Children Write to God

The opinions of children – on any issue – may range from comical to insightful to whimsical, and they may even be inspirational in the uncomplicated faith they reveal.

The late Art Linkletter discovered that truth, and used it to his advantage in the entertainment business. Linkletter, radio and television personality, was host of *House Party*, which aired on CBS radio and television for 25 years, and *People Are Funny* on NBC radio and TV for 19 years.

He was famous for interviewing children on *House Party* and *Kids Say the Darndest Things*, which led to a series of books quoting children. Linkletter appeared for a couple of Life Care meetings years ago.

The following letters are not from his books, but represent the brand he created. The comments are taken from letters to God collected in children's church:



- "Dear God, Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why
 don't you just keep the ones you have now?"
- "Dear God, Who draws the lines around countries?"
- "Dear God, I went to this wedding and they kissed right in front of church. Is that okay?"
- "Dear God, Why is Sunday school on Sunday? I thought it was supposed to be our day of rest."
- "Dear God, Maybe Cane and Abel would not hate each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works for me and my brother."
- "Dear God, I want to be just like my daddy when I get big but not with so much hair all over."
- "Dear God, You don't have to worry about me. I always look both ways."
- "Dear God, I bet it is very hard for You to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only four people in our family and I can never do it."
- "Dear God, Of all the people who work for You, I like Noah and David the best."
- "Dear God, My brother told me about being born but it doesn't sound right. They're just kidding, aren't they?"
- "Dear God, I would like to live 900 years like that guy in the Bible."
- "Dear God, Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now."
- "Dear God, I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset You made on Tuesday. That was cool!"

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Well, those are enough for now. Weren't these thoughts day-brighteners?

But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them (the disciples), "Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God (Mark 10:14 ESV).

- Beecher Hunter