

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

(Colossians 3:12)

Hello friends,

Have you ever wondered if others can see that God is important to you? Hymn #471 in the Presbyterian Book of Praise expresses the evidence as "they'll know we are Christians by our love." I often ask children to tell me how they know God loves them. If a child has the confidence to describe her or his awareness and experience, I know that child is on the right track.

I now offer you some profound comments from children in their own words, taken from 10 Principles for Spiritual Parenting: Nurturing Your Child's Soul, by Mimi Doe with Marsha Walch. A four-year-old describes the divine as follows:

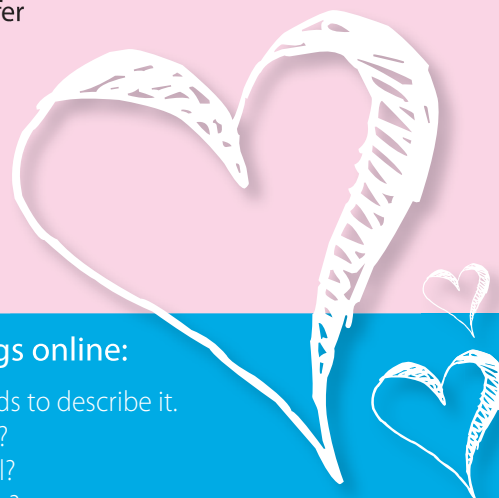
*Help me to know that you are near, O God.
I ask you to help me love others:
I can care, I can smile, and I can share.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

"Every good thing that is pink or red is God's love, it's God's valentine to me, like a sunrise or a sunset or a rainbow."

A nine-year-old says,
"I think that God is a blaze of light—a powerful force that is in my eyes and heart."

A seven-year-old observes,
"I get a warm feeling around my heart. That's how I know that God cares for me."

In God's loving care,
Jennifer



Throughout February, let's talk about these things online:

- Do you have a feeling in your heart about God? Use words to describe it.
- How do you show that you care about others—at home?
- How do you show that you care about others—at school?
- How do you show that you care about others—at church?

SUBMIT your questions, comments and thoughts at presbyterianrecord.ca/calledtowonder so we can discuss them in the coming months!