

Created to Wonder

BIG IDEA

God created us to be curious, and He invites us to keep growing as we get to know Him.

LEADER GOAL

Help students understand that curiosity is a gift from God. Encourage them to ask questions, explore their faith, and discover that God welcomes honest curiosity. Introduce the Holy Spirit as God, who helps followers of Jesus grow to become more like Him.

WELCOME + CONNECT

LEADER SAYS

"Welcome back, everyone!"

How is everyone feeling about the script so far? Is it starting to feel a little more familiar? Has anyone discovered a character they're becoming more interested in?"

(Allow students to share.)

"Last week, your challenge was to look for an opportunity to show someone the love of Jesus. Did anyone have the chance to do that? What happened?"

(Celebrate every example, no matter how small.)

"I'm excited for today because we're going to talk about one of the things that makes us uniquely human—our curiosity."

LIVE SPARK

CREATED TO WONDER

GRAB

A closed box with an unknown object inside.

IDEA

Curiosity and good questions help us discover things we don't know yet.

SPARK

God welcomes my questions.

DO/SAY

[Hold up the closed box.]
"There's something inside this box.
I'm not going to show you what it is yet.

So... how could you figure out what's inside?"

[Take a few quick responses. Shake or move the box if suggested.]

"Okay. What did that tell us?
Do we know what's inside yet?
No.

But our questions are helping us discover.

That's something Ariel does all the time.
She finds something from the human world and wonders:
What is this?
What does it do?
Why is it here?

She's curious.

And here's something I want you to know:
You can be curious about God too.
You don't have to pretend you know every answer.
You can ask questions. You can wonder. You can keep discovering.

Because our Spark this week is:

THEN

Move directly into Where's Ariel? / Human Stuff — Created to Wonder.



STORY CONNECTION

WHERE'S ARIEL? / HUMAN STUFF – CREATED TO WONDER

LEADER SAYS

“As *The Little Mermaid* begins, we quickly discover something about Ariel.

She is incredibly curious.

She isn't satisfied with staying where she is. She wants to know more about the world above the sea. She collects human objects. She asks questions. She wonders what life on the surface is like.

Sometimes that curiosity even gets her into trouble!

Have you ever been really curious about something?

Maybe you've wanted to know how something works. Maybe you've asked lots of questions about space, animals, history, or sports. Maybe you've even had questions about God.

The wonderful thing is that curiosity itself isn't a bad thing.

In fact, God created us with curious minds.”

“He designed us to explore, learn, create, and ask questions. Throughout the Bible, we see people asking God honest questions. People wondered who God is. How He works. Why difficult things happen.

God wasn't afraid of those questions. He welcomed people as they learned to trust Him.

Growing in faith doesn't mean pretending we have every answer. It means continuing to seek God with open and curious hearts. As we learn more about Him, we discover more about who He created us to be.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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What is something you've been really curious about lately?

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Do you think curiosity is mostly a strength, a weakness, or both? Why?

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Have you ever wanted to ask a question about God but felt nervous to ask?

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How can curiosity help us grow closer to God and to other people?

AUDITION CONNECTION

"Cast lists are coming up soon, and some of us might already be thinking about what part we'd love to get.

It's exciting to dream about different roles, but it's also important to remember something.

At K2K, your value isn't determined by the role you receive.

Whether you got the part you were hoping for, a different role, or you're part of the ensemble, you are just as important. Every role helps tell the story. Every person matters.

The same is true here at K2K. You are valuable because of who you are—not because of the part you play."



SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

“Over the last few weeks we’ve been learning about God.

First we talked about God the Father. Then we learned about Jesus. Today we’re going to learn about the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes people think the Holy Spirit is just a feeling or a force.

But the Holy Spirit isn’t a what. The Holy Spirit is a who. The Holy Spirit is God.

Remember last week we talked about Jesus rising from the dead? After Jesus came back to life, He spent about forty days with His followers. Hundreds of people saw Him alive. They talked with Him. They learned from Him.

Before Jesus returned to heaven, He gave His followers an important promise.”

LUKE 24:49

“And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

“Jesus didn’t leave His followers alone. He sent the Holy Spirit. When someone chooses to follow Jesus, God gives them the Holy Spirit to live with them and help them. That doesn’t mean we become God. It means God is with us wherever we go.”



SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? (CONT.)

"The Holy Spirit helps followers of Jesus in many ways.

He works inwardly by helping us become more like Jesus. The Bible calls this the fruit of the Spirit:

Love. Joy. Peace. Patience. Kindness. Goodness. Faithfulness. Gentleness. And self-control.
(Galatians 5:22–23)

The Holy Spirit also helps us upwardly.

Sometimes we don't even know what to pray. Romans 8 tells us that the Holy Spirit helps us as we pray and brings our hearts before God.

And the Holy Spirit works outwardly by filling our hearts with God's love so we can love other people.
(Romans 5:5)

One of the wonderful things about the Holy Spirit is that He continues helping us grow.

As we ask questions, read the Bible, pray, and learn about God, the Holy Spirit helps us understand more and become more like Jesus.

That's one of the reasons we never stop learning about God."

STUDENT REFLECTION

“Today we’ve talked about curiosity and the Holy Spirit. Let’s take a few minutes to reflect.”

PROMPT

The Holy Spirit helps us learn and grow. How do you think God might use our curiosity to help us know Him better?

THIS WEEK - YOUR CHALLENGE!

“This week, your challenge is to be curious.

Learn something new. Ask a good question.

Maybe it’s about God. Maybe it’s about the world He created. Maybe it’s about something you’ve always wondered.

Then share what you learned with someone in your family or with a friend.

Keep practising curiosity—because growing often begins with asking good questions.”

CLOSING PRAYER

“Let’s pray together.

Dear God, Thank You for creating each one of us with curious minds and hearts. Thank You that You aren’t afraid of our questions and that You invite us to keep learning more about You.

Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to be with everyone who follows Jesus. Thank You that He helps us grow, guides us, reminds us of Your love, and helps us become more like Jesus each day.

Help us continue asking good questions, learning new things, and growing closer to You. Thank You for our K2K family and for this place where we can learn and grow together. Amen.”

Connection Activities

■ SUPPLIES

Bristol board • Markers or other drawing utensils

■ COMMON THREAD

- Split students into groups or partners.
- Set a timer for 1–2 minutes.
- Each group must come up with 3–5 things all members have in common.
- Bonus points for more unique connections!

➔ BELONG POSTER RELAY

SUPPLIES: Bristol board, markers

- Write “WE BELONG” at the top of the bristol board.
- Have students line up behind the bristol board.
- Have two students at a time write or draw something on the board that symbolizes belonging.
- The catch: students have only 20 seconds before handing the marker