthew 11:28).
- 8. Is there anything I can do that would make God stop loving me?**

No! Bad choices pull us farther away from God, but we will never be ripped away from Him. Our bad choices make Him sad, but they don't make Him stop loving us. The Bible says, "Nothing can separate us from God's love" (Romans 8:38). We are special creations of God. God created us to be His friends and take care of the world. God knew we would sin, but He also gives us a choice on how we deal with our sin. The choice is to believe and follow Jesus by accepting the free gift of

eternal life by asking Jesus to be our Savior. It's a choice that honors and glorifies God. God wants us to stop doing bad things when we realize we've messed up. He'll never stop loving us, but He wants us to ask forgiveness for our sins and start making better choices (Acts 3:19; Romans 8:38-39).

- 9. Did Jesus ever sin?** Nope! But, Jesus was tempted to sin by Satan (Luke 4:1-13). This means that He thought about sinning and maybe even wanted to sin, but He decided not to. Jesus was perfect and lived a sinless life. Being tempted is not a sin, but giving in to temptation is! Jesus knows what it's like to be tempted and He understands when we are tempted (Hebrews 4:15-16).
- 10. When is Jesus coming back?** Jesus will come back, but no one knows when. The only person who knows when Jesus will come back and take believers to Heaven is God (1 Thessalonians 4:16a; Matthew 24:36).
- 11. What happens if we forget to pray?** Forgetting to pray is not bad, it just means you missed a chance to talk to God. He always wants to talk to us, which is why the Bible says to never stop praying. But that doesn't mean you have to pray every second of every day; it just means that God is always ready and willing to talk to you! He wants to hear about what is happening in your life (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).
- 12. Why doesn't God answer my prayers?** God always hears your prayers, and He will always answer them in His own way. Sometimes, this is not the way that we want or expect. Sometimes, He answers prayers with a "No" or "Not right now." Prayer increases our faith and brings us closer to God, even if we don't always get what we want. God will always answer prayer in a way that's best for us and part of His plan (Proverbs 15:3; Revelation 1:8).
- 13. Were dinosaurs real?** God created every kind of animal, which means He created dinosaurs! He existed before the dinosaurs, and they were part of His 7 days of creation when He created land and sea animals (Genesis 1:20-30).
- 14. How can I know for sure I am going to Heaven?** If you've admitted your sin to God (1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19), believed in who Jesus is and that He died for you (Romans 10:9), prayed to Him asking Him to be the boss of your life (Acts 2:21), then you will be in Heaven. It's that simple!
- 15. If a baby dies, will they go to Heaven?** Yes! God gives all of us free will to make the choice whether or not we want to believe in Him. But babies and children are too young to make choices, so God holds a special place for them in Heaven. He loves

children and wants them in Heaven with Him (Matthew 18:1-5)! In the Old Testament we read that when King David's young son died, David understood he would see his son again in heaven (2 Samuel 12:23).

16. Why did God create the Devil?

God created angels, and Satan was actually an angel! His name was Lucifer and He was one of God's most important angels, but Lucifer rebelled against God because he wanted to be more powerful (Ezekiel 28:15-16). Lucifer's sin of pride resulted in him being separated forever from God, and many other angels became followers of him (Jude 1:6; 2 Peter 2:4). He has a few names in the Bible, like Satan, Lucifer, the Enemy, and the Devil.

17. Do animals go to Heaven?

We don't know! The Bible doesn't tell us, but we know that God loves all of His creation and has a special plan for them like He has a special plan for us. We can trust that God has a special plan for animals.

18. Do people of other religions go to Heaven?

It's not the religion that matters, it's the personal relationship with Jesus. If they have admitted their sin and asked Jesus to be the boss of their life, they will be in Heaven with Jesus for eternity. If not, they will spend eternity separated from Jesus (Acts 11:26; 1 John 5:11-12).