



## **Curious Questions Giveaway Entries**

*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.*

### **Abby I., 12, Georgia ~ Honorable Mention (*Runt the Brave*)**

Do two dimensional people think drawing three dimensional people is easy but stick figures hard?

Why do cars not run on fluorine or other elements instead of gas?

**Why are thoughts so complicated that it is often so hard to put them to words?**

Why do people dream of time travel when they know it will mess up the space time continuum?

Why are some colors peaceful and others vibrant?

## **Naomi H., 12, Virginia**

**Why when we cook meat, it stays meat, and when we cook sauce, it stays sauce, and when we cook rice, it stays rice, but when we cook bread, it becomes toast?**

Why do we have preschool, then kindergarten, then 1st -- 12th grade? Why not just have 1st - 14th grade?

Why are most people afraid of bats?

Why do most people assume that if it's healthy, it doesn't taste good?

Why do we "wash up"? Why not "wash down", or "wash sideways", or just "wash"?

## **Reagan S., 13, Wyoming**

What do you call a male ladybug?

**Why are there so many symbols for multiplication?**

Why does glue not harden inside the bottle?

How old is the world?

What gave Egyptian doctors the ideas for their many strange ideas and what made them think they would work?

## **Paul J., 12, Michigan**

Why do red headed people sunburn instead of getting tan?

How is paper made?

Why don't unicorns exist?

How many trees are in the world?

Are koalas nocturnal?

## **Grace D., 13, Ohio**

Can flying squirrels put their hands over their heads?

Why is pizza cheese better than other cheese?

Why does classical music help you during school?

## **Jenna D., 10, Ohio**

What is the biggest fruit?

What was the first board game?

What is glass?

Why do more adults like coffee than kids?

Why did Adam and Eve take the fruit if they were sinless?

## **Ethan S., 12, Cayman Islands ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (steampunk goggles)**

What's on the other side of a mirror?

How do radio waves transmit without you even seeing them?

**Why don't cows speak? They have the vocal cords.**

Why do so many kids want to drive a dump truck?

Why do girls like pink so much?

## **Haydn H., 12, Michigan**

If tomatoes are a fruit, then does that make ketchup a smoothie?

If you say something is indescribable, didn't you just describe it?

Why aren't we born educated?

Where did God come from?

What is bessemer steel?

## **Tristan P., 11, California**

How was Corrie TenBoom so brave?

Why do people like putting makeup on?

Why did Kershaw give up a grand slam?

Why do I like Cover Story so much?

Why is Mommy so awesome?

## **Tidus P., 13, California**

Why do carbs seem so tempting when it comes to meals?

Why do I sometimes react to video games like they're real life?

Why must people get sick all the time?

When will Donald Trump build the Great Wall of America?

Do steampunk professors use energy crystals or electricity for their laser guns?

## **Sarah W., 10, Illinois**

Why is a shellfish called a shellfish when it isn't even a fish?

### **Emily I., 11, British Columbia**

Why are babies born with blue eyes?  
How does coffee make you less sleepy?  
Why do flowers smell good?  
Why do cats like boxes?  
**Why does turkey make you tired?**

### **Alexander N., 13, Washington ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (steampunk goggles)**

**Why when you are wearing socks on a cold day do you always step in spiled watter?**  
Why when cats are trying to be quiet they make as much noise as possible?  
**Will an ant die if it falls from the Empire State building?**  
Why does toast always fall buttered side down?  
Why does everything work until someone else wants to try it.

### **Elodie L., 10, California**

Why is the world round, not square or triangular?  
How do people make the three primary colors?  
Why are lions called lions instead of something else?  
Why do people use electronics to look things up when they can just ask someone?  
What would happen if the world suddenly started to rain food or clothing?

### **Charity W., 13, Kentucky**

How can you have more of your father's genes and your sister's have more of your mother's?  
Melissa and Doug toys.. who are Melissa and Doug?  
Why did Apple skip iPhone 9?  
Who "invented" Soda Pop?  
How many different language translations are there in the world other than English?

### **Katherine R., 15, Kentucky**

How did all of the various writings come together as one Bible?  
Why do companies make perfume after famous people?  
Is it true that every time someone dies a baby is born?  
How are Butterfingers made?  
Why does my mind go completely blank every time I try to think of a question?

### **Maribelle A, 12, Pennsylvania**

Why do people smell?

Why does junk food have to be so bad for you?

**Why are people embarrassed when they fart?**

Why aren't coffee shops called "human gas stations"?

Do other countries think America is stupid?

### **Maddox R., 13, South Carolina**

What are cooties?

Why do people feel awkward to ask simple questions?

Why does the government like abbreviations?

How does something become a fad?

Why do people say, "I don't mind", when they do?

### **Zoe S., 11, Virginia**

Animals, why do people only like the furry ones? When does anybody get "puppy-dog" eyes by looking at a snake?

Most people are probably scared but honestly, what is there to be scared of?

Why do we always want to be the best? Can't we be ok with being non-popular or a learner? When does anybody ever say "I know that." and it is honest?

### **Eva W., 12, Texas**

Why does it say that they want "peanuts AND cracker jack" when cracker jack IS popcorn and peanuts?

Who decided that blue jeans match everything?

Why five questions?

What are the origins of the term, "Break a leg."

Does alien life require the same basic elements as we do?

### **Nathan M., 12, Pennsylvania**

Why after Thanksgiving when people are all thankful, do they rush out and buy everything on Black Friday?

Every time I go to the doctor's office he says I need blood work drawn. Why? What is the purpose?

Why is it "human nature" to do bad things?

Why do some humans think it is funny to be mean to each other?

Why do people like water so much? It is tasteless?

### **Annalise B., 12, Arizona**

Why do people have chimneys if they let rain in?

Why does gas from your car evaporate when it hits the ground?

How do firemen tell between a chimney being lit and a house on fire?

Why do Astronomers want to find out about planets that we can never go to?

Why are people grumpy when they don't have coffee?

### **Allie C., 12, Illinois**

Why do some things stain fabrics? Sometimes humans hate staining things, but in other cases humans drop fabrics in dye to color. Why one way and not the other?

Why do sometimes humans want curly hair and stick "curlers" in it? They don't look comfortable to sleep in at all. Can't people just be happy with the hair they have?

**Why is a rainbow called a rainbow? I get the "rain" part, just not the "bow" part. I doesn't look like a bow. Looks more like an arc to me. What is the purpose of a rainbow? For the beauty? Yes. But, I mean, anything important?**

If the earth were to turn the other way would that make time go backwards?

What would happen if the sun went out like a light? Cold and darkness, yes, but anything else? Scientists say that will happen one day. How would that change the world?

### **Selah M., 13, Oregon ~ Finalist (wooden mouse)**

Why are Grape Nuts called "Grape Nuts" if they are not made out of grapes nor nuts?

**Why does hot water clean better than cold water?**

Why do silly songs like "Pink Fluffy Unicorns " get stuck in your head?

Why are air bags only in the front seats and not in the back?

**What would happen if all my platelets disappeared and I got a paper cut?**

**Sam H., 10, Arizona**

Why is life?

If there is overseeding, why is there no underseeding?

Why is there a bush and bushes but not a cat and cates?

Why do dogs eat that awful, disgusting, gross, horrifying thing called dog food?

Why does my dog like to sniff this book?

**Ali K., 13, South Carolina ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Place (steampunk gun)**

**Are humans the only animals that carry emotional attachment to objects?**

Why do people who can play sports sit in front of the TV watching them?

How many people fear death?

What evolutionary path did we take to start building artificial intelligence?

Why do we teach our children that if they behave year-round a fat, old man will break into your house and leave gifts for you?

**Nathan M., 13, Minnesota ~ Finalist (wooden mouse)**

Why is it that when you hit one part of a pane of glass with enough force, the entire window shatters?

How big is the universe?

Why are some English words so hard to spell?

**Why do some songs get stuck in your head?**

Why do scientists give everything long, unpronounceable names?

**Michael M., 11, Minnesota ~ Honorable Mention (*Runt the Brave*)**

**Why is space black if there are so many stars?**

Are dragons real?

What would the world be like without electricity?

What is the meaning of life?

How are there so many books that I want to read?!

### **Emily F., 13, Indiana**

Why aren't computers smarter or anything? People say that they are smart, but sometimes they are on the wrong time and sometimes my computer has to load.

Why are Marines called marines? Is it because they do stuff in water or did the person who came up with them just like the color blue?

Why are people defined by the color of their skin instead of their personality?

Why doesn't Google ever give you a straight up answer, but instead gives you a list of websites to waste your time on?

Why do people hurt each other?

### **Sam R., 12, Michigan ~ Honorable Mention (*Runt the Brave*)**

Why do different people have different accents even though they speak the same language?

Why are people judged by the color of their skin?

**Do people who make light bulbs make them so they burn out so that people will have to buy more?**

Why are some things only cool for a little bit and some forever?

Why are some foods considered "breakfast" and some "dinner"?

### **Ella C., 12, Indiana**

Why is it when you're having fun, time goes by quickly, but when you are doing something boring, time goes by slowly?

Why is it so much fun to do things that are wrong?

Why do I laugh when tickled when there is no such thing as a funny bone?

**How can our body and facial expressions say something that we don't want a person to know?**

Why do people fight over power when it comes with so much responsibility?

### **Hannah C., 14, Indiana**

If we didn't have nerves, would pain be a thing?

Why do leaves have to die?

Why is there not just one government ruling the entire world?

Who invented curse words?

Why do we get homesick for places?



### **Rebecca F., 13, Indiana**

Why do dogs bark at nothing?  
Why do people say that he "cusses like a sailor"?  
Why is the world round?  
Why do people define other people by their last name?  
Why is everything far away from everything?

### **Andrew S., 11, Texas**

Why is this boy having to write questions, is he in trouble, do his parents not love him anymore, is he being tortured, will I be tortured too?  
Why do dogs eat twice a day and we eat three times a day?  
Why is it the four corners of the earth?  
What is the meaning of life?

### **Jake S., 13, Texas ~ Honorable Mention (*Runt the Brave*)**

Why do people want to be good at sports but not want to put the effort in to succeed?  
Why do people hate spiders when they almost never do anything to people?  
Why do people put their lives at risk on the road by cutting people off when it only saves a few minutes?  
Why does Daniel Schwabauer like steampunk?  
**How come only people's lips are red?**

### **Hallie V., 14, Indiana ~ Honorable Mention (*Runt the Brave*)**

**Why do we clap our hands to appreciate someone? We are just slapping them together.**  
Why are pancakes considered a "breakfast food?"  
Why is there "junk food" and "healthy food?"  
**Why do we have special music just for Christmas? Why not Thanksgiving music?**  
Why are Smarties the candy called Smarties if they don't make you any smarter?

### **Abbie V., 13, Indiana**

Do people find comfort when they believe in fake gods?  
How were there more people on the earth when Cain was sent out because God only created Adam and Eve first?  
Why do we use money and not something else to buy things?  
Why do we use paper to write on and not something else?  
Why do we have last names? Did people in the Bible have last names?

**Mandie V., 13, Indiana**

Were the stars meant to be shaped like the constellations?

Why do we elect a new president every four years?

What causes leaves to turn different colors?

Why do some people like it hot and others like it cold?

What causes some people to be short and others to be tall?