

heartmatters devotional

“Silly, nonsense questions can irritate even the most patient among us. Even so, they still have their place when we’re working with kids. But those questions aren’t the one that can bring an entire room of children to a standstill. The questions that can silence a room are those so sincere and straight to the point they instantly break your heart.”

- ▶ **When has a child’s question about faith stumped you? How did you handle it?**
- ▶ **What questions about faith do you have that no one can seem to answer (except God)?**
- ▶ **What’s one new approach you can take when kids have tough questions about faith?**
- ▶ **What’s one thing you can do when you simply don’t know what to do or how to answer?**

*“God is exalted in his power.
Who is a teacher like him?
Who has prescribed his ways for him,
or said to him, ‘You have done wrong’?
Remember to extol his work,
which people have praised in song.
All humanity has seen it;
mortals gaze on it from afar.
How great is God—beyond our understanding!
The number of his years is past finding out.
“He draws up the drops of water,
which distill as rain to the streams;
the clouds pour down their moisture
and abundant showers fall on mankind.
Who can understand how he spreads out the clouds,
how he thunders from his pavilion?” —Job 36:22-29*

Dear God,

You gave us minds to think with and hearts to love with. We also use these gifts from you to ponder and wonder. Because we are human, we struggle with not knowing—we have questions, doubts, concerns. The children we minister to sometimes have such profound questions we don’t know how to even respond. Remind us—even in the midst of our own questions—to guide these children toward you and your Word for the answers. Lead us toward you as we lead our children. Thank you for always being there to help us search out the answers and to take comfort in you, the great I Am. **In Jesus’ name, amen.**