Curiosity that Leads to God



When was the last time you were curious about something? I mean *really* curious; the kind of curiosity that compelled you to get off the couch, or out of the office to go and earnestly seek out the answer; the burning desire to "know" that enticed you to look around the corner or walk down the untravelled path.

How energising is that quest! How thrilling and satisfying is the answer once found!

I never want to deny a child the chance to feel that energy, thrill and satisfaction. In my rush to GIVE information I must first allow children an opportunity to actually WANT it.

An Expectation of Curiosity

God draws children to himself through their curiosity. I love how he prepares the Israelites leaving Egypt for future questions their children will ask.

> In the future, when your son asks you, "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?" tell him: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. Deuteronomy 6:20-21, NIV

Notice he says "when" your son asks you and not "if" your son asks you. God knows children will be curious.

Curiosity Comes from God and Leads to God

God does not want us to feel the satisfaction before we have answers because *he is the answer*. Only God can satisfy the curiosity and longing children (and adults) feel.

> You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. Psalms 63:1, NIV

Keep Them Guessing



The Bible is filled with interesting and attention-grabbing

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stories that children can easily relate to. Before sharing a Bible story I will often share one small part of it as a “teaser”. Here’s a fun and effective activity to try next time you teach children. Keep Them Guessing is a simple activity where children are provided with items as clues to guess what comes next.

- A pearl before you tell about the parable of the pearl of great price
- A stone before you share about the burial and resurrection of Jesus and the stone rolled in front of the tomb.
- A weed so children will be curious about the parable of a sower and seeds

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