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Answering the Tough Questions

Satisfying Your Kids

"How do you know the Bible is true?" "Is Jesus really the only way to Heaven?"

Kids ask tough questions. Their world is different from the one you grew up in. They are more likely to ask the "tough questions" about faith. Telling them the "Bible says so" is often not enough. These questions can be scary, especially if you don't have a ready, satisfying answer.

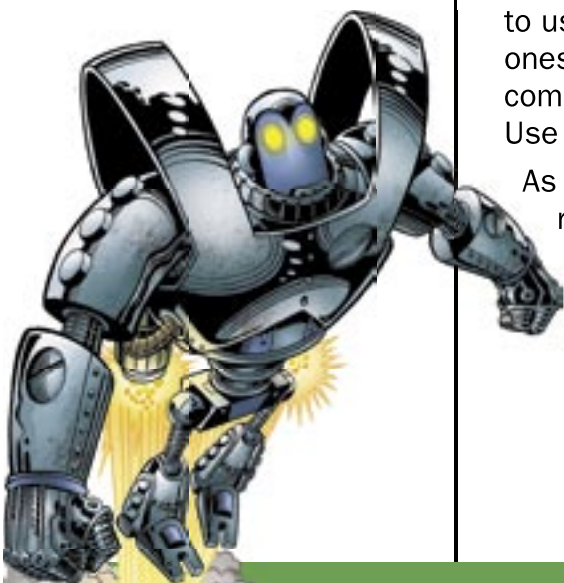
Is it important to entertain these questions?

Absolutely! Your students are asking the same questions they're hearing at school, ball practice, etc. In fact, many of your kids want to know the answers for themselves!

Let them know it's okay to ask these questions. If you don't learn how to answer them, the world will!

How do you come up with answers? First of all, you don't need a Bible degree. Understand that it's okay to say, "I don't know." Kids will appreciate your honesty. Use this opportunity to discover answers together. Feel free to make an assignment for next week that you participate in! Kids enjoy the discovery process. Give them guidelines and point them in a good direction for their research. Teach them how to use a Bible concordance. Send them to trusted websites. Some great ones to use are www.ag.org (click on "Beliefs"), www.pentecostalevangel.com (click on "Questions and Answers"), and www.answersingenesis.org. Use your pastor as a resource.

As their moral compass, we need to help kids learn how to give a clear representation of their faith. When they begin to ask these questions, it's time to start discussing them. It's important to develop this depth of relationship now. As they get older and enter their teen years, they'll know it is okay to ask these questions.



Holsom Comics Discussion Questions

After kids have read [Welcome to Holsom. Issue 14](#), begin a discussion about tough questions by asking these questions:

- When Jordan reaches out to Tabby, she soon discovers her “change of heart” may not be accepted right away. Why not? (*Tabby thinks she's being insincere, Jordan's trying to “prove a point,” etc.*)
- How does Jordan respond to her “friends’” attempts to keep her from befriending Tabby? (*She goes to Tabby anyway.*)
- How do you think Jordan’s honesty with Tabby will affect their relationship? (*It could actually help Tabby believe Jordan is sincere, etc.*)
- If you encountered someone who didn’t share your faith in Christ, how might you respond to their tough questions? (*Answers will vary.*)
- What does Jordan “risk” by befriending Tabby? (*Ridicule from her other friends, or even their rejection.*)



What's the Answer?

Give kids the opportunity to ask the difficult questions about Christianity. It would be a good idea to do a little research ahead of the class and give them information to look through. Consider asking your pastor to come join the process. It would be good for the kids to interact with their pastor and see that he (or she) does care about each of them.

Some questions to consider:

1. Is Jesus really the Son of God?
2. Is there really only one way to Heaven?
3. How did Noah get all those animals on the ark?
4. Big Bang or God-created universe?

