

The 5 Questions Reworded for Kids & Teens!

Jesus told us to have faith like a child for a reason. Kids and teens, with a little guidance from their parents and teachers, can seek, recognize, and respond to the presence and activity of Jesus around them.

The 5 Questions are simple tools parents and teachers can use to help foster this Kingdom-focused mindset and lifestyle. Use them regularly and you will see Kingdom results!

Ideas for Use:

- As a family, use the 5 Questions to prompt conversation around the dinner table each day
- At the start of each ministry program hour, use the questions to prompt conversations in small groups
- In the day school classroom, use the questions with small groups as part of the daily religion curriculum
- For fun, roll a dice and answer the question that corresponds to the number on the dice. (If you roll a 6 you get to pick the question you want to answer.)

The following are different ways parents and educators have reworded the questions. The questions are split up by age-range to help you find the phrasing that would best fit the kids in your life.

Use them as is or let them inspire you to make up your own version!

Toddlers and Preschoolers

PRACTICE #1: SEEKING THE KINGDOM

HOW DID YOU SEE GOD AT WORK IN YOUR LIFE THIS WEEK?

“Help me open my eyes to see YOU, Lord...”

- Where is Jesus?
- How have you seen Jesus today?
- Has Jesus done something awesome in your family?
- Did you see anything at school today that reminded you of Jesus?
- Where did you see something good or kind happening (God is love)?
- Going through the days’ activities together and relating them to God’s many blessings and challenges is another way to the further this discussion.

PRACTICE #2: HEARING FROM JESUS

WHAT HAS GOD BEEN TEACHING YOU IN HIS WORD?

“Help me open Your Word daily and listen to You, Lord...”

- Did you know God loves you SOOO much? How do you know?
- What have you learned about Jesus this week?
- Let’s learn a Bible passage by singing a Bible passage song! (There are plenty of songs you can sing with your kids to get them learning scripture from a young age in a way that is easy for them to remember and fun to do!)

PRACTICE #3: TALKING WITH PEOPLE

WHAT KIND OF CONVERSATIONS ARE YOU HAVING WITH PRE-CHRISTIANS?

“Open my eyes to notice who You would have me talk with, Lord...”

- Who do you like talking with in your family or in your neighborhood?
- Do they know who Jesus is?
- Have you told them Jesus loves them, too?
- Who needs to hear “Jesus loves you” today?
- What can you tell your friends about Jesus?

PRACTICE #4: DOING GOOD

WHAT GOOD CAN WE DO AROUND HERE?

“Help me put my words and attitudes into action, Lord...”

- How did we show people Jesus loves them?
- How have you been kind to your family or friends today?
- What can we do to make someone feel special today?
- How can you help at home later today?

PRACTICE #5: MINISTERING THROUGH PRAYER

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU IN PRAYER?

“Help me, O Lord, to pray for and with those who need You and not just for myself...”

- How do you talk to God?
- What can we tell Jesus about today?
- Is there anything you want to ask Jesus?
- Who can we pray for today?
- Help them find words by saying, “Repeat after me...”

BONUS:

A team of Early Childhood Directors in Texas used the book, “Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Did You See?” as inspiration for this version of the 5 Questions:

Child, child, how did you see Me?

Child, child, what did you hear about Me?

Child, child, what did you say about Me?

Child, child, how did you show love from Me?

Child, child, what do others need you to say to Me?

Elementary Kids

PRACTICE #1: SEEKING THE KINGDOM

HOW DID YOU SEE GOD AT WORK IN YOUR LIFE THIS WEEK?

“Help me open my eyes to see YOU, Lord...”

- If you were a detective looking for God today, what evidence did you see of His activity?
- What “God-sightings” did you have today?
- How has God helped you or someone you know today?
- What was one hard thing that happened? What do you think Jesus was up to?
- Going through the days’ activities together and relating them to God’s many blessings and challenges is another way to the further this discussion.

PRACTICE #2: HEARING FROM JESUS

WHAT HAS GOD BEEN TEACHING YOU IN HIS WORD?

“Help me open Your Word daily and listen to You, Lord...”

- What did you find out about God in his Word?
- What did you find out about you in His Word? (think in terms of both grace and obedience)
- What did you hear from Jesus today in his Word? Do you believe him?
- How do you think Jesus wants you to respond?
- What is Jesus inviting you to believe or do in his Word?
- What do you think Jesus wants you to learn from what happened today?

PRACTICE #3: TALKING WITH PEOPLE

WHAT KIND OF CONVERSATIONS ARE YOU HAVING WITH PRE-CHRISTIANS?

“Open my eyes to notice who You would have me talk with, Lord...”

- Do you have friends or family who do not know who Jesus is or don’t trust him?
- What are their names?
- How can you share Jesus’ love with them?
- Who needs to hear “Jesus loves you” today?
- What can you tell your friends about Jesus?
- How might you share what you believe about Jesus with your family or friends?
- Who do you know that might need you as a friend today?

PRACTICE #4: DOING GOOD

WHAT GOOD CAN WE DO AROUND HERE?

“Help me put my words and attitudes into action, Lord...”

- How did you show Jesus’ love to the people around you?
- How can you make a difference?
- How can we work together to make a difference?
- How can you help at home later today?
- What can we do to help our neighborhood or school?
- How can you be a reason something good happens in the life of a person who needs it?

PRACTICE #5: MINISTERING THROUGH PRAYER

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU IN PRAYER?

“Help me, O Lord, to pray for and with those who need You and not just for myself...”

- What do you want to share with Jesus today?
- How can we help each other in prayer today?
- How can we ask Jesus to help you with today?
- Have you prayed with a friend or family member this week? Ask God to help with this.

Middle School & High School

PRACTICE #1: SEEKING THE KINGDOM

HOW DID YOU SEE GOD AT WORK IN YOUR LIFE THIS WEEK?

“Help me open my eyes to see YOU, Lord...”

- Where have you seen God working around you this week?
- How’s Jesus been messing with you (your status quo, your preferences or comfort level)?
- What blessings or challenges have you had this week? What do you think Jesus was up to?
- What’s Jesus trying to have you pay attention to?
- Who has Jesus been getting you to notice that may need some grace?

PRACTICE #2: HEARING FROM JESUS

WHAT HAS GOD BEEN TEACHING YOU IN HIS WORD?

“Help me open Your Word daily and listen to You, Lord...”

- How is Jesus “messing” with you in what he’s told you in his Word this week?
- What did you find out about God in his Word?
- What did you find out about you in His Word? (thinking of both obedience and grace)

- What have you been hearing from Jesus in his Word this week? Do you believe him?
- What does Jesus want you to believe or do as a result of what he has told you in his Word?
- What does obedience look like if you put his Words into practice in your relationships?

PRACTICE #3: TALKING WITH PEOPLE

WHAT KIND OF CONVERSATIONS ARE YOU HAVING WITH PRE-CHRISTIANS?

“Open my eyes to notice who You would have me talk with, Lord...”

- Who are you hanging with and talking with regularly? What kind of things do you talk about?
- Do you have friends or family who do not know who Jesus is or don't trust him?
- What are their names?
- Tell us about conversations you have with people who have a different belief system from you.
- Who needs to hear “Jesus loves you” today? Who need to hear “Jesus has a better way” today?
- Tell us about when a conversation turned more reflective or spiritual. What were their questions, fears or hopes?
- Thinking of the people you know who are against God or Christianity, have you asked them what they believe? Have you asked them what they think Christians believe?
- How might you share what you believe about Jesus with your family or friends?
- Who do you know that might need you as a friend today?

PRACTICE #4: DOING GOOD

WHAT GOOD CAN WE DO AROUND HERE?

“Help me put my words and attitudes into action, Lord...”

- What was the good God prepared in advance for you to do this week?
- How did you help someone experience the love of Jesus this week?
- What did you do to make a difference this week?
- What can you do to make a difference next week?
- What good can you do around school or home or your neighborhood this week?
- Who do you know that could use a friend... how can you help them this week?

PRACTICE #5: MINISTERING THROUGH PRAYER

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU IN PRAYER?

“Help me, O Lord, to pray for and with those who need You and not just for myself...”

- Who do you know that needs your prayers?
- How can we help you in prayer?
- What do you want to ask God about today?
- Have you prayed with a friend or family member this week? Ask God to help with this.