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Pastor's Ponderings...

It is with much sadness that I share with you that Lynn Mihovil's husband Don passed away this week in his sleep. As I shared with many of you over the phone, we will support and care for Lynn in the days and months ahead with our prayers and when she is ready with our presence.

For me personally, this week has been filled with many emotions. I have found myself having good days ready to "take on the world" and then the next day I may be filled with such sadness. So, I thought we could all use some more humor and what better way than from children. Please enjoy!

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. Colossians 4:6

Children and God

They say children and God know each other well. Sometimes the concept on an all-mighty Creator may be a bit hard to grasp. Someone has collected these wonderful, funny comments from children to God. <https://www.inspirational-short-stories.com/children-and-god.html>

Dear God, I read the Bible. What does 'begat' mean? Nobody will tell me.
Love, Alison.

Dear God, are you really invisible or is that just a trick? -Lucy

Dear God, is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his bowling words in the house? -Anita

Dear God, did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? - Norma



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Dear God, instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't You just keep the ones You have now? -Jane

Dear God, who draws the lines around the countries? -Nan

Dear God, I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay? -Neil

Dear God, what does it mean You are a Jealous God? I thought You had everything. -Jane

Dear God, did you really mean "do unto others as they do unto you?" Because if you did, then I'm going to fix my brother. -Darla

Dear God, thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. -Joyce

Dear God, it rained for our whole vacation and is my father mad! He said some things about You that people are not supposed to say, but I hope You will not hurt him anyway. Your friend (But I am not going to tell you who I am)

Dear God, why is Sunday school on Sunday? I thought it was supposed to be our day of rest. - Tom L.

Dear God, please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before, you can look it up. -Bruce

Dear God, if we come back as something - please don't let me be Jennifer Horton because I hate her. -Denise

Dear God, If You give me a genie lamp like Aladdin, I will give you anything you want, except my money or my chess set. -Raphael

Dear God, my brother is a rat. You should give him a tail. Ha ha. -Danny

Dear God, Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother. -Larry

Dear God, I want to be just like my Daddy when I get big, but not with so much hair all over. - Sam

Dear God, you don't have to worry about me. I always look both ways. -Dean

Dear God, I think the stapler is one of your greatest inventions. -Ruth M.

Dear God, I bet it is very hard for You to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family, and I can never do it. -Nan

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Dear God, my brother told me about being born but it doesn't sound right. They're just kidding, aren't they? -Marsha

Dear God, If You watch me in church Sunday, I'll show You my new shoes. -Mickey D.

Dear God, I would like to live 900 years like the guy in the Bible. Love, Chris

Dear God, we read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday school they said You did it. So, I bet he stole your idea. Sincerely, Donna

Dear God: The bad people laughed at Noah - "You made an ark on dry land you fool." But he was smart, he stuck with You. That's what I would do. -Eddie

Dear God, I do not think anybody could be a better GOD. Well, I just want You to know, but I am not just saying that because You are GOD already. -Charles

Dear God, I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool! -Eugene

Children and God have a good relationship

Children and God are a good combination - to teach our children there is a benevolent, loving energy looking after them gives a feeling of security to our small ones.

Also, children and God seem to be capable of conversations we adults could learn from - there is complete trust in good, still not forgetting the humor! I believe God has the greatest sense of humor - and children and God know it.

As we move through days of joy and days of sadness let us remember God's gift - the gift of laughter. May we not be afraid to use it. Enjoy!

Grace & peace,
Pastor Lisa

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Prayer Requests

This week in prayer we lift before all those affected by the 500 fires ravaging our state. My brother-in-law, Charles had to evacuate from East Quincey. Please say a little extra prayer for him and his dog Max. Prayers for our teachers and children as they go back to school. May they find new and creative ways to teach and learn virtually. Next Sunday we will do "Blessing of the Backpacks." Prayers for Andrea Luse who is healing from a skin rash. Carol Hall Marin, who is in Arizona with her mom and brothers, as they had her dad's celebration of life on Friday. Kurt Weston who is undergoing treatment for cancer. Please pray for Joy Weston and her daughter Kimberly who is caretaking for the family. Lori Castagnola, our church secretary's surgery was successful. Christy Stephenson's step sister is battling cancer and undergoing intensive chemotherapy. Belinda Brodin whose father is ill. Prayers for the family of Eugen Elhers, who recently passed away. John Stephenson's friend, Bill Levine. Marilyn Kloock is recovering well. Continued prayers please for cousin. Brenda who will still need two more surgeries; Jake Trolan is in the hospital and his mom Jan has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Continued prayers for the Sutherland family. Carol's friends: Angel and her daughter Sydney who is struggling with an eating disorder and Heidi, whose brother is in critical condition, also, Danielle. Many in our community who are struggling with mental health challenges. We continue to lift up our first responders, public servants, service providers, groceries workers and all those who are working so hard to keep us safe.

Thought for the week by Pam Servoss...

