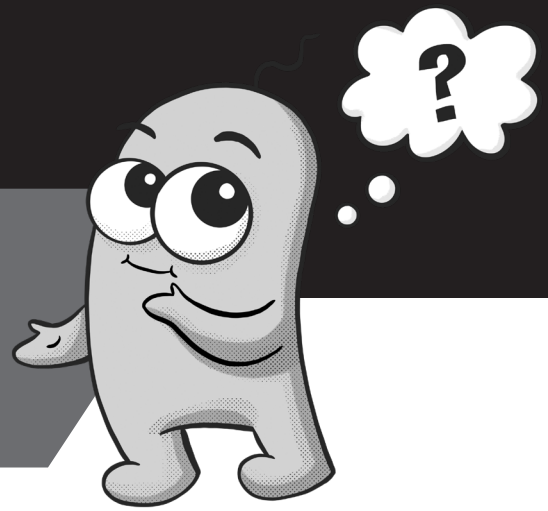
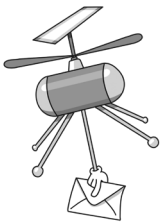


GodSpace - God and Me Box

A *God and Me* box encourages student participation and shows all students that their questions and ideas matter to you and to God. Not all students feel comfortable participating in class discussions - a *God and Me Box* is a great way to include their questions and ideas too.



Capturing Questions



Recording, or 'capturing' questions is a useful teaching technique. It acknowledges the student, but gives the teacher some space before answering the question. This can be useful if your class has lots of questions, questions which can be answered later on or you need time to prepare an answer. A God and Me Box is a great way to do this.

Introduce it

- Introduce it saying that it's a box for posting their questions or comments about God or anything else they wish to tell you about the GodSpace lessons. Suggest that they include their name on the paper before they post it.
- Allocate a time for when students can post their questions and comments. You might allow individual students to write down an interesting question raised during discussion time, or ask students to wait until magazine time.
- For younger students you may need to write their question for them.

Use it

Here are some different ways of using the God and Me box:

- Allow a few minutes in your lesson to answer questions. Read the questions as written but don't read out the name.
- Choose a question relevant to your lesson to highlight before and after the Bible passage.
- Dedicate the last lesson each term to reading and answering the questions. You might like to have a 'panel of experts' to answer them. (If you are in a state school be sure all who take part are authorised to be there).
- Write personal replies in your own time and hand out next time. Assume that parents, the classroom teacher and friends are likely to read your reply. If there is no space to write on their question sheet, staple your answer to it so it's not read in isolation or out of context.

See also:

Answers to Questions Children Ask in free resources.

Make it!



1. Cut a posting slit in a box with a lid. (A shoe box is ideal).
2. Cover or paint it to make it interesting.
3. Write 'God and Me' on it.