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Answers
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22 Questions from Kids on Sin, Salvation, and the Christian Life

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For Parents and Teachers

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding (Proverbs 9:10).

Dear Moms and Dads:

Let's face it. Some questions are just more difficult to answer than others. Did Satan sin first? Why do animals die when they don't sin? Why do I get sick? Did God create the tsunami? What is heaven like? Did God create sin? Questions like these asked by our children today can leave us stumped.

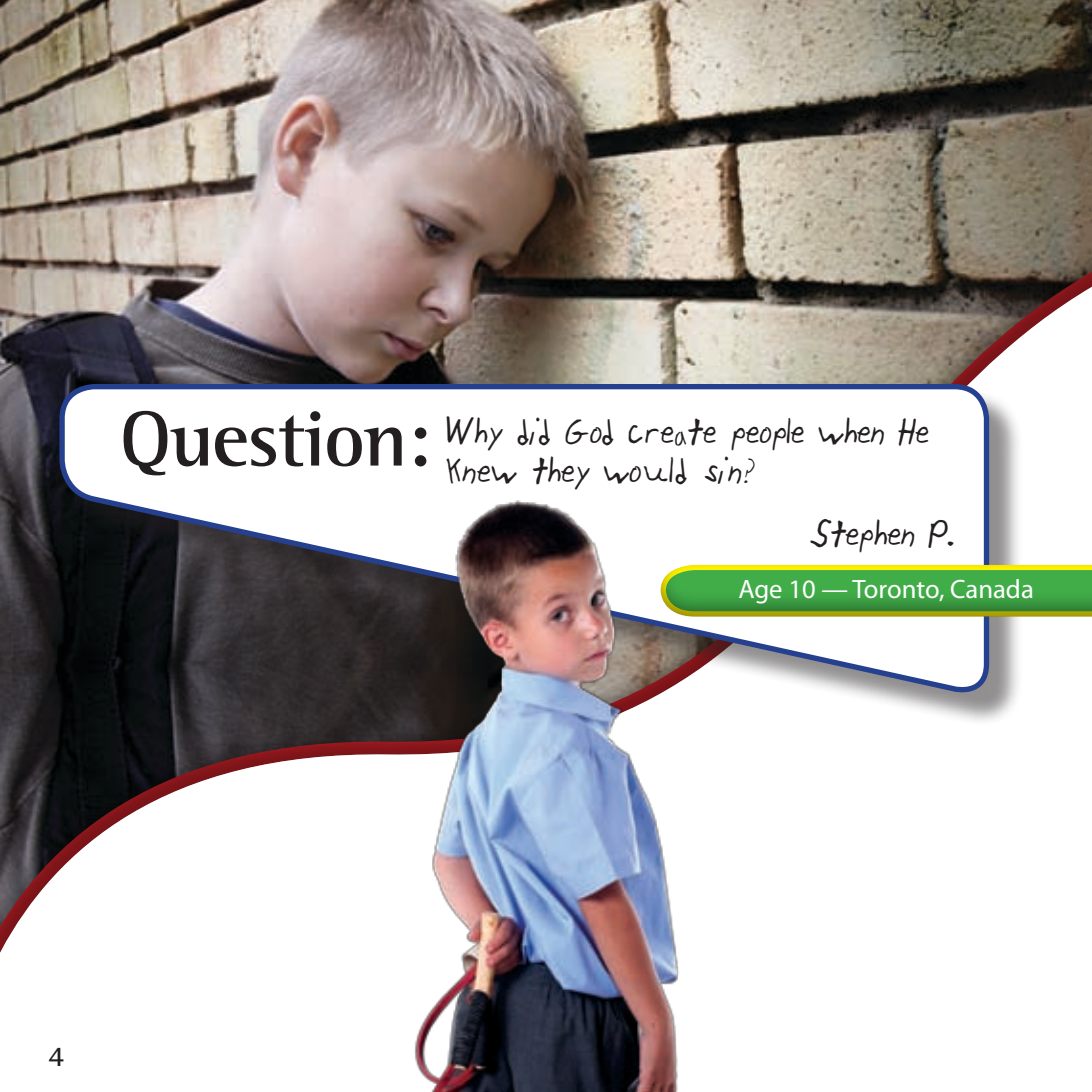
It seems that after decades of studying the Bible, the more I know, the less I know! How can a book be so deep and rich in new wisdom and knowledge? It is a wonderful, blessed mystery that because His works are so great and His thoughts are so deep we will continue to learn about Him throughout all eternity (Psalm 92:5).



As we train up the children in our lives in the way they should go, we must remember to set the example of seeking answers in God's Word—even for the toughest of questions.

I pray that all the children who will be influenced by this book, will one day turn to the Bible to find the most important answer—the life-giving answer—that eternal life comes through belief, trust, and faith in Jesus Christ alone.

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Question: *Why did God create people when He
Knew they would sin?*

Stephen P.

Age 10 — Toronto, Canada

Answer:

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! (Romans 11:33).



All things have been created by God to give Him glory. God is perfect and has complete knowledge of things past, present, and future. Everything He does is perfect. So, Stephen, how do I answer your question? Well, because we know God is perfect, we know that the entrance of sin into the world through Adam and Eve must have been a way to bring glory to God. But how could sin bring God glory? God is holy, hates sin, and the punishment for sin is death. Well, God had the wonderful plan to save sinners from eternal death through Jesus Christ. Jesus took the punishment for the sins of everyone who would believe in Him even though He had never committed a single sin. Jesus' amazing life, death, and Resurrection shows us how great God's love is for us. When we realize all that Jesus did so we could be saved, we want to shout for joy and give God all the glory! By creating Adam and Eve, God created beings to whom He could show His attributes — love, mercy, and so on. And think about it — by doing this, He has enabled us to exist and to be able to spend forever with our Creator!

Romans 11:36



Question: *Could God forgive our sins
without the suffering of Christ?*

Cheyenne

Age 9 — Belgium



Answer:

Nor is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12).



Cheyenne, when we sin — when anyone sins — we are telling God, our Creator, that we don't want to obey Him anymore. Well, because He is our Creator, because He is holy and good, He must punish us when we sin. The punishment for sin is serious — eternal death and separation from God forever — unless we could offer a perfect sacrifice to God to pay for our sin. But we are NOT perfect. So, what do we do? Well, God had a plan. And it is a plan that provides a PERFECT sacrifice for you and me! That sacrifice was the Son of God; Jesus Christ. Jesus never did one single sin. He never lied, stole anything, or disobeyed His mother. In fact, He is the only person in the whole world who ever lived and did not sin! But He is the one who had to die for our sins. Our sin against God is so bad that it could only be paid for by Jesus Christ (the perfect One) suffering and dying in our place. Because of our sin in Adam, suffering was the consequence and in one man, Jesus, the full consequence was taken on our behalf. Jesus paid the price for our sin in full. Therefore, He suffered so that He could defeat suffering for all eternity for all who will believe.

When we trust Jesus and believe in Him, we can know that our sins are forgiven because Jesus Christ suffered for us and paid sin's penalty.

2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:8

