

## **Daily Apologetics for Kids**

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**No Blind Faith**

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Directed towards 7-10 years olds, but since every child is different. We expect parents to learn a lot as well.

Designed for evenings (bedtime) or mornings, 5 days a week (breaks on weekends).

Note the questions are not always easy to answer. parents and kids will have to think about the answer (answers are provided in the back for some of the questions). Sometimes kids will have to look up the answers.

The questions will be asked twice. Once in the middle of the reading and once at the end. Let your kids know this will happen or they'll say: I already answered that. But often their answers will change the second time around. If they got the right answer the first time around, then don't press it.

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Note most topics build on previous topics, so we recommend the readings be done in order and not skipped. Occasionally we will remind you about a previous topic in case kids have forgotten it.

Finally, do note that we skip around topics to keep the interest up. In some of the studies we did with kids we noted that if we stuck to the same topic over and over again the kids got bored with it. But when we moved topics and then came back to an old topic to teach more about it, the kids re-engaged.

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Rough collection of questions and topics we will eventually cover.

### **Truth:**

1. Does Truth exist
2. The difference between objective and subjective truths

### **No Blind Faith**

1. *Why are you a Christian?*
2. *Aren't we supposed to have blind faith? Blind faith is dangerous (#2)*
3. *Does God want us to believe in him without any proof?*
4. *Is all faith blind (e.g the doctor). (#3)*
5. *If you were able to prove God existed, would that mean that you don't have faith?*
6. *Is the fact that your parents are Christians a good reason for you to be a Christian? (#1)*
7. *Is the fact that you have a strong faith a good reason to be a Christian? (#4)*
8. *What should be the deciding factor for what you believe?*
9. *Is the strength of someone's faith what determines if something is true? (#4)*
10. *Don't all religions teach the same thing?*

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*We'll do the rest after doing the evidence.*

11. But why did Jesus say to Thomas, you have seen and believe, blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.
12. Hebrews 11 says faith is the evidence of things not seen.
13. How do you know if the Christian God is the real god and not Krishna
14. Can more than one religion be true? Could all roads lead to God? Do all religions lead to God?
15. Why is Christianity better than say Hinduism or Islam?
16. Is it arrogant to think that Christianity is the only way to God?
17. Is it intolerant to think that most other people are going to hell? (use a doctor story).
18. If someone was able to prove that Christianity was not true, should you be a Christian?
19. Is it wrong to doubt your faith?
20. Many translators translated the Greek word Pistis for Faith. What's a better translation of the word pistis?
21. Isn't it enough to just love others?
22. Isn't the Bible just about loving each other? (No first love God, and if you are to love God then you have to believe he exists).
23. Are Christians closedminded (for older kids)
24. Logic and Reason are part of the very nature of God.

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25. The Apostle Thomas and seen vs unseen faith.

**Agent X:**

26. *Where did God come from? Nothing comes from nothing, so if something exists the something had to exist forever.*

27. *Anything that begins to exist needs a cause. Anything that exists forever needs no cause.*

28. *The universe began to exist.*

29. *What was at the beginning? Matter time and energy all are dependent on each other.*

30. *Is the idea of God creating everything unscientific?*

31. Is the Big Bang unbiblical? Quotes from

32. *The Universe is fine-tuned,*

33. *There are dimensions (no flat earth)*

34. How did they find the dimensions

35. How many dimensions is God?

36. Are there people in the other dimensions?

37. *Where is Charlotte?*

38. *Are you your body? Where are you? In your legs, body, brain?*

39. *You don't have a soul.*

40. *What happens when you die? Is it like falling asleep?*

41. *You can't have more than one all-powerful god so Polytheism is out*

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42. Some somethings are outside this universe and thus are transcendent.
43. Is God big? How big is God? He is not big!
44. Where do angels go when they leave us?
45. *How did Jesus get into the Upper Room?*
46. God can only do that which is logical. Logic etc is transcendent.
47. The earth is in a place that allows us to discover the cosmos and thus God
48. Where did God come from? The reprise.

## **The NT Bible**

49. The manuscript evidence. Written in Greek originally not English.
50. Is the Bible so full of inaccuracies and contradictions?
51. Isn't the Bible just like the Koran or the Baghavad Gita?
52. Is the Bible a translation of a translation of a translation (the game of telephone)?
53. Is the Bible a book of legends and fables and nobody knows who wrote it?
54. Wasn't the Bible written 100's of years after the events? (the name game).

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55. Jesus never claimed to be God. The Roman Emperor Constantine put that in.
56. How did we get the NT Bible? Who put it together? Did they just pick and choose what they wanted?
57. The Manuscript evidence (play a little game of recreate the phrase).
58. How many errors are there in the NT Bible?
59. How do we know that the NT authors really believed what they wrote (Embarrassing Excruciating etc.).
60. Why are there so many different translations of the Bible

### **The OT Bible**

61. Isn't the OT full of legends (Jericho)
62. Isn't the OT full of legends (Tyre)
63. Doesn't the Bible talk about unicorns? Were there real unicorns?

### **Did Jesus really exist?**

64. Jesus is only mentioned in the Bible, no historians talk about Jesus. Jesus is a legend.
65. Jesus changed history

### **The resurrection of Jesus**

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66. How can anyone rise from the Dead (what was the greatest miracle in the Bible? If God can create a universe then he can resurrect).
67. Circumstantial evidence vs direct evidence
68. How did the grave come to be empty? All the possible ways?
69. How did the grave come to be empty? Stolen by Apostles
70. How did the grave come to be empty? Moved by the Romans or Jews
71. How did the grave come to be empty? Hallucination
72. How did the grave come to be empty? Twins
73. How did the grave come to be empty? Aliens
74. How did the grave come to be empty? Swoon Theory

## **Morality**

75. Can we know morality without God?
76. Do we really need the Bible to be good? (yes for some things) (I don't need your bible to be good).
77. Can atheists do morally good things (yes because God has written his law on our hearts).
78. Why did God bless the Midwives after they lied to pharaoh?
79. Is there an objective morality? What does objective mean?
80. Thou shalt not judge.

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## **Misc**

81. Is the ultimate goal of life to be happy? (The chief aim of man is to ..)
82. It's not our job to evangelize. It's wrong to evangelize.
83. Science has replaced faith (science needs God)
84. What about Hypocrites?
85. Slaves in the Bible

## **Miracles:**

86. Can miracles happen? Is there a scientific explanation?
87. Why don't miracles happen all the time?

## **Evil and God:**

88. If God exists why is there evil in the world?
89. If God made everything did he make Satan? Does that mean he made evil?
90. Why did God make Satan if he knew Satan would rebel against him?
91. When God made Satan, didn't he know Satan would be evil?
92. How would you solve God's dilemma?

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93. How would you solve God's dilemma?

94.

### **The atonement and the cross**

95. Why must God punish sin? Why couldn't he just forgive everyone? Isn't he God?

96. What good did Jesus dying for our sins do for us?

### **Jesus and Politics**

97. Render Unto Caesar

98. Laws we've changed (already covered under morality).

99. Critical Race Theory

100. Social Justice vs Biblical Justice

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## 1. Why are you a Christian?

(Aren't we supposed to have blind faith? Blind faith is dangerous)

### **New Best Friend**

Charlotte came home smiling brightly. She was homeschooled, but two days of the week they went to an academy. She'd just made a new best friend at the academy. Ashwari was the new girl in school and she did not know anyone else. Charlotte had only tried to be friendly, but they hit it off right away. By the end of the day, they were calling each other BFFs.

Each day, their friendship grew. Eventually, Charlotte invited her to church as she usually did with all her friends. She talked to her dad about it when she returned home that day.

"Dad, I invited Ashwari to come to Church," she started as she took her empty plate to the sink. They had just finished dinner.

"What did she say?" asked her dad. Her mom looked up in interest.

"She said that they were Hindus. Hinduism is a religion from India."

"Yes," said her dad as he nodded. "Some of your cousins are Hindus." Her dad was an Indian immigrant. "They believe in many gods."

Charlotte returned to her seat. "I asked her why she was a Hindu."

"What did she say?" her father said with a slight smile.

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Charlotte shrugged. “She said she was a Hindu because her parents were Hindus just like I’m a Christian because you and mom are Christians.”

Her mom sat up. “What did you tell her?” he asked.

“I asked her why her parents were Hindus.”

“And...” her father prompted.

“She said it’s because they believe in Krishna. She said everyone just needs to believe in something. Just like I believe in Jesus,” Charlotte said. “I think it makes a lot of sense.”

**Stop now and discuss these questions with your child, either you or they should brief notes of the answers that they give you. This way they can come back later and look at their answers. Do not help them with the answers, because we’ll re-ask the questions after the next part of the story and see how much they’ve learned.**

- 1. Is the fact that mom and dad are Christians a good reason for you to be a Christian?**

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Islam is another religion. Those who believe in Islam are called Muslims. In that religion, people believe that Jesus is not God. If Mom and Dad were Muslims, should you be a Muslim?**

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Why are you a Christian?**

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Charlotte's father cleaned his glasses and smiled. "Could mom and dad be wrong?" he asked his daughter.

"About being Christians?" asked Charlotte.

"Yes," said her Dad.

"I suppose so..." offered Charlotte, looking a bit worried.

"Muslims say, Jesus is not God, so, if Mom and I were Muslims, should you be a Muslim?" he asked.

Charlotte paused for a second to think about it. "No," she said because she was sure that Jesus was God.

"What if Mom and I were wrong about being a Christian, should you be a Christian?"

Charlotte took a deep breath and bit the corner of her lower lip. "No," she finally said after a pause. "But you are not wrong about being Christians, are you?"

"Well," said her dad. "We don't think so, but how do you know that we are not wrong?"

Charlotte had no idea. The entire idea was troubling.

He placed his hand over hers and looked into her light brown eyes.

"Let's say somebody told you that there was a million dollars buried in a chest in our yard. Would you believe them?"

"No," said Charlotte confidently. **New Friends**

Charlotte sat side bleachers patiently and waited for Carrie.

*She said she will be here. I trust her,* she said to herself.

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It was becoming difficult to have faith each passing second. It was not the first time Carrie had left her hanging. Carrie always seemed to have one excuse or the other. Last month, they were supposed to go for their Bible study together. She claimed she had a twisted ankle; she still hadn't visited Charlotte's Bible Study. Last week, they had planned to go to the movies together with Carrie's sister. Her excuse was that their cat had died, but she would not let Charlotte come over to console her. Charlotte guessed it was because Carrie hadn't told her mom.

Today was meant to be special for Charlotte. She was one of the 4 runners on their relay race. Four other schools were participating, and Carrie had promised to be on the front bleacher to cheer her on. There were a lot of faces on that row, but Carrie's was not one of them.

"Is Carrie out there?" she asked her friend Hannah who was one of the other runners.

"I afraid, she isn't," Hannah said. Hannah wanted to feel sorry for Charlotte, but she was too happy. Her friend Katelyn was out there even though Katelyn was supposed to be at home resting her twisted ankle. It was still very sore since her fall at her dance practice.

Questions:

1. Should Charlotte have faith in Carrie? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why or Why not? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What could happen if Charlotte keeps having faith in Carrie?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Should you have faith in someone who is not trustworthy?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Hannah turned to Charlotte and smiled as she patted her hand. “Don’t worry. I will tell Katelyn to cheer you on as well,” she said to Charlotte.

“Are you sure?” Charlotte asked. She looked very disappointed that Carrie wasn’t there.

“Of course,” Hannah answered. “I trust Katelyn completely.”

Charlotte looked away from Hannah and bent her head slightly. “I also trust Carrie completely, but she never fulfills her promises,” she murmured. She was tired of trusting Carrie. She was supposed to have faith in her, although she never seemed to fulfill her promises.

Charlotte did not want to do that anymore. She needed someone she could trust as her friend. Of course, her mom and dad and siblings were there, but it’s not the same as having your friends.

Charlotte looked up just as their PE Teacher appeared on the sidelines. “OK, ladies,” she announced. “It is almost showtime.”

As Hannah had promised, she got her mom to pass a message to Katelyn, asking her to cheer Charlotte on as well. When Charlotte made her appearance on the track, Katelyn hopped on her good leg and began to yell her name out loud. The crowd followed her lead.

“Charlotte, Charlotte, you got this.” yelled Katelyn loudly from her seat right at the front once the applause died down.

Hannah started first with the baton. Katelyn was yelling “Hannah, Hannah, Hannah.” The gun went off and Hannah took off like a rocket. The kids from the other academy were fast, but Hannah managed to come in right behind the leader.



As she approached Charlotte, Katelyn started to yell, “You got it Charlotte. You got it girl!”

Charlotte’s mom was very excited. Even Charlotte’s dad, who never got excited jumped up.

Charlotte grabbed the baton seamlessly and took off, the other school led by at least 20 feet, but she knew she could gain ground. She moved to the inside lane and started to pull ahead, the leader looked behind and tried to speed up, but Charlotte was fully comfortable and gained another 5 feet on the leader.

They came around the second curve, Charlotte had a determined look on her face and kept gaining ground. Now there was only 5 feet between her and the leader. Now just a foot, the leader turned to glance at her. She was determined not to let Charlotte gain an inch more and anytime Charlotte sped up the leader would push harder.

They both came down the flat at full speed. Charlotte feared that she could go no faster. But as Charlotte passed the bleachers Katelyn went crazy. That gave her the incentive she needed and she burst past the leader and passed the baton onto Mariah.

Their team still came in second as one of the other teams was really really fast, but for the rest of the week everybody kept talking about how Charlotte pulled ahead despite all odds.

“Thank you so much for cheering me on. It made me feel special. It was what I needed for that last push. But can I ask you, why did you cheer for me like that?” Charlotte asked in awe. “You barely know me.”

Katelyn smiled and held her hand. “Hannah is my friend,” she told her gently. “She asked me for a favor and I did it.”

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Charlotte smiled. "I wish my friend could be more like you," she said.  
"We can be friends," Katelyn suggested. "What do you think?"

1. Should Charlotte have faith in Katelyn? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you sure? Katelyn has only just made friends with Charlotte, what needs to happen to ensure that Katelyn is really trustworthy? \_\_\_\_\_
3. If Katelyn was like Carrie should Charlotte have faith in Katelyn? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What do we call faith that has no evidence or has evidence that shows the opposite? \_\_\_\_\_ (Blind Faith).
5. If you shouldn't have faith in Carrie or Katelyn without good reason, should you believe in God without good reason? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What could happen if you have blind faith in a religion? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Does it matter if you have faith in Krishna (one of the Hindu gods) or Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What if you have faith in Krishna and he turns out to be a fake? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What if you have faith in Jesus and he turns out to be a fake? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What would you need before you should have faith in Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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As we go through these next few weeks, we want to show you why you can have faith in Jesus, why he's not a fake and why you can have faith in the Bible, and how it's not blind faith.

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## 2. Isn't just having a strong faith enough?

**Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Charlotte was in the park today with her little brother Alastair. They'd been playing for a while when she saw a black Minivan pull up. She looked over and saw her Hindu friend Ashwari jumping out of the back door. Their moms had arranged to meet at the park for a playdate.

Charlotte ran up to her, "Hi, Ashwari."

"Hi Charlotte, do you want to play on the merry-go-round?"

They played several games till they got tired and just sat in the grass eating the oranges that Charlotte's mom had given them.

Charlotte turned to Ashwari, "You know when told me you were a Hindu?"

"Yes."

"What do Hindus believe?"

Ashwari said, "Well we believe that there are many gods and when we die, we are reincarnated.

Charlotte looked puzzled, "What does that mean?"

Ashwari was used to folks not knowing what that meant. "That means that if you are a good person you come back to a new life, but maybe richer or happier. But if you are a bad person you come back poorer or sadder."

Charlotte was very intrigued. "Wait, what do you mean come back to a new life?"

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Ashwari said, "Oh, you know you are born with a new body."

Charlotte was surprised, she'd never heard of that, "Wait, so you had an old body before?"

"Yes."

"Do you remember who you used to be?"

"Not usually."

Charlotte found that very interesting, "Do you pray?"

Ashwari smiled, "Well yes, we do Puja which is praying. Our family prays to Rama, my grandmother prays to another god named Krishna."

Charlotte was intrigued, she'd been told there was only one God.

"Wait, how many gods are there?"

"There are many, like Ganesh, and Shiva and Prajapati."

Charlotte was thinking about her discussion with her dad about how there was only one God. She'd also read a book of Greek Mythology for kids, so she knew that various cultures believed in polytheism, poly meant many and theist meant god. But she curious why Ashwari believed that. "So, do you have proof that Ga... ga..."

"Ganesh and Shiva?"

"Yes, do you have proof that those people are gods?"

Ashwari shook her head, "No, the reason we are Hindus is because we have faith in our gods. We don't need proof. The reason you are a Christian is because you have faith in your god."

Charlotte didn't think this made complete sense. She looked at Ashwari, "But do you think that I should be a Hindu and have faith in Ganesh instead of Jesus? "

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Ashwari shrugged, “Only if you want to.”

Charlotte was confused “But don’t you need a reason to choose one over the other?”

“Why?” Ashwari was puzzled, “As long as you have faith that’s enough”

“But what if it isn’t true and you are just having faith in the wrong thing?”

Ashwari responded, “If you have a strong faith then it’s true for you. You believe in Jesus and I believe in Rama, that’s all that counts. If you need proof then it means your faith is not strong enough.”

### Questions:

- 1. Is it true that if you have a strong faith in something it’s true for you?**
- 2. Could you have very strong faith in the wrong thing?**
- 3. Does needing proof mean your faith is not strong enough?**
- 4. Does Christianity ask you to have blind faith?**
- 5. How many of the other religions ask you to not have blind faith?**

When Charlotte got home that evening, she went up into her dad’s office and sat next to him.

“Dad, I saw Ashwari again today.”

Dad nodded distractedly, “Hmmm..”

Charlotte said, “Dad, this is important.”

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He turned to her. She then told her dad about the conversation and what Ashwari said.

Her dad said, “Honey, let’s say you break your arm. If you have faith that your arm is not broken, is that going to make your arm not broken?”

Charlotte giggled, “No.”

Dad continued, “So OK Ashwari, is a Hindu and has a lot of faith in her god and says if you believe it, it is true. Right?”

“Yeah.”

“Well, what if she had a broken arm but had the most awesome strongest faith in her arm not being broken, would her arm be OK.”

Charlotte gave a quizzical look, “No.”

Her dad kept going, “So does a strong faith have any effect on if what you believe about reality is true?”

“No Dad. But what if your faith could change reality?”

“Reality doesn’t care about your faith.” Her dad replied, “Your faith could change a person, for instance, if I had a lot of faith in you and told you so, and you were going to do a gymnastics routine you may do better at it. But that’s because my faith influenced you. You have a mind. Faith can’t influence something with no mind. You can have all the faith in a tree but the tree doesn’t care. But even for those who have a mind, it can only influence them to the extent of their own abilities”

Charlotte said, “Like what?”

Her Dad looked at her, “Well, let’s say you had faith you could fly by flapping your arms, let’s say I had faith you could fly by flapping your arms. Would you be able to flap your arms and fly?”

Charlotte flapped her arms and laughed. She didn’t fly.

Charlotte said, “But God has a mind!”

Dad smiled, “Yes and he can do everything logical, but faith can’t make a non-god, a god, can it? It can influence someone with a mind, but it can’t make someone who is not a god, a god. I mean if you believe Alastair was a god would he become a god.”

“NO! He’s a pest.”

‘Honey...’

Charlotte rolled her eyes, “OK fine, he’s not a pest. But that would be silly. Because what would happen to the real God then?”

“Exactly, he can’t stop being God.”

Charlotte remembered something she hadn’t told her dad, “But Dad, she also said ‘if you need proof that God exists then your faith is not strong enough.’”

Her Dad smiled, “Well honey, today people have misused the word faith, it would be better translated as trust. To have trust, that means you have to trust something or someone. You can’t trust something that does not exist. So, if God did not exist, having 100% trust in something that does not exist is the same as not having any trust.”

And as you know it’s dangerous to have blind faith (see the previous devotions).

Charlotte nodded.

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Dad said, “By the way, did you know in fact, that Christianity is the only religion that says you should **not** have blind faith.”

**Questions:**

- 1. Is it true that if you have a strong faith in something it's true for you?**
- 2. Could you have very strong faith in the wrong thing?**
- 3. Does needing proof mean your faith is not strong enough?**
- 4. Does Christianity ask you to have blind faith?**
- 5. How many of the other religions ask you to not have blind faith?**

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### **3. Does God want us to believe in him without any proof? (The Bible says Blind faith is dangerous and was punished by God.)**

Alastair yelled, "Ready or not, here I come."

He peaked out from behind the large tree in the park where they were playing. He couldn't see Charlotte anywhere. So, he ran over to where his mom and dad were sitting. "Have you seen Charlotte?" His mom shook her head. Alastair ran over to a few of the trees and looked behind them. Nothing.

Suddenly he heard a giggle and a rustling. He looked up and there was Charlotte about 10 feet off the ground up in the tree.

"Found you!" he yelled.

"You have to tag me," said Charlotte. Alastair looked up at the tree, she was quite high.

Alastair said, "I'll wait here till you come down."

Charlotte shook her head. She suddenly realized that she may be stuck. She was on a limb and she had to turn around to get back down. But she didn't have enough space to do so. "Alastair, go call Dad, I think I'm stuck."

Alastair said, "Just jump, you can make it."

Charlotte shook her head. "It's too far."

Alastair laughed, "You just have to have faith. Jump."

Charlotte said, "That would be blind faith. Go get Dad. NOW!"

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Dad came over and climbed halfway up the tree and held her hand while she turned around. Then she climbed down. Dad kissed her head and hugged her, then went back to the bench with Mom. Alastair asked Charlotte, “What is Blind Faith?”

Charlotte wrinkled her nose, “Blind Faith is Faith without proof that what you are believing in is true.”

“Like what?”

“Well,” said Charlotte, “like asking me to have faith to jump from that tree. I had no proof to think I could do it. I could have hurt myself.”

“But what if you could have made it.”

“Then I would be dumb but lucky. I had no good reason to think that a jump from something taller than our house would not hurt me. It’s like having Blind faith in God. That’s wrong.”

Alastair looked puzzled, “Why? Why does God care if you have blind faith? And if it’s wrong, is having Blind Faith a sin?”

### **Questions:**

- 1. Why would God not want you to have blind faith?**
- 2. Having Blind faith is a bad idea, but is having blind faith a sin?**
- 3. Did all the people in the Bible have blind faith?**
- 4. What did God say and do when people in the Bible had blind faith despite all the evidence he had given them?**

Charlotte thought about what Alastair had asked, she said to him, “Well part of the problem is how do you know what you are believing in is

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true? How do you know if you are believing in the real God or a fake god, or a made-up God?"

Alastair tilted his head, "Yes, I can see that would be a problem. But is it wrong?"

Charlotte wasn't sure. "Let's ask Dad."

They ran over to the bench and asked him about it.

"Well, let's look up this verse." Their dad turned on his phone and looked up Isaiah.

**Isaiah 44: 14.** He started to read, "The woodworker cuts down cedars. ... 16 Half of the wood he burns in the fire; over it he prepares his meal, he roasts his meat and eats his fill. He also warms himself and says, "Ah! I am warm; I see the fire." 17 From the rest he makes a god, his idol; he bows down to it and worships. He prays to it and says, "Save me! You are my god!" 18 They know nothing, they understand nothing; their eyes are plastered over so they cannot see, and their minds closed so they cannot understand."

Their dad looked up at them. "Does that make sense?"

"Yes," said Charlotte, "they were praying to a piece of wood. It couldn't help them. It wasn't even alive."

Their dad said, "But they still prayed to it. As a result of that, God punished the Israelites because they had worshipped fake gods when all the evidence for the real God was all around them. That evidence had been given to them and their ancestors."

"How did God give them evidence?" Alastair was very interested.

Charlotte said, "Remember we learned that in Sunday School, Alastair. God led them out of Egypt, remember the 10 plagues, the crossing of

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the sea, the walls of Jericho all falling down. All those were signs that God was real to them. It was the evidence given to their ancestors.”

“So, do you think it’s a sin to have blind faith?” Alastair still hadn’t had his question answered.

Dad looked at Charlotte, “What do you think?”

Charlotte said, “I think it’s a sin if you believe in idols and have blind faith when all the evidence is around for a non-blind faith, and you ignore it. That’s what the Israelites who worshipped idols were doing and they were punished for it.”

Alastair then had a thought, “But, what about if you have a Blind faith in the true God? Like what about those who believe in Jesus but have a blind faith in Jesus.”

Charlotte said, “I think it may be that they are just lucky.”

Alastair said, “Or blessed.”

“Yes,” said Charlotte, “but it’s not what I want. Because if I have blind faith, how do I know which God is real?”

## Questions

1. **Why would God not want you to have blind faith?**
2. **Having Blind faith is a bad idea, but Is having blind faith a sin?**
3. **Do people in the Bible have blind faith?**
4. **What did God say and do when people in the Bible had blind faith despite all the evidence, he had given them?**
5. **What Evidence did God give the people in the Bible?**

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#### **4. If you know that God existed for sure does that mean you don't have faith?**

Alastair was at Sunday School talking with his friends Peter and Marco. "My dad says Blind faith is bad."

Peter thought about that, then said, "What? Faith is not bad."

Alastair said, "No silly, I said Blind Faith is bad. Faith is not the same as blind faith."

Peter didn't agree at all. "It's not bad. All faith is blind. That's the meaning of the word Faith. When you believe something that can't be proven."

"No, it isn't. Because if you have blind faith you don't know if what you believe is true. You have to know some of the reasons why God exists or it's blind faith."

Peter countered, "Well if you know that God exists for sure then it isn't faith. The Bible says you have to have blind faith to please God."

Marco piped in, "I thought faith was when you believe something that you know is not true."

#### **Questions:**

- 1. Is Tom right? Is faith when you believe something that you know is not true.**

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2. Do you believe Peter is right, that all faith is blind?
3. Does the Bible say you have to have faith to please God?
4. What kind of faith do you need to have to please God? Blind faith?
5. If you know 100% that God exists, then you don't need to have faith to know that he exists. Is that a bad thing because the Bible says you have to have faith to please God?

“Wait,” said Alastair “where does it say that you have to have blind faith to please God.”

Tom said, “I think this is a question to ask the leader.” He went off to find one of the counselors.

The counselor was very happy the boys were talking about this. “Oh,” he said, “You are thinking of Hebrews 11.” He opened his Bible and read the passage.

“Hebrews 11:1<sup>1</sup> Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance **about what we do not see.** **2** This is what the ancients were commended for.

**3** By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that **what is seen was not made out of what was visible.**”

“Let's see,” He skipped 2 verses and read from verse 6.

“Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who

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comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

“See,” said Peter. “It talks about things we do not see and things that are not visible. That’s blind faith.”

Alastair didn’t know what to say. When he got home he talked to his dad.

His dad said, “Well, whenever you read a verse in the Bible, you have to try and understand the context of the entire chapter before you try to figure out what that verse says. So never read a **single** bible verse, **always** read before and after it.”

They then read the entire chapter and his Dad summarized it.

“OK Alastair, now in verse 1: It says *Faith is the confidence in what we hope for, the assurance of what we do not see.* We have faith in God we have confidence in God, our hope is in what he will do, his mighty hand moving in the background. We cannot see God, and often we cannot see what His plans are or how He is working. But if you remember in the Old Testament they could always see the results of what He did.

Then verse 3: *By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.*

What is seen was not made of what was visible. This is talking about creation. We’ll talk about this later, but this how creation was *not* made from what was visible, it was made from nothing. So, this is not about blind faith.

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Alastair's Dad looked at him, "Do you see the word Blind anywhere?"

"No," Alastair shook his head.

His dad continued, "Notice, it never says you have to have **blind** faith. It says you have to have **faith**. The word blind is never there. Your friend Peter just thinks all faith is blind. But this passage shows that it is not."

"How does it do that?"

"Well," said his dad, "this passage is called the Great Hall of Faith because they had so much faith in God. Far more than we do. But notice who is in it, Enoch, Abraham, Jacob. These were men who experienced God in **person**. Abraham met God and talked to him in person, so did Enoch and Jacob. These men knew God existed for sure and 1000's of years later they are still counted as men with the greater faith."

"So they had seen God themselves."

"Yes, remember we just talked about this before when we talked about the idols that the Israelites were making. And God punished the Children of Israel when they blindly believed in idols, didn't He? So we know faith is not when you believe something that you know is not true. It's when you trust in someone whom you know really can do what they say they can do."

Questions:

1. Is Tom right? Is faith when you believe something that you know is not true?
2. Do you believe Peter is right that all faith is blind?

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3. Does the Bible say you have to have blind faith to please God?
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## 5. No faith, Blind faith, or something else?

Alastair was sick. He woke up and his ear hurt. It also felt like he was hearing everyone as though they were underwater. His mom brought out her home otoscope. And looked at his ear.

“You have an ear infection,” she said. She turned to Alastair’s dad. “I’ll call the doctor but he probably needs some antibiotics.”

That afternoon, they visited the doctor. The doctor said, “Yup, it’s an ear infection. I’ll prescribe some antibiotics.”

After the visit, Alastair’s dad asked, “How does it feel to have an ear infection?”

Alastair wrinkled his nose, “I don’t like it.”

His dad said, “Let’s say you have a lot of faith that you don’t have an ear infection. You really believe in your heart that you don’t have an ear infection. Would that mean you don’t have one?”

“No.”

“What if you believed that you did not have an ear infection and didn’t take the medicines that the doctor gave him. If you didn’t take it, what would happen?”

Alastair grimaced, “My ear infection could get worse and spread and make me very sick.”

“So, does it have anything to do with what you believe or what you like or how you feel?”

Alastair said, “No.”

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“So, what should you believe in?”

Alastair knew this answer already, “We should only believe in something that is true.”

“Why?” asked his dad.

“Because I could get very sick and even die.”

“OK,” grinned his dad, “But how do you know that you really have an ear infection?”

### Questions:

- 1. Is it true that if you have a strong faith in something it's true for you?**
- 2. Could you have very strong faith in the wrong thing?**
- 3. What would happen if you believed in Ganesh or even Jesus and it wasn't true?**
- 4. Can you think of other places where if you have faith in the wrong thing it could hurt you?**
- 5. When an adult goes to a doctor, does he have to have faith in the doctor (Yes)?**
- 6. Did he have blind faith in the doctor (No)**
- 7. So, he had to have some faith in the doctor. But what kind of faith is it.**
- 8. Does needing proof mean your faith is not strong enough? Why not?**

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“OK,” said Alastair’s dad “How do you know that you really have an ear infection?”

“Because the Doctor said so.”

His dad quickly shot back, “But, could the doctor be lying?”

Alastair thought for a bit, “Yes, or he could be wrong.”

“So why do you believe that the doctor knows what he’s talking about.”

“Because we’ve been to him before and he’s helped us?” Alastair didn’t sound very confident.

“Exactly!” his dad smiled, “Also, we know he’s been to medical school and some of mom’s friends also use him and said he was good.” Then his dad looked at him. “OK, Alastair do we have **NO** faith in the doctor?”

Alastair was not sure, “I don’t know. I do have to trust him, don’t I?”

“Yes, so you have **SOME** faith in him. Right?”

Alastair paused and said tentatively, “Yes.

“So, is it blind faith?” asked his dad.

“No, it’s trust based on facts.”

His dad looked proud. “Exactly, you have a ‘rational faith’ in the Doctor. It’s rational because you’ve either tested him or checked him out and have evidence of it. Now let me ask you this: What kind of faith should you have in Jesus?”

“A rational faith?”

“Exactly. Now did needing that proof mean you don’t have a strong faith?”

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Alastair said, “No it actually means that now I can have a much stronger faith.” He paused, “But Dad, how do I check out if Jesus is real or get evidence that Jesus is God. How do I get a rational faith in Jesus?”

“I’m glad you asked. We’ll cover that in the days to come.”

### **Questions:**

- 1. Is it true that if you have a strong faith in something it’s true for you?**
- 2. Could you have very strong faith in the wrong thing?**
- 3. What would happen if you believed in Ganesh or even Jesus and it wasn’t true?**
- 4. Can you think of other places where if you have faith in the wrong thing or person it could hurt you?**
- 5. When an adult goes to the doctor, does he have to have faith in the doctor (Yes)?**
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## 6. But how do you know if something is true?

“Alastair, where are you?” Charlotte was feeling bored.

“I’m in my room.”

Charlotte ran up the stairs. “What are you doing?”

“Putting this puzzle together. It’s a World Map.”

“Oh cool, can I help?” Charlotte looked over his shoulder.

“Sure, I can’t seem to get this piece to fit.” He was pushing a triangular piece into the puzzle.”

“That’s India, it doesn’t go in Africa,” said Charlotte.

“Well, Dad’s from India and he was born in Africa,” Alastair pushed harder on the puzzle piece.

“Well, India is not in Africa.”

“But then how is Dad from India.” Alastair was puzzled.

“Well he was just born in Africa, but Ammachi and Appachen are Indian. India is in Asia.” Ammachi and Appachen are what Charlotte called Grandma and Grandpa on their dad’s side.

“No, it’s not.” said Alastair, “If that was the case then Dad would be Asian.”

“Oh, hmmm...” Charlotte was confused. “Let’s go ask Dad.”

### Questions:

#### 1. What is Objective Truth?

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**2. How do you know if something is true?**

**3. Does how you feel or how strongly you believe something make it objectively true? (from the previous session)**

Dad was in his office, he said “Well, India is in Asia and Indians are Asians by that definition. So I am an Asian. But most people don’t think, ‘Oh there’s an Asian’ when they see Indians. But it is Objectively True.”

Charlotte looked at Alastair: “See...”

Alastair looked at his Dad, “Dad, how do you know that that is true?” “Well,” said his Dad, “I’m Indian, but even then I had to figure out where India was when I learned geography. Let me prove it to you.” His dad pulled up a big map on his computer. “You see just like with other things you have to do research.”

Charlotte piped up, “What’s research?”

“Research is when you are looking for the truth. You study all the evidence, all the available information that you can gather. You look at maps, you talk to people, you read books.”

Alastair had a mischievous grin on his face, “What’s wrong with saying it’s not in Asia?”

“Well, it’s not accurate. It’s not the objective truth.”

“What is Objective Truth?” asked Charlotte as that was the second time her dad had used that word.

“Objective Truth is that which corresponds to reality. That which is actually factual,” replied her dad.

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“How do I know what is Objective Truth and what is not?” asked Charlotte.

Her dad said, “Well, it’s like how I found out about where India was, by doing research, by thinking carefully about it.”

Charlotte had a thought, “But dad, can the research be wrong? I mean can you be wrong even after the research?”

Her dad smiled, “Great Question, you should always question the results of any test to make sure it makes sense. And if you look at lots of independent sources you can usually determine if they know what they are talking about. You can also think about it logically. Thinking Logically means using reason and facts and knowledge to come to a conclusion. “

1. So what is Objective Truth?
2. How do you know if something is true?
3. Does how you feel or how strongly you believe something make it true? (from the previous session)

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## **7. Does Truth Exist? (should move to the beginning).**

Charlotte was talking to her new age friend, Shastria at the Academy. Shastria was not an Indian, but she had an Indian sounding name because her parents were followers of a Guru in India. A guru, she found out was what people called a Hindu teacher. Her dad had said Charlotte that the New Age was basically Hinduism brought to America.

When they had first met, Shastria had told Charlotte that her mother was a movie star. But when Charlotte met Shastria's mother and asked what movie she was in, Shastria's mother had said she had never been in a movie.

Later when Charlotte saw Shastria she said, "Did you lie to me?"

Shastria shot back, "I didn't lie, that's my truth."

Charlotte was not amused, "Shastria, you can't make up your own truth."

Shastria asked, "What is truth?"

Charlotte knew this answer, "Truth is that which corresponds to reality."

Shastria stood her ground, "We all have truths, are mine the same as yours?"

Charlotte was stunned, "How can you say that? All objective truths are true for everyone."

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Shastria looked at her and said, “Well, objective truth does not exist. There is no truth.”

Charlotte had no idea how to respond to her.

## Questions.

- 1. Is Shastria’s truth different from Charlotte’s truth? Does everyone have their own truth?**
- 2. Does truth exist?**
- 3. If someone says “Truth there is no truth” what should you ask them to show them that Truth does actually exist?**

Mom had made some of her famous Chicken Pot Pie, everyone loved it, especially Mom’s famous crust. But for some reason, Charlotte always preferred eating the crust on its own and then eating the chicken filling as a chicken soup.

Since she was eating chicken soup, Mary-Katherine, Charlotte’s older sister was reminded about a book that some of her friends had told her about, called “Chicken Soup for the Cat Lovers Soul.”

Charlotte loved cats and asked, “Well, why isn’t there a book called ‘Chicken Soup for the Cat’s Soul?’”

Alastair said, “It would just be meow meow meow meow...”

Everyone laughed. Then their dad said without cracking a smile, “Why isn’t there a book called. ‘Chicken Soup for the Cannibalistic Chicken’s Soul?’” There was a long silence, then Mary-Katherine started laughing and almost choked on her Chicken Pot Pie.

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After everyone had finally settled down, Charlotte said, “Dad, Shastria said truth does not exist.”

Dad without missing a beat said, “Well, that is what we call a suicide statement.”

“A suicide statement?” asked Charlotte, thinking the worst.

“Well,” said her Dad “that means it’s self-refuting.”

“What does refuting me?”

Their mom responded, “To refute something means to show it’s wrong. To disprove something.”

“Yes,” their dad jumped in, “so a suicide statement is a self-refuting statement. It proves itself to be wrong the minute you say it. It kills itself as soon as someone says it.”

“Wait, really?” Charlotte was intrigued.

Mary-Katherine, who knew all about the topic said, “OK Charlotte imagine if I said to you, ‘I can’t speak a word of English,’ but I said it in English.”

Charlotte thought about that for a second. “Oh, I see.”

Mary-Katherine said, “Or, ‘Never say never.’”

Charlotte laughed.

“OK,” said their dad “Let’s think about what Shastri said, ‘Truth does not exist.’ What is one question you can ask Shastria that will show her that it’s a self-refuting statement?”

“I don’t know.” Charlotte racked her brain.

Their dad said, “What is she saying?”

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“That there is no truth.”

Their dad tilted his head and shrugged, “So you ask her, ‘Is that true?’”

There was a silence...suddenly Charlotte’s eyes grew wide and a huge grin spread across her face.

Then her dad said, “Remember, whenever someone makes a Suicide Statement, you can refute it just by taking what they say and ask if it applies directly to what they just said. So when she says, ‘There is no truth’ you ask ‘Is it true that there is no truth.’ Take for instance those statements that Mary-Katherine said, ‘Never say Never.’ How do you refute that? You’d ask, ‘If you should never say never, does that apply to the statement ‘Never say never. If so why did you say never?’

“What about ‘I can’t speak a word of English?’”

Charlotte thought for a few minutes then suggested, “If you can’t speak a word of English, why did you say that in English?”

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Two days later they were back at the academy, Charlotte couldn’t wait for recess. Finally, it came, she ran up to Shastria. “Shastria, are you sure you believe that truth does not exist?”

Shastria looked lost, she’d completely forgotten the entire conversation.

Charlotte jumped up and down, “Remember on Monday you said that everyone has their own truths?”

“Oh, yes.”

“Do you really believe that?”

“Of course I do!”

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Charlotte said, "OK, say that again, what you think about Truth?"

Shastria said looking a bit impatient, "Truth does not exist. There is no truth."

Charlotte smiled, "Is that true?"

Shastria without thinking said, "Yes," then she said, "Wait..."

She thought a bit longer and said, "Are you playing a trick on me?"

Charlotte smiled, "No, I'm just asking you a question."

"I said yes."

"OK," said Charlotte jumping up and down in excitement. "So if that's true then there's at least one truth that exists. So truth does exist."

Shastria was now really taken aback "No...wait." She looked very confused.

Charlotte tried to explain, "You see Shastria, the minute you say that truth does not exist, I ask you if that's true. If you say 'yes, that's true' then your statement that 'Truth does not exist' is a lie. Why are you lying to me?"

"I'm not lying to you." She thought for a bit then said, "OK so no maybe that's not true."

Charlotte said, "But remember you said, 'There is no truth.' I asked you, 'Is that true.' If you then say 'No it's not true,' then you are disagreeing with yourself. You proved yourself wrong."

"Are you playing a trick on me?" Shastria asked it again.

"No," said Charlotte, "You see either way it proves that at least one truth exists. If truth doesn't exist, you can't even say truth doesn't exist, because then that is not true."

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Shastria finally had to agree, “OK, yes, I guess it’s true that truth *does* exist. But we don’t know all truth.”

Charlotte agreed, “Yes we don’t know all truth, but we do know some truth. And the way we determine if we are speaking the truth is to see if it corresponds with reality. Because that’s what truth is. Truth is that which corresponds to reality. And to find that out, we can research it, test it, verify it, and logically figure it out.”

### **Questions.**

- 1. Is Shastria’s truth different from Charlotte’s truth? Does everyone have their own truth?**
- 2. Does truth exist?**
- 3. If someone says Truth does not exist what should you ask them; to prove that Truth does exist.**
- 4. IF someone says: You can’t know *anything* about God? What do you ask them to show that it’s a suicide statement (answer: ask them Do you know that about God?**
- 5. What are some ways we can discover Truth?**

We will look at many more suicide statements in this book in the days to come.

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## 8. Your truth is not the same as my truth.

It was the same conversation on the same day, Charlotte continued to talk to Shastria.

Shastria finally seemed to agree that saying “There is no truth” was not true because it refuted itself, it disproved itself the minute you said it. But Shastria was not convinced that she was completely wrong.

She looked at Charlotte, “OK, I agree that there are some truths, but my truths are not the same as your truths.

Charlotte looked at her, “Like what?”

Shastria said, “Like I think my mom is a movie star.”

Charlotte said, “Well, OK, but that still seems strange. I mean if your mom is a movie star, then she needs to star in a movie. I mean it’s rather hard to be a movie star when you’ve never been in a movie. Sure if you mean your home movies, but not if you mean movies in a theatre. Which is what I was thinking of when you said, ‘Movie Star.’”

Shastria was not convinced, “That’s my truth.”

Charlotte said, “But your mom said that she’d never been in that kind of a movie.” Charlotte wanted to say, “So do you think maybe you are believing a lie?” but she thought that it might hurt Shastria’s feelings. So she didn’t say that part.

### Questions

#### 1. Is it true that not everyone’s truth is the same?

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## **2. If someone says “My truth is not your truth” what can you ask to show that that is also a Suicide Statement?**

Recess was over and the girls had to run to class. But during the rest of the day, Charlotte kept thinking about what Shastria had said, “My truth is not the same as your truth!” Something seemed wrong with that. She knew that it just didn’t make sense. But how would she prove it to Shastria?

Then she remembered what her dad had said, “Remember, whenever someone makes a Suicide Statement, you can refute it just by taking what they say and ask if it applies directly to what they just said. So when she says, ‘There is no truth’ you ask ‘Is it true that there is no truth.’ Take for instance those statements that Mary-Katherine said, ‘Never say Never.’ How do you refute that? You’d ask, ‘If you should never say never, does that apply to the statement ‘Never say never. If so why did you say never?’”

So she thought if what Shastria said is really a suicide statement then she should be able to ask how it applies to itself. Suddenly the light bulb when on in her head. She couldn’t wait for school to be over.

As soon as the bell rang, she headed out and found Shastria. “Shastria, I have a question.”

“What?” asked Shastria.

“If your truth is not my truth, then is that statement true for you and for me?”

Shastria looked confused. “Wait, what?”

Charlotte repeated the question differently. “You said that your truth is not my truth, is that true for both of us? I mean when you say, your truth is not my truth, is that true for me and you?”

Shastria’s face froze as she tried to think it through.

Charlotte continued, “Because if it is true for both of us, then your truth *is* my truth and what you said is wrong. But if you are right and your truth *is not* my truth, then that statement is not true for me. So why would I believe it?”

## Questions

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## 9. Don't all religions teach the same thing? Part 1

Charlotte's mom liked taking the younger siblings to the park. She wanted the kids to run around and get exercise. Charlotte liked going to the park too, because she knew that whenever they went on Thursdays after 4 pm, Ashwari would be there too. She was not disappointed. Ashwari was already there when Charlotte and her brother got there at 4:30,

Charlotte wanted to ask her some more questions about what she believed. So while they were on the swings, Charlotte yelled out, "Ashwari, why don't you become a Christian and believe in the Bible?"

Ashwari laughed, then said, "It doesn't matter what you believe in, all religions teach basically the same thing."

"Like what?" asked Charlotte.

"You know, like love your neighbors and be nice to others."

### Questions:

1. Do all religions teach the same thing?
2. Do all religions teach you to love your neighbors?
3. How many Hindu Castes are there?
4. Who first taught that we should love our neighbor as ourselves? When was it first taught?

After the day at the park, Charlotte was curious about if what Ashwari said was true. After all, if all religions taught the same thing, then why not believe in another religion.? But she knew that the Bible said that

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Jesus is God and that we are all sinners. And that was the main point about Christianity.

She decided to ask her dad. After they got home, she found him drinking tea on their porch. Her dad drank a lot of tea. But he always insisted it was Indian tea, he called all the other teas “namby pamby fake teas.” He’d use two or three tea bags and then put a ton of sugar and milk in it. Sometimes he’d sit on the porch swing with her brother and swing. Alastair loved swinging with Dad.

“Dad, are all religions the same?” Charlotte asked.

“Great question honey. Why do you ask?”

Charlotte discussed how Ashwari had said that all religions teach you to “love your neighbors and be nice to others.”

“Well,” said her dad. You know in India they have something called the caste system. Remember when Ashwari told you that she believes in Reincarnation?”

“Yes.”

“Well, did she tell you that they believe that if you are good you are reborn in a higher caste, and if you are poor you are reborn in a lower caste?” Charlotte’s dad was an Indian immigrant so he’d grown up with many Hindus. He pronounced it as casts.

“What are castes?”

“Castes are different levels of society, there are 4 main castes in Hinduism. The higher caste you are, the ‘purer’ you are, and usually the richer you are. If you are of a lower caste and do bad things, when you die, as a punishment you are reborn in the caste a lower cast called the ‘Untouchables’ or Shudars. In this caste you are not allowed to touch a

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higher caste person and usually are very very poor and you are supposed to serve the higher castes. If you are an Untouchable caste member and you are bad, they believe that the next time you reincarnate, you reincarnate as a woman of the Untouchable caste, and then if you are evil woman, you reincarnate as an animal.”

“But that, that doesn’t sound anything like Christianity? Are they supposed to love the Untouchables?” Charlotte was trying to figure out why her friend thought all religions taught the same thing.

“No, in fact there is no ‘Love your neighbor’ in Hinduism. Most of the Shudars, the Untouchables are treated horribly. Now let’s look at the other big religion, Islam, that’s the Muslims. Note you say Muslim, not mooselims... In Islam, there is no love your neighbor unless he’s a Muslim as well. They were supposed to oppress and conquer those who weren’t Muslims and charge them a tax for not being a Muslim.”

“But do remember that while that’s what their religion teaches, many of them have been influenced by Christians and the Bible and actually do think they should love their neighbor. But that’s not taught in their religion, it was first taught in the Bible?”

“By Jesus” asked Charlotte.

“Actually, technically no,” said her Dad, “It was first taught by God the Father to Moses in the Old Testament. “ He pulled out his phone and looked up Leviticus 19:18 and read it.

“Leviticus 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the LORD.

“But,” continued her dad, “Don’t tell Ashwari that her religion is not loving, or tell her how Christianity is ‘better’ than her religion as people

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can get defensive and she may stop talking to you. It's better if you just ask her to teach you more about her religion which in turn gives you the chance to tell her more about what you believe. And you can then teach her more about what Jesus taught, It's often better if you just teach them the truth and let them figure out that they've been believing a lie."

Charlotte couldn't wait to ask Ashwari more questions about what she believed.

## Questions

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