

## Kid Talks: Conversations that Count pt. 2

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### Matthew 16:13, 15

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do **People** say the Son of Man is?" ... "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do **YOU** say I am?"

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### Three Big Questions?

1. Who am I? (\_\_\_\_\_)
  2. Where do I fit in? (\_\_\_\_\_)
  3. Can I make a difference? (\_\_\_\_\_)
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### Genesis 1:26a

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image ..."

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### How Can I Know God?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **your eyes.** (Nature)
    - Romans 1:19-20
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ **God's Handbook.** (Bible)
    - 2 Tim 3:16-17
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ **with God.** (Prayer)
    - Matthew 6:9-13
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ **time with Friends that believe in God.** (Fellowship)
    - Hebrews 10:25
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### Discuss and Apply

*Use the following "Guide" to formulate your own age-appropriate questions.*

1. Who is God? (DISCOVER God together)
  2. Can you tell me something God made? (Explore God's handiwork together)
  3. What would you like to ask God? (Read the Bible for answers together)
  4. What would you tell God? (Pray and Praise God together)
  5. Tell me about your friends in Manna Kids? (Fellowship with other parents and their kids)
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# Can I Trust the Bible?

## 1. Fun Facts

- First Book Printed (1455 A.D.) - 66 "books" = Library
- Best Seller: 273,972 a day - 11,415 an hour - 190 a minute - 3 a second
- YouVersion App 450 Million - 1,700 Languages - 22.4 Million by Kids

## 2. God's Owner's Manual (Handbook for Life)

- Raising kids - Improving your marriage - Managing your emotions
- Handling your money - Breaking bad habits - Finding fulfillment in life
- Receiving / granting forgiveness - Receiving eternal life

## 3. Multiple Writers - One Author

- Kings - Servants - Philosophers - Fishermen
- Poets - Doctors - Military Leaders - 1<sup>st</sup> Century IRS agent

## 4. Singular Message

- God worked throughout history to restore His relationship with human race.
- One hero – the Messiah - One villain – Satan
- One problem – Sin - One purpose – Salvation

## 5. Obvious Conclusion

- There is ONE Master Architect, Designer reflected in the Bible, Creation and Mankind.

## 6. Eyewitness Reports

- The New Testament writers knew Jesus personally - 30-45 post Resurrection

## 7. Literary (integrity) Evidence

- 24,000 copies of the N.T. (earliest 100 A.D.) - < 1 variation in 1000 words
- 14,000 copies or fragments of the O.T. - < 1 variation in 1580 words
- Dead Sea Scrolls (250-150 B.C.) compared to text 1000 years older = 95% identical.
- Writings of the Church Father's quote 36,000 verses of the N.T. (-11 verses)

## 8. Historical Evidence

- The Iliad (Homer): 643 existing copies, earliest 500 years after original
- Republic (Plato): 7 existing copies, earliest 900 years after original
- 25,000+ archeological discoveries that substantiate the validity of scripture.
- Luke/Acts names thirty-two countries, fifty-four cities and nine islands without an error.

## 9. Prophetic Accuracy

- The Bible contains 1,817 individual predictions, concerning 737 separate subjects, found in 8,352 verses, that's 27% of the 31,124 verses found in the Bible!
- The OT contains 48 specific prophecies w/ some 300 ramifications referring to the Messiah. Every prophecy was published at least 500 years before Christ was born.

## 10. Authority of Scripture

- 2 Timothy 3:16 – 17 - 2 Peter 1:20-21 - Psalms 112:6 - Isaiah 40:8
- Romans 1:16 - Isaiah 55:10-11 - John 5:39-40,45