



Use God's Word to help answer your children's most difficult questions during the coronavirus pandemic. As Christian parents, we want to answer their tough questions, of course, but in ways that will help kids build a stronger relationship of love with God.

**Faith**, **trust**, **joy**, **strength** and **patience** can replace fears and confusion through Bible verses.



**Below are 7 difficult questions parents are facing among children ages preschool thru 12 about the pandemic, along with Biblical answers.**

**1**

**Will God protect my family from getting the coronavirus?**

The best protection against the virus is doing what the authorities tell us. Wash your hands lots, don't get together with friends right now and don't get closer than six feet to others when you do go out. God gave us people in authority to tell us how to act. Our family listens to authority and is obeying them very carefully.

**Bible Verse:** Romans 13:1 "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."

2

I'm afraid my parents will catch the virus. Could my parents get really sick or die?

People in Mom's and Dad's age group generally don't get very sick from the Coronavirus. It's like the flu. It's annoying and uncomfortable but the vast majority get better.

It's been said that 90% of the things we worry about never happen. The Apostle Paul encourages us to not worry about anything! But rather, speak to God and ask for His help using confidence.

**Bible Verse:** Philippians 4:6-7 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

3

Why can't we go to school if the flu is more serious?

That has to do with putting others before ourselves. We might not get seriously ill, but we could pass it on to those who are Grandma's or Grandpa's age or others with serious health problems.

If all those people got sick at once, the hospitals wouldn't be able to help them all. There could be people lying in the hospital parking lot! Like most everything, our behavior during the pandemic gets back to the second most important rule Jesus taught: Treat others how you would want to be treated.

**Bible Verse:** Matthew 7:12 "In everything, then, do to others as you would have them do to you. For this is the essence of the Law and the prophets."

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What if my  
grandparents  
catch the virus?

Your grandparents are in a group that is more prone to be hurt by this virus. The majority of deaths and serious symptoms are in their age group. They are our elders, and it's our job to be respectful to their health.

That's one of the reasons we don't visit them right now. It wouldn't be a sign of our love if we risked infecting them. However, their wisdom - their years of experience -- means they are also more likely than most to think of all the details to keep themselves healthy.

**Bible Verse:** 1 Peter 5:5 "In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.'"

5

Did God make the  
Coronavirus?

It's more accurate to think of it as God allowed the coronavirus. There are many places in the Bible where the forces of darkness tried to hurt mankind. But God ended up using the situation for good. The best example is how evil men killed God's only begotten son, Jesus. God used the situation to show us how we can all have eternal life, and the sufferings of this world will be forgotten.

God will use the virus for good. People will draw near to him because that's what they do when they are nervous or afraid. Families will get to spend time together. We'll all get to know even more things about each other -- and about God!

**Bible Verse:** Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

6

*Can God stop the coronavirus?*

He chooses not to at this time, but why would God make that choice?? One reason is that when people get scared, that's when they run to him. If they didn't get scared, they would forget about God.

It is a shame that people are stubborn and it takes a shock to make them turn away from wrong choices. But God uses bad events as a means to make good ends.

**Bible Verse:** Romans 1:21 "For although that knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

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*So, why doesn't God fix it so that only bad people get sick and die from the virus? Why does He allow good people to get it too?*

It is true that God's own people don't escape natural disasters or plagues. But it's different for them. Another reason God allows for hardship and discomfort is that it makes his own children grow stronger.

Think of people in the army. They are required to go to boot camp. Boot camp is really tough. Without it, how well would soldiers be able to protect us? Not well at all. They would be weak. Think of us sort of in God's army and when something bad happens it's training us to gain more spiritual strength.

**Bible Verse:** Romans 5:3-4 "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character hope.