

Which questions would you like to talk about in Sunday School next year?

<b>Questions About the Existence &amp; Nature of God</b>	<b>Yes let's talk about this</b>
1. What key arguments are there for & against God's existence?	
2. Why would a good God allow evil to exist?	
3. Why would a good God allow suffering to exist?	
4. Why would God command the death of so many people in the Bible?	
5. How can a loving God send people to hell?	
6. Why does God remain so "hidden"?	
7. Why does the "Old Testament God" seem different than the "New Testament God"?	
8. Why would God need people to worship Him (isn't that egotistical & arrogant)?	
<b>Questions About Truth &amp; Worldviews</b>	
9. What is the difference between absolute & relative truth?	
10. How can it reasonable for Christians to claim knowledge of an objective truth?	

11. What is the role & danger of using “common sense” in evaluating truth claims?	
12. Isn’t hell an unreasonable punishment for not believing in a specific set of truth claims?	
13. How can Christians think their personal religious experiences with God are any more “true” than people who have other beliefs?	
14. Do all religions ultimately point to the same God? Why or why not?	
15. What are key similarities & differences between the world’s major religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism?)	
16. Is Christianity a less intelligent worldview than atheism? Why or why not?	
<b>Questions About Jesus</b>	
17. What evidence outside the Bible is there that Jesus existed (as a historical person)?	
18. What major Old Testament prophecies did Jesus fulfill?	
19. Was Jesus wrong about the timing of His second coming? Why or why not?	
20. What are the key passages in the Bible that show Jesus claimed to be God?	
21. What does the Bible say about Jesus being the only way to salvation?	

<p>22. Why did Jesus have to die on the cross for our sins to be forgiven? (Couldn't God have just pardoned sins without a gruesome death involved?)</p>	
<p>23. What are the 4 facts of the resurrection that are "so strongly attested historically that they are granted by nearly every scholar who studies the subject, even the ones who are skeptical"?</p>	
<p>24. What are the main theories non-believers have about the resurrection (unknown tomb, wrong tomb, disciples stole the body, authorities hid the body, etc.)?</p>	
<p>25. Why do Christians believe a supernatural (bodily) resurrection explains the facts better than all the other theories?</p>	
<p>26. Why does it matter whether or not Jesus was resurrected (&amp; that the resurrection wasn't simply a metaphor)?</p>	
<p><b>Questions About the Bible</b></p>	
<p>27. Who selected what books are in the Bible?</p>	
<p>28. How were the books of the Bible selected?</p>	
<p>29. Why were some books we know about today (like the Gospel of Thomas) left out of the Bible?</p>	

30. How can we know that the Bible we have today is a reliable record?	
31. What major “contradictions” exist in the Bible (& what are the explanations)?	
32. Does the Bible support slavery? Why or why not?	
33. Does the Bible support rape? Why or why not?	
34. Does the Bible support human sacrifice? Why or why not?	
35. What does the Bible say about homosexuality?	
36. How do Christians determine what parts of the Bible are rules & which are illustrations?	
<b>Science &amp; Christianity</b>	
<i>Young Earth Creationism</i>	
37. What is Young Earth Creationism (YEC)?	
38. What are key pieces of scriptural support for the YEC interpretation of creation in six 24-hour days?	
39. How do YEC supporters determine that the earth is 6,000-10,000 years old?	

<b><i>Evidence for an Old Earth (billions of years old)</i></b>	
40. What areas of science support an old earth?	
41. What are major methods scientists use to estimate the age of the earth? What is their estimate?	
42. What is the relationship between belief in a global flood & the age of the earth?	
<b><i>Old Earth Creationism</i></b>	
43. What is Old Earth Creationism (OEC)?	
44. What are the major reasons OECs reject the YEC interpretation of creation?	
45. What are the key pieces of scriptural support for the OEC interpretation?	
<b><i>Intelligent Design</i></b>	
46. What is Intelligent Design?	
47. Why do people who believe in Intelligent Design consider it a scientific theory & not a religious one?	
48. What are the major reasons believers in Intelligent Design reject evolution as an explanation for the existence of life?	
49. What does it mean that the universe appears to be “finely tuned”?	
<b><i>Evolution</i></b>	
50. What is evolution (from a purely scientific perspective)?	
51. What are the key pieces of evidence for evolution?	

52. What are the key questions evolution has not answered?	
53. What do people mean when they talk about “macroevolution” versus “microevolution”?	
54. Why do evolutionists reject the theory of intelligent design?	
55. What are the theological implications for the acceptance of evolution?	
56. What are the theological implications specifically for Adam & Eve not being literal, historical people?	
<b>Other Science &amp; Christianity Questions</b>	
57. Why would Christians differ on their view of origins?	
58. How can Christians believe miracles are possible, given what we know about science (e.g., the miracle of Jesus’ resurrection)?	
<b>Other Common Questions</b>	
59. What does it mean Biblically to have faith & how is that different than the popular definition of faith?	
60. If Christianity is true, why are there so many Christians	

whose lives look no different than those of non-believers (aren't many Christians hypocrites)?	
61. Why are there so many denominations (& does that fact invalidate the truth of Christianity)?	
62. Is Christianity "responsible" for millions of deaths throughout history? Why or why not?	
63. What happens to people who have never heard the Gospel?	
64. Why don't miracles happen as frequently today as they did in the Bible?	