

## Instructions for life from some young ones

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- Stay away from prunes. Randy, 9
- Never dare your little brother to paint the family car. Phillip, Age 13
- Forget the cake; go for the icing. Cynthia, Age 8
- Medicine only works if it's cherry flavored. Elissa, 9
- Good food always comes with a toy. Ryan, 6
- Just because your dog drinks from the toilet, doesn't mean you should. Joaquim, 7
- Don't dry the dog in the microwave. Brittany, 5
- Never ask dad about his *other* friend. Nippun, 10
- If mommy says no, then you should ask daddy. Daniel, 7
- You can't eat soup with a fork. Mel, 4
- Don't pick your nose when you're finger painting. Xiang, 8
- Never ask Mom when she's going to go on a diet. Bob, 11
- I believe you should live each day as if it is your last, which is why I don't have any clean laundry because, come on, who wants to wash clothes on the last day of their life? Age 15
- Give me the strength to change the things I can, the grace to accept the things I cannot, and a great big bag of money. Age 13
- It sure would be nice if we got a day off for the president's birthday, like they do for the queen. Of course, then we would have a lot of people voting for a candidate born on July 3 or December 26, just for the long weekends. Age 8
- Democracy is a beautiful thing, except for that part about letting just any old yokel vote. Age 10
- Home is where the house is. Age 6
- I bet living in a nudist colony takes all the fun out of Halloween. Age 13
- For centuries, people thought the moon was made of green cheese. Then the

- astronauts found that the moon is really a big hard rock. That's what happens to cheese when you leave it out. Age 6
- My young brother asked me what happens after we die. I told him we get buried under a bunch of dirt and worms eat our bodies. I guess I should have told him the truth -- that most of us go to hell and burn eternally - but I didn't want to upset him. Age 10
- When I go to heaven, I want to see my grandpa again. But he better have lost the nose hair and the old-man smell. Age 5
- I once heard the voice of God. It said "Vrrrrmmm. - unless it was just a lawn mower! Age 11
- I like to go down to the dog pound and pretend that I've found my dog. Then I tell them to kill it anyway because I already gave away all of his stuff. Dog people sure don't have a sense of humor. Age 14
- As you make your way through this hectic world of ours, set aside a few minutes each day. At the end of the year, you'll have a couple of days saved up. Age 7
- Often, when I am reading a good book, I stop and thank my teacher. That is, I used to, until she got an unlisted number. Age 15
- It would be terrible if the Red Cross Bloodmobile got into an accident. No, wait! That would be good because if anyone needed it, the blood would be right there. Age 5
- Think of the biggest number you can. Now add 5. Then, imagine if you had that many Twinkies. Wow, that's 5 more than the biggest number you could come up with! Age 6
- If we could just get everyone to close their eyes & visualize world peace for an hour, imagine how serene and quiet it would be until the looting started. Age 15
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A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

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## **VIEWS OF CHILDREN ON LOVE & MARRIAGE**

### WHAT EXACTLY IS MARRIAGE?

"Marriage is when you get to keep your girl and don't have to give her back to her parents." Eric, 6

"When somebody's been dating for a while, the boy might propose to the girl. He says to her, 'I'll take you for a whole life, or at least until we have kids and get divorced, but you got to do one particular thing for me.' Then she says yes, but she's wondering what the thing is and whether it's naughty or not. She can't wait to find out." Anita, 9

### HOW DOES A PERSON DECIDE WHOM TO MARRY?

"You flip a nickel, and heads means you stay with him and tails means you try the next one." Kelly, 9

"My mother says to look for a man who is kind ...That's what I'll do ... I'll find somebody who's kinda tall and handsome." Carolyn, 8

WHAT IS THE PROPER AGE TO GET MARRIED?

"84, because at that age, you don't have to work anymore, and you can spend all your time loving each other in your bedroom." Carolyn, 8

"Once I'm done with kindergarten, I'm going to find me a wife." Bert, 5

HOW DID YOUR MOM AND DAD MEET?

"They were at a dance party at a friend's house. Then they went for a drive, but their car broke down ... It was a good thing, because it gave them a chance to find out about their values." Lottie, 9

"My father was doing some strange chores for my mother. They won't tell me what kind." Jeremy, 8

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

"On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date." Martin, 10

"Many daters just eat pork chops & French fries & talk about love." Craig, 9

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

"You should never kiss a girl unless you have enough bucks to buy her a ring and her own VCR, 'cause she'll want to have videos of the wedding." Allan, 10

"Never kiss in front of other people. It's a big embarrassing thing if anybody sees you...If nobody sees you, I might be willing to try it with a handsome boy, but just for a few hours." Kelly, 9

WHAT IS FALLING IN LOVE IS LIKE?

"Like an avalanche where you have to run for your life." Roger, 9

"If falling in love is anything like learning how to spell, I don't want to it. It takes too long." Leo, 7

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Another three year old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Son, your shoes are on the wrong feet."

He looked up at her with a raised brow and said, "Don't kid me, Mom. I KNOW they're my feet."

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On the first day of school, the Kindergarten teacher said, "If anyone has to go to the bathroom, hold up two fingers." A little voice from the back of the room asked, "How will that help?"

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A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question "Boys & girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven."

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A mother and her young son returned from the grocery store and began putting away the groceries. The boy opened the box of animal crackers and spread them all over the table. "What are you doing?", his mother asked. "The box says you can't eat them if the seal is broken," the boy said. I'm looking for the seal."

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"Can people predict the future with cards?"

"My mother can."

"Really?"

"Yes, she takes 1 look at my report card & tells me what will happen when my father gets home."

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

A three-year-old boy went with his dad to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother, "There were 2 boy kittens and 2 girl kittens."

"How did you know?" his mother asked. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath he replied. I think it's printed on the bottom."

A little boy attended church for the first time. As the offering plate was passed, he said, very brightly, "Daddy, you don't have to pay for me. I'm under 6."

### KIDS LITTLE LIFE INSTRUCTIONS

- Never trust a dog to watch your food. Patrick, Age 10
- When you want something expensive, ask your grandparents. Matthew, Age 12
- Never smart off to a teacher whose eyes and ears are twitching. Andrew, Age 9
- Wear a hat when feeding seagulls. Rocky, Age 9
- Sleep in your clothes so you'll be dressed in the morning. Stephanie, Age 8
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- Beware of cafeteria food when it looks like it's moving. Rob, Age 10
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- Remember the two places you are always welcome - church and grandma's house. Joanne, Age 11

After putting her children to bed, a mother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. At last she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard her 3-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was that?"

A boy was telling his grandmother that he and his 3 playmates attended different churches. Then he added, "It really doesn't matter if we go to different churches, does it, Grandma, as long as we're all Republicans?"

2 little boys were visiting their grandfather & he took them to a restaurant for lunch. They couldn't make up their minds about what they wanted to eat. Finally the grandfather grinned at the server and said, "Just bring them bread and water." One of the little boys looked up and quavered, "Can I have ketchup on it?"

A little boy was roughhousing with his dog. His mother said to him, "Now, Peter, I know you love Granger, but you're loving him too much. How would you feel if someone huge picked you up and squeezed you so hard you couldn't breathe?" The boy thought a moment and then said, "I guess I'd feel like it was my birthday and Aunt Doreen was here!"

A new neighbor asked the little girl next door if she had any brothers and sisters. She replied, "No, I'm the lonely child."

A mother took her three-year-old daughter to church for the first time just before Easter. The church lights were lowered, and then the choir came down the aisle, carrying lighted candles. All was quiet until the little one started to sing in a loud voice, "Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday to you ..."

A mother was telling her little girl what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her father's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me, and always she was correct. But it was fun for me, so I continued. At last she headed for the door, saying sagely, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these yourself!"

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"Hit him again", the 5-year-old said. "He shouldn't have crawled up there in the first place."

The kindergarten teacher was showing her class an encyclopedia page picturing several national flags. She pointed to the American flag and asked, "What flag is this?"

A little girl called out, "That's the flag of our country."

"Very good," the teacher said. "And what is the name of our country?"

Tis of thee," the girl said confidently.

### 1ST Grade Proverbs

Better to be safe than	punch a 5th grader
Strike while the	bug is close.
It's always darkest before	daylight savings time
Never underestimate the power of	termites.
You can lead a horse to water but	how?
Don't bite the hand that	looks dirty.
No news is	impossible.
A miss is as good as a	Mr.
You can't teach an old dog	math.
If you lie down with dogs, you	will stink in the morning.
Love all - trust	me.
The pen is mightier than	the pigs.
An idle mind is	the best way to relax.
Where there is smoke, there's	pollution.
Happy is the bride who	gets all the presents.
A penny saved is	not much.
Two is company - three's	The Musketeers.
None are so blind as	Helen Keller.
Children should be seen and not	spanked or grounded.
If at first you don't succeed	get new batteries.
You get out of something what you	see pictured on the box.
When the blind lead the blind	get out of the way.
There is no fool like	Aunt Bertha
Laugh & the whole world laughs with you; Cry &	you have to blow your nose.

One particular four-year-old prayed: "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly something fell out of the bible. He picked up the object and looked at it closely.

What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mom, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

### Toddler Property Laws

1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my hands, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a week ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
6. If I'm doing or building something, all the pieces are mine.
7. If it looks just like mine, it's mine.
8. If I think it's mine, it's mine.
9. If it's near me, it's mine.
10. If it's broccoli, it's yours.

### PUNCTUATION

The kindergarten class had a homework assignment to find out about something exciting and relate it to the class the next day. When the time came for the little kids to give their reports, the teacher was calling on them one at a time.

She was reluctant to call on little Johnny, knowing that he sometimes could be a bit crude. But, eventually, his turn came. He walked up to the front of the class and, with a piece of chalk, made a small white dot on the blackboard, then sat back down.

Well, the teacher couldn't figure out what Johnny had in mind for his report on something exciting, so she asked him just what that was.

"It's a period," reported Johnny.

"Well, I can see that," she said, "but what is so exciting about a period?"

"Damned if I know", said Johnny, "but, this morning, my sister said she missed one. Then Dad had a heart attack, Mom fainted, and the man next door attempted suicide."

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks you're stupid, stand up!" After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?" "No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

Little Johnny watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. "Why do you do that, mommy?" he asked. "To make myself beautiful," said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. "What's the matter?" asked Little Johnny. "Giving up?"

The math teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Johnny! What are 2 & 4 & 28 & 44?" Little Johnny quickly replied, "NBC, CBS, HBO & the Cartoon network!"

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny, a child in the kindergarten class, seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, & said, "Johnny what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures, tacked to a bulletin board, of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture & asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. Yes," said the policeman. "The detectives want very badly to capture him." Little Johnny asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

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### **KIDS DO SAY THE DARNDDEST THINGS**

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about six years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, "Are you a cop?" "Yes," I answered and continued writing the report. "My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?" "Yes, that's right," I told her. "Well, then," she said as she extended her foot toward me, "would you please tie my shoe?"

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It sure is," I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, "What'd he do?"

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my four-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age - particularly the canes, walkers & wheelchairs. 1 day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, "Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit." "And why not, darling?" "You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning."

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently his five-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said. "Glory be unto the Faaaather and unto the Sonnnn and into the hole you goooo!"

To close each day's activities in summer and on holidays in the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World at Lake Buena Vista, Fla., a huge fireworks display lights up the sky. One night I noticed a small boy about three years old perched on his father's shoulder. The child sat mesmerized, aware only of what was exploding in the heavens. When the fireworks were over, the little boy looked up into the sky again and said, "Thank you, God."

My best lesson in child psychology came when I saw our five-year-old, Steven, roughly jerking our toy poodle's leash. Suddenly his fuming father appeared and asked, "Do you want to tell me how sorry you are?" "I don't know how much you saw!" Steven stammered.

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When my wife quit work to take care of our new baby daughter, countless hours of peek-a-boo and other games slowly took their toll. One evening she smacked her bare toes on the corner of a dresser and, grabbing her foot, sank to the floor. I rushed to her side and asked where it hurt. She looked at me through tear-filled eyes and managed to moan, "It's the piggy that ate roast beef."

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We had spent the day moving from our farmhouse into our new house in town. Early the next morning, our 3-year-old ran into our bedroom to wake us up. I dressed him and told him to play in the yard and to quit bothering us. About 20 minutes later, he came running back. "Mommy, Mommy," he exclaimed, "Everybody has doorbells and they all work."

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A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!"

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One day Mother sent my little brother to the post office to mail a letter. A few minutes later he came back with a suspicious smile on his face. "What happened?" my mother asked. "I just fooled the people at the post office. When no one was looking, I dropped the letter into the box without buying any stamps."

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During a children's sermon, Rev. Larry Eisenberg asked the children what "Amen" means. A little boy said: "It means 'Tha-tha-tha-that's all folks!' "

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A student was asked to list the 10 Commandments in any order. His answer: "3, 6, 1, 8, 4, 5, 9, 2, 10, 7."

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I was at the beach with my children when my four-year-old son ran up to me, grabbed my hand, and led me to the shore, where a sea gull lay dead in the sand. "Mommy, what happened to him?" the little boy asked. "He died and went to Heaven," I replied. My son thought a moment and then said, "And God threw him back down?"

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Bill Keane, creator of the Family Circus cartoon strip tells of a time when he was penciling one of his cartoons and his son Jeffy said, "Daddy, how do you know what to draw?" I said, "God tells me." Jeffy said, "Then why do you keep erasing parts of it?"

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After the church service, a little boy told the pastor: "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money." "Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "but why?" "Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."

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My wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to our six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" I wouldn't know what to say," she replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," my wife said. Our daughter bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

As the crowded airliner is about to take off, the peace is shattered by a five-year-old boy who picks that moment to throw a wild temper tantrum. No matter what his frustrated, embarrassed mother does to try to calm him down, the boy continues to scream furiously and kick the seats around him.

Suddenly, from the rear of the plane, an elderly man in the uniform of an Air Force General is seen slowly walking forward up the aisle. Stopping the flustered mother with an upraised hand, the white-haired, courtly, soft-spoken General leans down and, motioning toward his chest, whispers something into the boy's ear. Instantly, the boy calms down, gently takes his mother's hand, and quietly fastens his seat belt.

All the other passengers burst into spontaneous applause. As the General slowly makes his way back to his seat, one of the cabin attendants touches his sleeve. "Excuse me, General," she asks quietly, "but could I ask you what magic words you used on that little boy?"

The man smiles serenely and gently confides, "I showed him my pilot's wings, service stars, and battle ribbons, and explained that they entitle me to throw one passenger out the plane door, on any flight I choose."

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer; she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael; he's a doctor.'"

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, he said, "Now, boys, if I stood on my head the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I should turn red in the face."

"Yes, sir," the boys said.

"Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?"

A little fellow shouted, "Cause yer feet ain't empty."

For weeks, a six-year old lad kept telling his first-grade teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house. One day the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child.

The six-year old was obviously impressed, but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event.

The teacher finally sat the boy on her lap and said, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?"

Tommy burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mommy ate it!"

A four year old was at the pediatrician for a check up. As the doctor looked down her ears with an otoscope, he asked, "Do you think I'll find Big Bird in here?" The little girl stayed silent. Next, the doctor took a tongue depressor and looked down her throat. He asked, "Do you think I'll find the Cookie Monster down there?" Again, the little girl was silent. Then the doctor put a stethoscope to her chest. As he listened to her heart beat, he asked, "Do you think I'll hear Barney in there?" "Oh, no!" the little girl replied. "Jesus is in my heart. Barney's on my underpants."

My friend likes to read his two young sons fairy tales at night. Having a deep-rooted sense of humor, he often ad-libs parts of the stories for fun. One day his youngest son was sitting in his first-grade class as the teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs. She

came to the part of the story where the first pig was trying to acquire building materials for his home. She said "...And so the pig went up to the man with a wheelbarrow full of straw and said "Pardon me, sir, but might I have some of that straw to build my house with?" Then the teacher asked the class "And what do you think that man said?" My friend's son raised his hand and said "I know! I know! He said 'Holy Shit!! A talking pig!'"

The teacher was unable to teach for the next 10 minutes.

*From my niece, who teaches the hearing impaired:*

My friend's son told him that when he dies, he wants "return to sender" on the coffin...

Little Johnny's dad was a farmer in a poor district of the country. One day his Uncle Dabner came to visit. Since there were limited accommodations, he was required to sleep with his young nephew, Little Johnny.

When Uncle Dabner came into the bedroom, he saw the Little Johnny kneeling at the side of the bed with his head bowed. Thinking this was the child's religious upbringing, he decided to present a good example and kneeled at the other side of the bed with his head bowed.

Little Johnny looked up and said, "Whatcha doin'?"

"Why, the same thing you're doing", replied Uncle Dabner.

"Ma's gonna be mad", said Little Johnny.

"Why will she be mad?" asked Uncle Dabner.

"Because the bed pan's on this side!" responded Little Johnny.

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem.

A small child replied, "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."

A very dirty little fellow came in from playing in the yard and asked his mother, "Who am I?"

Ready to play the game she said, "I don't know! Who are you?"

"WOW!" cried the child. "Mrs. Johnson was right! She said I was so dirty, my own mother wouldn't recognize me!"

A wise schoolteacher sends this note to all parents on the first day of school: "If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he says happens at home."

Little Johnny walked into a grocery store and selected a large box of laundry detergent and took it to the counter. The clerk said, "You must have a large load of clothes to wash."

"Oh no," said Johnny, "I'm going to give my dog a bath."

"I don't think that is the right soap to use to bathe your dog," said the clerk.

"It'll do," said Johnny, as he paid the clerk and walked out.

A few days later Johnny goes back to the store to buy some candy. "How's your dog?" the clerk asked.

"He died", said Johnny.

"I told you that soap wasn't right for your dog," replied the clerk.

"The soap was fine," said Johnny, "but I think the spin cycle killed him."

Martin has just received his brand new driver's license. The family troops out to the driveway, and climbs in the car, where he is going to take them for a ride for the first time. Dad immediately heads for the back seat, directly behind the newly minted driver.

"I'll bet you're back there to get a change of scenery after all those months of sitting in the front passenger seat teaching me how to drive," says the beaming boy to his father.

"Nope," comes Dad's reply, "I'm gonna sit here and kick the back of your seat as you drive, just like you've been doing to me all those years."

Four-year-old Jared was eating a hot dog when he dropped it on the floor. He quickly picked it up and was about to take another bite when his mom said, "No, Jared, you can't eat that now it has germs."

Jared pondered the thought a moment and replied, "Jesus, germs, and Santa Claus - that's all I ever hear and I haven't seen one of them yet!"

The little boy wasn't getting good marks in school. One day he quite surprised the teacher.

He tapped her on the shoulder and said, "I don't want to scare you, but my daddy says if I don't get better grades somebody is going to get a spanking!"

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

An honest seven-year-old admitted calmly to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after class. "How did that happen?" gasped her mother. "It wasn't easy," admitted the young lady, "but 3 girls helped me catch him."

One day, a little girl is sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly notices that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looks at her mother and inquisitively asks, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while, and then said, "So, Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?"

The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your dad."

***DOG LETTERS TO GOD***

Dear God,

How come people love to smell flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another? Where are their priorities?

Dear God,

When we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it the same old story?

Dear God,  
Excuse me, but why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not one named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We dogs love a nice ride! I know every breed cannot have its own model, but it would be easy to rename the Chrysler Eagle the Chrysler Beagle!

Dear God,  
If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?

Dear God,  
When my foster mom's friend comes over to our house, he smells like musk! What's he been rolling around in?

Dear God,  
Is it true that in Heaven, dining room tables have on-ramps?

Dear God,  
If we come back as humans, is that good or bad?

Dear God,  
More meatballs, less spaghetti, please.

Dear God,  
When we get to the Pearly Gates, do we have to shake hands to get in?

Dear God,  
We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent IDs, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Dear God,  
Are there dogs on other planets, or are we alone? I have been howling at the moon and stars for a long time, but all I ever hear back is the beagle across the street.

Dear God,  
Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God,  
Is it true that dogs are not allowed in restaurants because we can't make up our minds what NOT to order? Or is it the carpets again?

Dear God,  
When my family eats dinner they always bless their food. But they never bless mine. So, I've been wagging my tail extra fast when they fill my bowl. Have you noticed my own blessing?

Dear God,

I've always lived at the shelter and I have everything I need. But many of the cats here have names and I don't. Could you give me a name please? It would be good for my self-esteem.

Dear God,

The new terrier I live with just peed on the Oriental rug and I have a feeling my family might blame me 'cuz they think I'm jealous of this stupid dog. Since they have no sense of smell, how can I convince them I'm innocent? Does PetsMart sell lie detectors?

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A teacher wrote on the blackboard: "Like I ain't had no fun in months." Then she asked the class, "How should I correct this sentence?"

Little Johnny raised his hand and said, "Like, get a boyfriend?"

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I have been teaching patriotic songs to my children over the past few weeks. In a moment of inspiration, my 5-year-old daughter belted out, "O beautiful, our spaceship guys..."

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My first grade daughter and her friend both needed new boots as winter approached. The friend got in the car one morning and finally had gotten her boots.

"Tina," I commented, "I see you got new boots! Where did you get them?"

"At the store," she answered.

"Which one?" I asked. She began looking at her new boots and after a pause said, "Both of them!"

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When my son was around nine, we had a very wet spring causing several of his baseball games to be cancelled or postponed. Finally a *make-up* game was scheduled for one of the games. I told my 6-year-old daughter that if she had any homework that day she needed to complete it during aftercare at school because her brother had a make-up game.

That night since it was still too wet for her to play, she moved from lap to lap. While she was in my lap, she looked at her brother's dugout and then she looked at the other dugout. She turned to me and asked, "Are we wearing make-up or is the other team?"

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The teacher asks little Johnny if he knows his numbers.

"Yes," he says, "I do. My father taught me."

"Good. What comes after three?"

"Four," answers little Johnny.

"What comes after six?"

"Seven."

"Very good. Your dad did a good job. What comes after ten?"

Little Johnny smiles and says, "Jack."

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After a particularly trying week in kindergarten, Bobby went to spend the weekend with Grandma. Grandma took Bobby to the park. It had snowed all night, and the park was beautifully glossed in white. "Isn't this beautiful," said Grandma. "God painted this just for you."

"Yes, and he painted it all left-handed," replied Bobby.

Puzzled, Grandma asked, "Why do you think he painted with his left hand?"

"Well," said Bobby, "we learned in Sunday school last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

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Early one evening a gentleman scuttled out to his garage and pulled the lawn furniture out onto the driveway. Shortly after followed the lawnmower, a few gardening tools and a bicycle. A curious neighbor wandered over and asked if he was going to have a garage sale.

"No," replied the gentleman, "my son just bought his first car and right now he's getting ready for a big date."

"So what's with all the stuff?" asked the neighbor.

"Well, after years of moving tricycles, toys and sports equipment out of the way every time I came home from work I wanted to make sure the driveway was ready for him."

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A friend hosted a dinner party for people from work, and everyone was encouraged to bring their children.

All during the sit-down dinner one co-worker's three-year-old girl stared at the man sitting across from her. The girl could hardly eat her food from staring.

The man checked his tie, felt his face for food, patted his hair in place, but nothing stopped her from staring at him. He tried his best to just ignore her but finally it was too much for him. He asked her, "Why are you staring at me?"

Everyone at the table had noticed her behavior and the table went quiet for her response. The little girl said, "I just want to see how you drink like a fish!"

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A little boy walked down the beach, and as he did, he spied a matronly woman sitting under a beach umbrella on the sand. He walked up to her and asked, "Are you a Christian?"

"Yes," she replied.

"Do you read your Bible every day?" She nodded her head. "Do you pray often?" the boy asked next, and again she answered, "Yes."

With that he asked his final question, "Then will you hold my quarter for me while I go swimming?"

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A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"

"16," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed he had an answer so quickly.

"How do you know that?"

"Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the Bishop said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

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A 6-year-old boy called his mother from his friend Charlie's house and confessed he had broken a lamp when he threw a football in their living room.

"But, Mom," he said, brightening, "you don't have to worry about buying another one. Charlie's mother said it was irreplaceable."

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Thank God kids never mean well.

--Lily Tomlin

You spend the first 2 years of their life teaching children to walk and talk. Then you spend the next 16 telling them to sit down and shut-up.

Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your children.

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like clearing the driveway before it has stopped snowing.

There is only 1 pretty child in the world & every mother has it.

Mothers of teens know why animals eat their young.

I asked Mom if I was a gifted child. She said they certainly wouldn't have paid for

me.

Children are natural mimics, who act like their parents despite every effort to teach them good manners.

Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.

The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.

We child-proofed our home 3 years ago & they're still getting in!

Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.

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There was a Grandfather, holding his young granddaughter on his knee. He was an elderly gentleman with weather beaten skin. He was reading a book to his granddaughter. As he read to his granddaughter, she reached up & ran her finger across his cheek & then ran her finger across her own cheek. As he continued to read to her, she would run her finger across his rough cheek & then across her own smooth cheek.

After awhile, she looked up at her grandfather & ask him, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

He answered her, "Yes child, a long time ago."

She then asked him, "Grandpa, did God make me?"

He answered her again, "Yes child, not too long ago."

She looked up at him & said, "I think He's getting better."

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### **RETIREMENT IN A TRAILER PARK THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD**

After spring break, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent the holidays. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma & Grandpa. They used to live here in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded & they moved to Florida. Now they live in a place with a lot of other retarded people. They live in a tin box & have rocks painted green to look like grass. They ride around on big tricycles and wear nametags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wrecked center but they must have got it fixed because it is all right now. They play games & do exercises there but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too but they all jump up & down in it with their hats on. I guess they don't know how to swim.

At their gate, there is a dollhouse with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out. Then they go cruising in their golf carts. My Grandma used to bake cookies & stuff but I guess she forgot how. Nobody there cooks; they just eat out. And they eat the same thing every night, "Early Birds." Some of the people can't get past the man in the dollhouse to go out. So the ones who do get out bring food back to the wrecked center & call it potluck.

My Grandma says Grandpa's worked all his life to be retarded & says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the dollhouse. Then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren.

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A salesman telephoned a household & a young boy answered. "May I speak to your mother?" the salesman asked.

The boy replied, "She's not here right now."

The salesman then asked, "Is there anyone else there?"

The boy replied, "My sister."

The salesman asked, "May I speak to her?"

The boy replied, "I guess so." At this point there was a long period of silence on the phone. Then the boy returned & said, "Hello?"

The salesman responded, "It's you again? I thought you were going to get your sister."

To which the boy replied, "I tried but I can't get her out of the playpen!"

The pretty young schoolteacher was concerned about one of her 11-year old students. Taking him aside after class 1 day, she asked, "Victor, why has your schoolwork been so poor lately?"

"I can't concentrate," replied the boy. "I've fallen in love."

"Is that so?" said the teacher, holding back an urge to smile. "And with whom?"

"With you," he answered.

"But Victor," said the secretly pleased young lady, "don't you see how silly that is? It's true that I'd like a husband of my own someday; but I don't want a child."

"Oh, don't worry," said Victor reassuringly. "I'll be careful."

A father was told by his proud young son: "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled & replied, "What do you mean, you *know* what it means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "So, Son, what does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy. It stands for Basic Information Before Leaving Earth."

My wife & I had taken our two children to a popular children's movie & the theatre was filling up. Just before the movie started, another family with small children came in & the only remaining seats were in the very front row.

As the father was coaxing his children to walk across the row to sit down, a now quiet and dark theater heard 1 child plainly say, "But Dad, we can't sit in front. What about the air bags?"

I was driving with my 3 young children 1 warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up & waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mom! That lady isn't wearing a seat belt!"

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My son Zachary, 4, came screaming out of the bathroom to tell me he'd dropped his toothbrush in the toilet. So I fished it out & threw it in the garbage. Zachary stood there thinking for a moment, then ran to my bathroom & came out with my toothbrush. He held it up & said with a charming little smile, "We better throw this 1 out too then, 'cause it fell in the toilet a few days ago."

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On the first day of school, a first grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

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A woman was trying hard to get the catsup to come out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four-year old daughter to answer the phone. "It's the minister, Mommy," the child said to her mother. Then she added., "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

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I love the outdoors, and because of my passion for hunting and fishing, my family eats a considerable amount of wild game. So much, in fact, that one evening as I set a platter of broiled venison steaks on the dinner table, my 10-year-old daughter looked up & said, "Boy, it sure would be nice if pizzas lived in the woods."

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A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter - haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

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A second grader came home from school & said to her mother, "Mom, guess what? We learned how to make babies today."

The mother, more that a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said, "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change y to i & add es."

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### **Kids' Science Theories**

When they broke open molecules, they found they were only stuffed with atoms. But when they broke open atoms, they found them stuffed with explosions.

While the earth seems to be knowingly keeping its distance from the sun, it is really only centrifigating.

There is a tremendous weight pushing down on the center of the Earth because of so much population stomping around up there these days.

We say the cause of perfume disappearing is evaporation. Evaporation gets blamed for a lot of things people forget to put the top on.

To most people solutions mean finding the answers. But to chemists, solutions are things that are still all mixed up.

Rain is often known as soft water, oppositely known as hail.

Thunder is a rich source of loudness.

Isotherms & isobars are even more important than their names sound.

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A little girl was sitting with her grandfather as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She'd then touch her cheek, and then touch his again.

Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered. "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused. "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes indeed, honey," he said. "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"