



WHY DOES GOD LET BAD THINGS HAPPEN?

COVID-19, quarantine, sickness, pain, and death can make children feel afraid, sad, confused, or angry. This activity can help you provide a Biblical response to questions and concerns children may have about scary or confusing problems.

Instructions: Watch the "Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen?" video at [YouTube.com/kidsenjoyingjesus](https://www.youtube.com/kidsenjoyingjesus) with your children. After the video, invite your children to do something they enjoy such as playing with blocks, baking cookies, or coloring a picture while you discuss some or all of these questions together. Allow the children to share their thoughts and feelings about COVID-19. Pray together, asking God the 4 good questions you learned in the video and thanking Him for His good promises.

1. WHAT GOOD THINGS DID GOD DO WITH THE BAD THINGS IN THIS PERSON'S LIFE?

Answers will vary, but may include helping new people, learning new skills, growing closer to God, and bringing glory to God. (If needed, use question 3 to explain that this person does not have COVID-19.)

2. HAS COVID-19 OR QUARANTINE CAUSED BAD THINGS TO HAPPEN IN YOUR LIFE?

Children may be worried about getting sick, sad because they miss their friends, or angry because of special plans that had to be cancelled. Listen and empathize as they share their feelings.

3. WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT COVID-19?

Listen and share age appropriate information. COVID-19 is a virus that may cause coughing, fever, and difficulty taking deep breaths. Most people, especially children, do not get very sick from COVID-19.

4. WHAT QUESTIONS CAN YOU ASK GOD WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN?

Read Philippians 4:6 and encourage the children to use the 4 questions mentioned in the video as they bring their cares to God. You can even give them a copy of the questions or write them down together.

5. DO YOU KNOW A PROMISE FROM GOD TO THINK ABOUT WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN?

Answers will vary. Help the children learn a promise from God's Word such as Psalm 18:30, Romans 8:28, Hebrews 13:5, or 1 Peter 5:7 to think about when bad things happen.

6. HOW CAN THINKING ABOUT JESUS GIVE YOU HOPE WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN?

Jesus' death and resurrection remind us that God can use very bad things to do very good things. Because of Jesus we can be saved from sin and know for sure that one day He will get rid of all bad things forever.



4 GOOD QUESTIONS

TO ASK GOD WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN



**DEAR GOD,
WILL YOU HELP ME BELIEVE YOU KNOW BEST?**

**DEAR GOD,
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO IN MY LIFE?**

**DEAR GOD,
WILL YOU HELP ME OBEY YOU TODAY?**

**DEAR GOD,
WILL YOU HELP ME THINK ABOUT JESUS NOW?**

MORE ACTIVITIES TO HELP YOU TRUST GOD

WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE A LIST OF REASONS TO THANK GOD.

WRITE A LETTER OR DRAW A PICTURE FOR GOD ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL.

READ THE BIBLE STORY OF JOSEPH FROM GENESIS OR A CHILDREN'S STORYBOOK BIBLE.

WATCH THE "HELP ME SEE" MUSIC VIDEO ON THE JANA ALAYRA YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

READ REVELATION 21:3-5 AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN GOD WILL MAKE ALL THINGS NEW!