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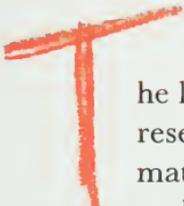


Fervent wishes, suggestions and
complaints



Approvals, confidences and thanks

INTRODUCTION



he letters in this book express that part of a child's world reserved for special thoughts and wishes. The subject matter ranges through those beliefs, desires, questions and doubts that are urgent and common to all children.

Some of the letters are disarmingly wise, others naive; some are knowing, some simple; some reverent, some not so reverent. Many are weighted with seriousness; others are lit with smiles. All of them are addressed to God with much hope and trust.

Grownups know for certain, of course, that the letters will not get there no matter how much postage they carry. But then grownups know so much more than children—sometimes.

In choosing these letters, we've tried to convey the incredible variety they represent. Their spelling and grammar have not been corrected, for what they say they say better as they are.

—*Eric Marshall and Stuart Hample*

Puzzlements,
dilemmas and other
imponderables



In Sunday School
they told us what
you do. Who does
it when you are
on vacation?

Jane

How did you
know you
were God?

Charlie he

Dear God,

I read the bible. What does
begat mean? Nobody will
tell me.

Love,
Alison



Dear God,

On Halloween I am
going to wear a Devil's
costume, Is that
all right with you?

Marnie

Dear God.

Are you really invisible

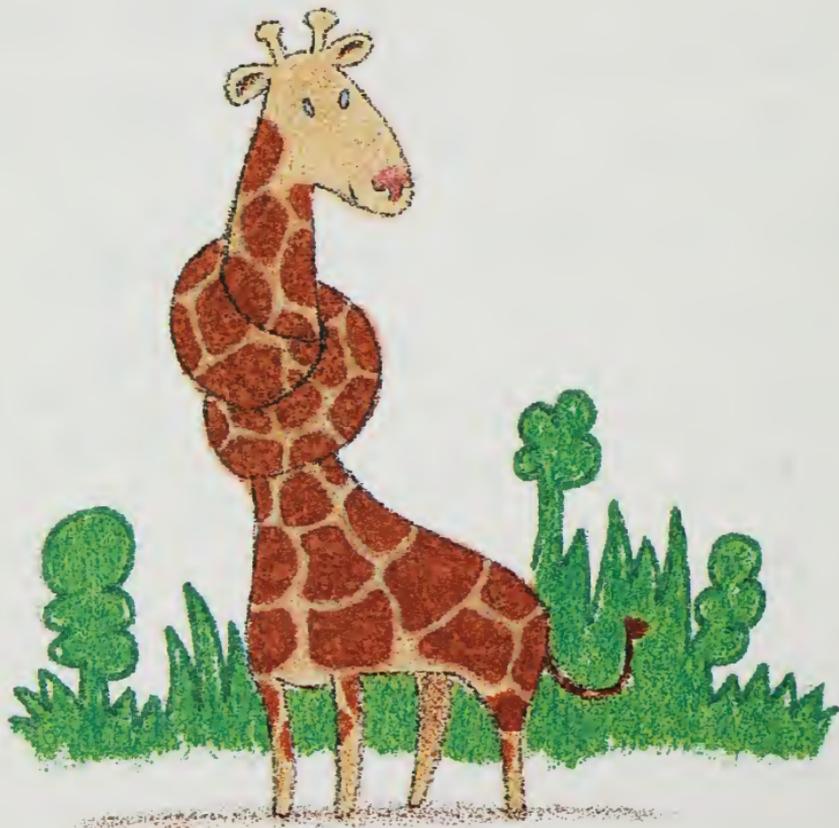
or is that just a trick

Lucy

Dear God,

Is it true my father
Won't get in Heaven
if he uses his Bowling
Words in the house?

Anita



Dear God,

Did you mean for
giraffe to look
like that or
was it an
accident.

Norma

Dear God,
Instead of Letting people die
and haveing to Make new ones
Why don't you just
Keep the ones you got now?

Jane

Dear God,

Who draws the lines
around the countries?

Nan



Dear God,

Do animals use you
or is there somebody else
for them?

Nancy

Dear God,

I went to this wedding
and they kissed right in church.

Is that ok?

Neil

Dear God

Are there any

Patriarchs around

today?

Patrick



CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO GOD

Dear God

I like the Lords prayer best of all.
Did you have to write it a lot or
did you get it right the first time?
I have to write everything I ever
write over again.

Lois

God,
IT'S O.K. That you
made different
religions but
don't you get
mixed up some - times.

Arnold

Dear God
In bible times
did they really
talk that fancy?

Jennifer



Dear God,

I would like to know why

all the things you said

are in red?

Joanne

Dear God

What does it mean you
are a jealous God. I

thought you had everything

Jane

Dear God,

Is reverend Coe
a friend of yours,
or do you just
know him through
business?

Donny



Dear God,
Do you know about things
before their invented?

Charles

CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO GOD

Did You Really Mean Do UNTO
Others As They Do UNTO You,
Because IF You Did Then I'm
Going to Fix My Brother.

Darla

Dear God,

When you made the first man did he work as good as we do now?

Tom



CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO GOD

Dear God

My grandpa says you were around when
he was a little boy. How far back
do you go?

Love

Dennis

CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO GOD

Dear God,

I know all about where babies come from, I think. From inside mummies and daddies put them there.

Where are they before that? Do you have them in heaven? How do they get down here? Do you have to take care of them all first. Please answer all my questions. I always think of you.

Yours truly
Susan

Dear God,
I am American
What are you?
Robert

Fervent wishes,
suggestions and
complaints



Dear God,

Thank you for
the baby brother

but what I prayed
for was a puppy

Joyce

Dear God
How come you didn't
invent any new animals
lately? We still have
Just all the old ones.

Lohny

Dear God -

Please put a -
nother Holiday

between Christmas
and Easter.

There is nothing good
in there now.

Ginny



Dear God,

It rained for a whole
vacation and is my father
mad! He said some things
about you that people are
not supposed to say, but I
hope you will not hurt him
anyway.

Your friend

But I am not going to tell you
who I am

Dear God

Why is Sunday

School on Sunday?

I thought it
was suppose to
be our day of rest.

Tom L.

Please Send me pony
I never ask
for anything before
you can look it up

Bruce



Dear Mr. God

I wish you would
not make it so
easy for people to
come apart. I had
3 stitches and a
shot.

Janet

Dear God,

How come you did all those
miracles in the old days and
don't do any now?

Seymour

Dear - God - if -
we - come - back
as - something -
please - don't
let - me - be
Jennifer - Horton
because - I - hate
her.

Denise



Dear God,

If you give me
genie lamp like Alladin

I will give you anything
you want

except my money
or my chess set.

Raphael

Dear God,

My brother

is a rat. You
should give him a
tail. Ha. ha.

Danny

Dear God,

Please send Dennis Clark

to a different camp

this year.

Peter



Dear God,
I wish that there wasn't
no such thing of sin.

I wish that there was
not no such thing
of war.

Tim M
age 9

Dear God

Maybe Cain and Abel
would not kill each so much
if they had their own rooms.
It works with my brother.

Larry

Dear God,

I want to be just
like my Daddy when I get
big but not with so much
hair all over.

Sam



CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO GOD

Dear God,

I keep waiting for Spring but
it never comes get. Don't
forget.

Mark

Approvals,
confidences
and thanks



You don't have to
worry about me. I
always look both ways

Dean

Dear God,

I think the stapler
is one of your
greatest invention

Ruth M.

CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO GOD

Dear God,

My name is Simon. That's from the

bible, I am eight and a half. We live across the street from the park. I have a dog name Buster. I used to have a hamster but he got out and ran away. I am small for my age.

My hobbies are swimming, bowling, my chemistry set reading, coin collecting and tropical fish. Right

Now I have three kinds. Well I guess I said a

Mouthful. Goodbye.

Always a friend

Simon



Dear God,
I think about
you sometimes even
when I'm not praying

Elliott

Dear God,
I bet it is
kery hard
for you to
love all of
every body in the
whole world
There are only
4 people in our
family and I
can never do it.

Nan

Dear God

Of all the people
who work for
YOU I like

Peter and John
the best.

Rob



Dear God,

My brother told me
about being born
but it doesn't
sound right.

Marsha

Dear God,

If you watch in
Church on Sunday
I will show you
my new shoes

Mickey D.

Dear God,

I like the story about
Chanuka the best of all
of them.
You really made up some
good ones.

Glenn



GOD,
I WOULD LIKE
TO LIVE
900 YEARS LIKE THE
GUY IN THE BIBLE
LOVES
CHRIS

Dear God
I love You.
how are You fine.
Im fine to
My Mother has five girls
and one Boy,
I am one of them.
Nancy 6

Dear God

I don't ever feel
alone since I found
out about you.

Nora



We read Thos. Edison
made light.
But in SUN. School they said
you did it.
So I bet he stoled
you r Idea.
Sincerely,
Do NNa

Dear God,

If you let The dinasor
not extinct we would
not have a country.

You did the right thing.

Jonathan

Dear God. here's a poem

I Love you
Because you give
us what we need to live
BUT I wish you
would tell me why
you made it so
we have to die.

Daniel (age 8)



Dear God
It is great
the way
you always
get the
stars in
the right
places.

Jeff

God: the bad people

lughed at noah - you
make an ark on dry
land you fool. But

he was smart he stuck
with you. thats what

I would do.

Eddie

Dear God,

I do not think anybody
could be a better
God. Well I just
want you to know but
I am not just saying
that because you
are God. Charles



Dear God,

I didn't think orange
went with purple until

I saw the sunset
you made on Tue.

That was cool.

EUGENE



Dear God,

I am doing

the best I can.

Frank



Fervent wishes,
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