

JOURNEY
ADVOCATES
PARENT GUIDE

LESSON 8.2: QUESTIONS
SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 16:13-20

SUMMARY:

We learn by asking questions. In Matthew 16, Jesus asks His disciples who other people think He is. After they respond, He then asks them: “Who do you say I am?” Genesis 3 tells the story of how Adam and Eve disobeyed God and brought sin into the world. God proceeds to ask Adam a series of questions about what happened. The same occurs between God and Cain in the following chapter.

But why would an all-knowing God need to ask what had happened? Asking questions creates a more intimate relationship between people. Asking questions shows interest and concern for others, that you genuinely care what they think and feel. Questions also help start spiritual conversations. All throughout the Bible, questions were used as an effective means to engage and understand others. Students this week have been challenged to ask questions to spark spiritual conversations.

CORE VERSE	CORE CONCEPTS
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proverbs 20:5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Good questions open the door for meaningful spiritual conversations.</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">QUESTIONS: Expressions or sentences used to draw out a response and learn information</p>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week’s lesson.
- What questions have been catalysts in the growth of your faith?
- What question that Jesus asked is the most interesting to you?
- Do you see asking questions as a strength or a weakness? Why?
- Describe your next steps based on what you’ve learned. How can I help?