

Big Questions

Equipment needed:

Options:

- A large piece of paper on the floor or wall
- Or ripped up cardboard pegged onto strings
- Or a noticeboard with bits of paper
- Or chalk on a pavement
- Or a whiteboard

This activity invites pupils to ask big questions about life and faith.

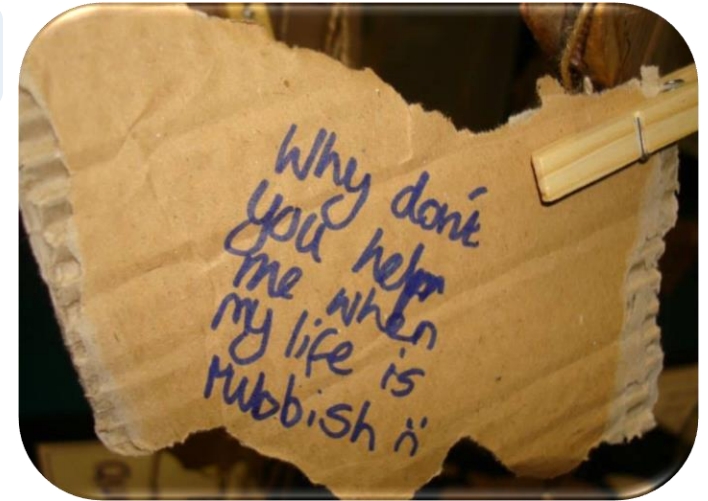
Instructions:

This activity allows pupils to express their questions, and if they want to, to express them to God. It's really simple and usually very popular.

Some of the pupils' questions will be 'head' questions about ideas and beliefs, some will be 'heart' questions about life and death, hopes and fears. Some will be funny, others profound or heartbreaking.

This activity affirms that all questions are OK, and it acknowledges that some questions are very difficult to answer. The focus of this activity is on the asking and not the answering. Where pupils want to talk about their 'big questions', it's important that team members don't feel that they need to try and offer answers. "I don't know." and "What do you think?" are sometimes the best responses to big questions.

The Big Questions activity can often provide an insight into pupils' lives that the school can use for further work.



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Below is an example of the instructions you could use for this activity. Please feel free to copy these and adapt as you wish. If your prayer space has a name you might wish to add your own logo.

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Everyone has big questions about life.
What are your big questions?

If you could ask God one question right now,
what would you ask?