



Curious Questions Giveaway Entries

At least one entry from each participating student. It was so hard to choose which questions to read during the CuriousQs Giveaway webinar! Well done, everybody!

- Students: If one of your questions is not listed on this public document, it was not because we didn't like it, but because it was a joke or because it seemed more like a *private* question.
- Parents/teachers: Our students come from different backgrounds. We intentionally chose to share their honest questions on some controversial or religious topics. Sharing these questions does not constitute an endorsement.

1. Samuel, 12, Indonesia.

How many ants are there in the world?
How many flavors of gum are there?
How fast is the fastest plane in the world?

Is a diamonds sword better than an Iron sword?
Why does a refrigerator have a freezer and then you buy a freezer?

2. Emma, 13, Illinois

Do fish know they are wet?
Where does the flowers scent come from?
Why do most animals have four legs, when people only have two?
Why do companies put poisonous chemicals in the food they produce?
Why is moonlight considered romantic? It seems gloomy to me. Not much fun.

3. Annie, 11, Kurdistan, Iraq

Why are dinosaurs extinct?
How did people in ancient times live without the vitamins we have now?
Were there dinosaurs on Noah's Ark?
Why is the sun so big and far away; why not small and close?
If everyone used to be from the same place why do we have different colored skin?

4. Kendra, 12, Ontario ~ winner; steampunk goggles painted by Mr. S.

Have I mentioned that humans are always falling in love, and then trying to climb back out of it?
I wonder why such a great quantity of children are afraid of the dark?
The humans believe their earth is the only planet that can support life. If they truly believe that, why are they doing such an appalling job taking care of it?
There are 60 seconds in a minute, and 60 minutes in an hour; why not 10, 100 or 1000 like the metric system? It would be so much more convenient?
I wonder why plants bloom up. Couldn't they bloom into the ground and have their seeds planted directly into the soil?

5. Mira, 12, Pennsylvania

Why do people with straight hair want curly hair, and people with curly hair want straight?

Why do people watch the movies but don't read the books?
What would it be like to not be able to talk?
Can I use crayons as a candle?
Why is Everything + Nothing = Everything?

6. Peter, 11, Soren, Iraq ~ winner; signed copy of *Runt the Brave*

What controls humans?
Why do they differ from each other?
Animals are single-minded but humans do many different things, why is that so?
Why do people need to be taught, why don't they just have instincts?
Why are girls sometimes less valued than boys?

7. Kobe, 11, Alberta

What is it like to be an animal?
Who invented video games?
Do people see colours differently?
Are animals smarter than people?
Who created fire?

8. Karis, 10, New York ~ winner; signed copy of *Runt the Brave*

What makes people such good artists?
What makes the button on a remote switch to the right channel?

9. Aliya, 12, New York

Why don't trees die of old age?
How can fruit have DNA when it is no longer alive?

10. Andrew, 12, Manitoba

Why do garbage trucks come in the morning?
Why is snow heavy?
Why do onions make you cry?
Why do our stomachs gurgle when we're hungry?
Is the cell phone the world's most used electronic gadget?

11. Corwin, 12, Washington

How does a wind-up watch work?

How fast do you have to be going to get one of those flying inner-tubes in the air?

Why does Tim Burton make such creepy movies?

Since we are all descended from Noah, shouldn't we all have the same allergies and physical problems?

When was the first complete Bible made?

12. Rachel, 13, Ohio ~ winner; steampunk goggles hand-painted by Mr. S.

What is the worst smelling animal in the world?

When did the first man shave? How many times did it take until the second man caved?

Why are we bored when the majority of things on our life are for our own entertainment?

Since ballet was started in Italy, why are the positions in French?

Why are moths attracted to light even though they are nocturnal?

13. Sophie, 6, Laos

Why do candles melt?

Why do bruises turn purple?

Why are rocks hard?

How does a king get money?

Why do flowers have to die?

14. Jeremy, 10, Laos

Is Robin Hood real?

What is White-out made of?

What is sleeping for?

Why does time matter?

Why aren't babies born smart?

15. Nicole, 12, Laos ~ winner; magnifying glass necklace

Why are almost all songs about love or broken hearts?

Who determined that the North Pole is the north if there is no north in space?

Do blind people see colors in their mind?

If everyone in the world dies, will there be an end of time or will time still be ticking by with no one to use it?

Are there any questions that have no answer?

16. Shaden Lane, 11, Middle East ~ winner; steampunk monacle

How come people punish other people while they do the same thing they punished another person for doing?

Why do some people not care about health; do they not care about their lives?

Why are some humans smart and other humans not?

Why do people drink cow's milk but not cat's milk?

Do people from different countries on earth think differently?

17. Rachael, 13, Idaho

Why do humans fear such small, unimportant things as spiders, bugs and parasites?

Why are some things considered "women things" and some "men things"? How and why did humans decide to split it?

Why are people always going on diets, haven't they tried enough to know it will not work?

Who gave movie directors and script writers such power?

How can you feel bad for doing something wrong if you have no standard of right and wrong?

18. Christopher, 14, Malawi, Africa ~ winner; signed copy of *Runt the Brave*

Who invented etiquette?

Who decided that grass should grow on a lawn?

Why is an itch so much more annoying than a cut, even though it causes much less damage?

Who invented tree houses?

Why have pirates become such a pirate friendly theme, when in reality, so many of them were (and are) bloodthirsty scoundrels that found no fault in torturing their victims, or slaughtering innocent people?

19. Sarah, 12, Texas

Why do they say "brains" when we only have 1 brain?

What is the little white curve at the base of the finger nail bed called?

20. Carly, 12, Texas

How many people really slip on banana peels?

Why didn't Jesus save himself while he was on the cross?

21. David, 12, Texas

Does the universe go on forever?

22. David, 13, Texas

What purpose do mosquitos serve on earth?

Why do people need to have a passport to get out of the country?

Why do flowers in a vase die even though they have plenty of water?

Why do people call rain precipitation?

Why are cookies so addicting?

23. Abbie, 14, Texas

Why do people so often let their age define their actions? I have observed an attitude of, "Well, I'm this old, so I should act like this." But why set the bar so low that when you jump you only bump your head on it and are restrained from higher things?

Why is it so easy for people, and the longer I'm here I observe it in myself, to live without passion? Why is the beauty of each moment so often not grasped? Life is meant to have sweat and tears. If we're going to run we ought to run our hearts out! So much of the time we just numbly walk through life trying to be happy and not get hurt. We guard ourselves and hide. We ramble through our days only getting more and more lost in routine. This life is a race, so why walk?

Why is it so incredibly easy, in this world, to take my eyes off Jesus? He is so beautiful, so glorious. His holiness can't be described by any humanly words. He is so much more than our finite minds can comprehend. So, why do I let my eyes drift off to other things? How could I ever fix my gaze on this world, when the Star-breather, King

of the universe asks me to dance? How could I ever desire to get lost in anything but the depth of love in His eyes?

24. Daniel, 15, Texas

Does racism truly exist or do we just think it does?
What would a society without knowledge be like?
How do chipmunks fit so much into their mouths?
Why is cake so good?
Why do people like redundancy?

25. Grace, 13, Texas

Is there a food you can't live without?
What is the healthiest food?

26. Abigail, 11, Texas

What is the chemical makeup of moon rocks?
Why do we have eyebrows?
What is the real name of Dr. Seuss?
What causes rubber to bounce?
What are ugly cats for?

27. Jonathan, 11, Malawi

Why do people say "sick" when what they really mean is "that was amazing?"
Why do little girls talk so much?
Who came up with the idea of disforming letters to create cursive?
Who invented naturalism and why would anyone want to do it?

28. Daniel, 12, North Carolina

Why are elephants gray?
Why are there such funny names now?
Why are the sun, earth, and stars round?
Why do some things taste better than others?
Why are rocks so hard?

29. Shelby, 13, Missouri

Why doesn't Gunther von Steuben drive?
Why does it take so long for journal messages to reach each other?
Will the Jerrett's ever consider Gunther for a babysitter?
Does Gunther watch the news?
How much homework does Professor von Steuben assign to his students?

30. Mackenzie, 14, Guantanamo Bay NAS, Cuba

What do newborn babies think when they come into the world? Is it cold? Bright? Does the baby recognize their mother?
Why do we try to explain the unexplainable? Won't it create more questions about it?
Why do people get in trouble so many times for the same things? Do they not learn from their mistakes?
When is good turned into bad? How is bad turned into good?
Why do people say to "think outside the box"? What is supposed to be "outside of the box"?

31. Delaney, 11, Guantanamo Bay NAS, Cuba

Why does the President live in a gigantic White House? And why can't we live in a gigantic White House?
Why do dogs hate cats? Do they hate the smell? Or is it because cats are cuter?
Why does cat have nine lives? And why don't dogs have nine lives?
Why do people want to pursue their dreams?
How come we don't remember what we did when we were younger? And why can't we remember what happens in the womb?

32. Irelynn, 9, Arizona

How do humans cross their eyes?
What is Latin???
What is a Christmas tree?
Why am I so fond of you?
Why do humans have only three meals a day? Why not ten?

33. Caedman, 10, Arizona

Why do you hate grammar?
Why are you a steampunk?

Why is space infinite yards long?
Why do people throw trash in the sea?
What is the magic box people look at all day long? It must suck their brains!

34. Rayanne, 14, Arizona ~ winner; magnifying glass

Why do humans have money?
Why are humans so different from each other?
Why do humans fight about things that aren't real at all?
Why do humans keep count of the days to remember things that happened that day, only years earlier?
Why do humans act totally normal and go on with life as if nothing is wrong, when they know they are dying?

35. Maggie, 13, South Carolina

Why do cereal boxes have instructions on how to use the flaps that hold them closed? It's a simple thing...even a 3-year-old could do it.
Who decided pink was a girl color and blue was a boy color?
Why is it "ladies first" that is polite? Why not men first? They were made first, and they are the leaders of the family.
What is that powdery stuff inside balloons? It tastes awful!
Why is it hard to think of questions sometimes...maybe because we overthink?

36. Gwendolyn, 12, Maryland

Why not 6 questions for Curious Questions, instead of 5?
Can we have multiple lives?
Will we ever find out how the Earth began?
How did the term "Steampunk" come about?
Will the world someday be 1 Nation?

37. Logan, 13, Alabama

Why does your body get addicted to sugar and not good for you food?
How is sand made?
Is the Megladon still alive?
Which is faster - a mako shark or a marlin?
Is there one single tree that is taller than any other tree in the world?

38. Matthew, 12, Alabama

Why are shadows black?

Why do you have to capitalize letters at the beginning of a sentence?

Who made the first tv show?

Did people get last names from the tribes they were in a long, long, long, long time ago?

Why do people lie about unhealthy food and say it is healthy?

39. Caleb, 14, Indiana

When will the end begin?

How many colors are in Heaven?

Will God use me in a world- changing way?

Did dragons ever exist?

What was Eden like?

40. Aidan, 11, Ontario

If we are heavier than water, then how do we float?

Do fish have gravity?

Why do we read faster when we like the book?

How does wi-fi work?

How do people make pictures look 3-D?

41. Genevieve

Why is Mrs. S so awesome?

What makes the S.W. so awesome?

Why do people swear?

Why do some people spend no time at all on things that they will sell for a lot of money?

Why do we have a soul connection to Christmas?

42. Nyah, 12, Ontario

Why are we most rude to the people we love the most?

Why did God give us choice, freedom or curiosity? Some will not be with God because of that choice. Why would God give us an ability that would draw some away from him?

How did Halloween become a day we put body parts on our lawns?!

Why do we do the wrong thing when we know the right thing?
Will we put a dent in the gold streets of Heaven if we fall?

43. Jesse, 12, Ontario

What is outside of our very own Milky Way?
Why did the Picts paint themselves blue instead of red or purple?
What kind of environment was Hitler raised in?
Was Albert Einstein really the smartest man ever?
Do I already know the girl I will fall in love with someday?

44. Thomas, 12, Illinois

Why would you buy a new tablet when there are plenty of older, cheaper ones which are sufficient for what you'd use it for?
Why do people let dogs lick them, and they don't let other people lick them?
Why do some authors write books just with the intention of making a movie about it?
Why do folks get so mad about people breaking tradition, when this actually starts new traditions?
Why do all famous pirates have -beard in their names?

45. Isabel, 10, Illinois ~ winner; steampunk pocket watch

Why did God make bees sting to protect themselves, but then they die anyway?
Why do lots of people think pink is a girl color?
Did God mean for us to eat meat?
Did dresses originate from Roman and Greek togas, and if it did, why don't boys wear dresses too?
Why does Darth Vader talk and breathe at the same time in the movie?

46. Jake, 11, Virginia

Why do people let religion get in the way of friendship? Why can't friends talk and discuss things that have to do with religion?
What kept people who lived B.C. (Before Christ) from dying from things that only surgeries can fix today?
Why does everyone have multiple computers today?
Why do people buy rear wheel drives if they suck going up a mountain?

Why are there words with more than one meaning?

47. Esther, 11, Virginia

Why do boys and most girls and boys hate each other?

Why do grown men ride children's bicycles?

Why do you always start letters with "dear_" or "Dearest_"?

Why do some people go through the painful process of getting a tattoo?

Where did the names of the months of the year and the days of the week?

48. Mason, 12, New Mexico

Why do people often answer a question with another question?

Why are people's tastes of fashion so different?

Why do babies wake up so early?

Why do people not like Christmas music until it's Christmas?

Why can I not think of any questions?

49. Aidan, 14, Nebraska

Why do some people sneeze when introduced to certain plants?

Why to they launch their star travelers west, not north or south?

Why does this food called 'tacos' taste so good?

50. Rayna, 10, Interior Alaska

If time travel were possible, would it be possible to kill your past self?

What are emotions, and how do they affect the way we think and act?

What is your conscience?

How do stories and ideas get in my head, and where do they come from?

What is time?

51. Jackson, 13, North Carolina

Why does Kanye West think so much about himself?

Why did the dog wake me up this morning?

Who is reading this other than my parents?

Where's the beef?

How many words do I say in a day?

52. Amelia, 10, British Columbia

How did people learn to tell time?

How many animals are there in the world?

Why don't spruce trees have leaves?

Why don't people have the same taste buds?

What is the point of bubble gum?