

The Faithzone : BEGINNINGS

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Summary

The 'Beginnings' section is significantly different from the other videos. It contains a series of quotations from children talking about the world around them, God and their feelings about their own experience.

Space and stars, God as creator, size and scale.

Feeling alone, sad moments and fears.

What really matters in life.

Discussion

How many of these children's thoughts ring true to your own experience?

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Transcript

I wonder how many stars there are in the sky

I try to count them but I lose my count

I can never count them

I really wonder what space is like and how many galaxies there are in the whole universe

I wonder how it all started. How did our world begin?

Sometimes I like making things. I've got worker hands. I can make something very big you know.

God made the world with his big hands.

I think God made the whole world.

It's funny when you look at insects and think how big everything that you see is quite small must be to them.

The world is big for ants, middle size for people, small for the skies.

I would like to be an ant. The world would look huge.

It amazes me when you look down and see everything so big – the seas and all the land – it really amazes me.

If you have worries the sea's a nice place to be because it's big and like it makes you seem so small, and your problems so small.

When I think about God, sometimes I think he must be very big – he created all of these things.

ALONE

I was bullied once by someone who I thought was my friend. When I was bullied I felt a bit sad and on my own.

I'm running out of games with Zoe, and, she's changed. She's not like my best friend any more.best friends gone...I'm running out of friends

I get scared when I'm by myself.

I hate feeling lost. I hate it

The saddest thing I can remember in my life is sitting at the bottom of the stairs watching my dad and mum having a fight. It was scary, as well as extremely sad.

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Wiggly worms, slugs and snails and dinosaurs and monsters and crocodiles and alligators. I'm scared they might eat me all up.

Lightning and when there's power cuts makes me really scared. It makes tingles go up my spine. I have to sleep in mum's bed.

When I think about death I feel a lurching feeling that makes me sick.

I believe in God because there has to be someone up there looking after us.

What matters to me most in the world is my family and if they are safe and me as well, if I'm safe and happy.

I think about my brother a lot, I do. I feel happy in my tummy, I do. My tummy always feels excited. He's one of my best friends or even more better than my best friends. He's my brother!

My brother's really nice to me now because he taught me how to do roly-polys.

God is nice because if you do anything wrong he doesn't tell you off or nothing – and your mum and dad do. He just forgives you.

If I had one wish in the whole wide world it would be to live with all my family because my mum and dad started to argue and so they split up.

My family are the most important things in my world because they love you and care for you. Nothing else.

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Collective Worship

Four students move forward to begin the collective worship.

SPEAKER 1: This morning we are going to see a short video.

SPEAKER 2: Then we will ask some questions about it afterwards to find out what you think about what's said in the video.

Show the video which lasts about 4 minutes, then play the music as the four students begin addressing the students.

SPEAKER 3: Do you have a younger sister or brother? Or a younger cousin or friend's brother or sister?

SPEAKER 4: Sometimes little kids can be annoying - pesky little devils. Have you noticed how much they ask questions?

SPEAKER 1: Sometimes really stupid questions.

SPEAKER 2: That's because they are trying to make sense of the world.

SPEAKER 3: They're looking to you for ideas about how the world works and how to behave in it.

SPEAKER 4: They're trying to grow.

SPEAKER 1: Have you ever pushed a younger kid away from you – couldn't be bothered to deal with their questions?

SPEAKER 2: Couldn't you give them a hand up... to help them learn?

SPEAKER 3: Let's take a few moments to think back to when you were a kid.

SPEAKER 4: What were some of the things that confused you? Can you think of something?

The speakers give the gathered students time to think.

SPEAKER 1: Think back to when you were about seven or eight years old.

SPEAKER 2: Close your eyes if it helps you to concentrate.

SPEAKER 3: How did that feel? What can you remember?

SPEAKER 4: What confused you when you were about seven or eight? Did you like being confused?

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SPEAKER 1: Really try to remember what it felt like when you were that age. Do you remember feeling small and everything around you seemed so big?

SPEAKER 2: How did you see the world then?

SPEAKER 3: Did you ever ask older people for help when you were that young?

SPEAKER 4: Did you ever get excited when somebody showed you how to do something new? Remember that?

SPEAKER 1: It was a good feeling, wasn't it – when someone took time to help you to learn?

SPEAKER 2: Well, here's the good news... that feeling will come back to you again and again because there's never a stage in life when you stop learning.

SPEAKER 3: Every day is a new chance to learn something interesting.

SPEAKER 4: All you have to do is ask – just like the little kids. Just ask somebody who knows. Ask stupid questions. Be a pesky little devil if you have to. And ask yourself too. It's the only way to grow and make sense of YOUR own world.

Think about it.