

5 WAYS TO WONDER WITH KIDS

Encouraging curiosity in kids helps them want to learn more. A sense of wonder is an important part of their faith development too! Here are five ways to promote curiosity and wonder in your family life.

1 SLOW DOWN

Walk at your child's pace and try to physically get on their level when possible. See the world through their eyes and wonder together at the things they're experiencing. Use a magnifying glass to look even closer at God's amazing creation.

2 ENCOURAGE QUESTIONS

Questions are a good thing! They come from a place of curiosity as children try to make sense of day-to-day life. Try your best to react positively to questions, even if you've already answered *hundreds* of them today.

3 EMBRACE THE UNKNOWN

If your child asks you a question that you don't know the answer to (and can't look up online), admit that you don't know. Wonder along with them what the answer might be and remind them that part of the mystery of God is that we don't know all the answers.

4 DEVELOP EMPATHY

Wondering is a great way to help your kids walk a mile in other people's shoes. When something amazing or difficult happens, ask questions like "I wonder what she thought when that happened . . . ?" or "I wonder how that made her feel . . . ?"

5 PAUSE AND REFLECT WHEN EXPLORING GOD'S STORY

Take time to wonder together about the people, places, and events in the Bible stories your child hears in children's ministry. Ask your child, "What do you wonder about this story?" Their answer will give you insight into their thinking, and it will probably deepen your own understanding too.