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ASKED  
FOR IT**

# Gods Strange Ways



## Strange things mums do

- Smell bottoms
- Track #2 patterns
- Always have a wipe
- Immediately feel the need to grab for hands as they approach a parking lot or street.
- Talk out loud about the things they're buying in the grocery store.
  - Be excited/ relieved for burps
- Always testing the temperature of things

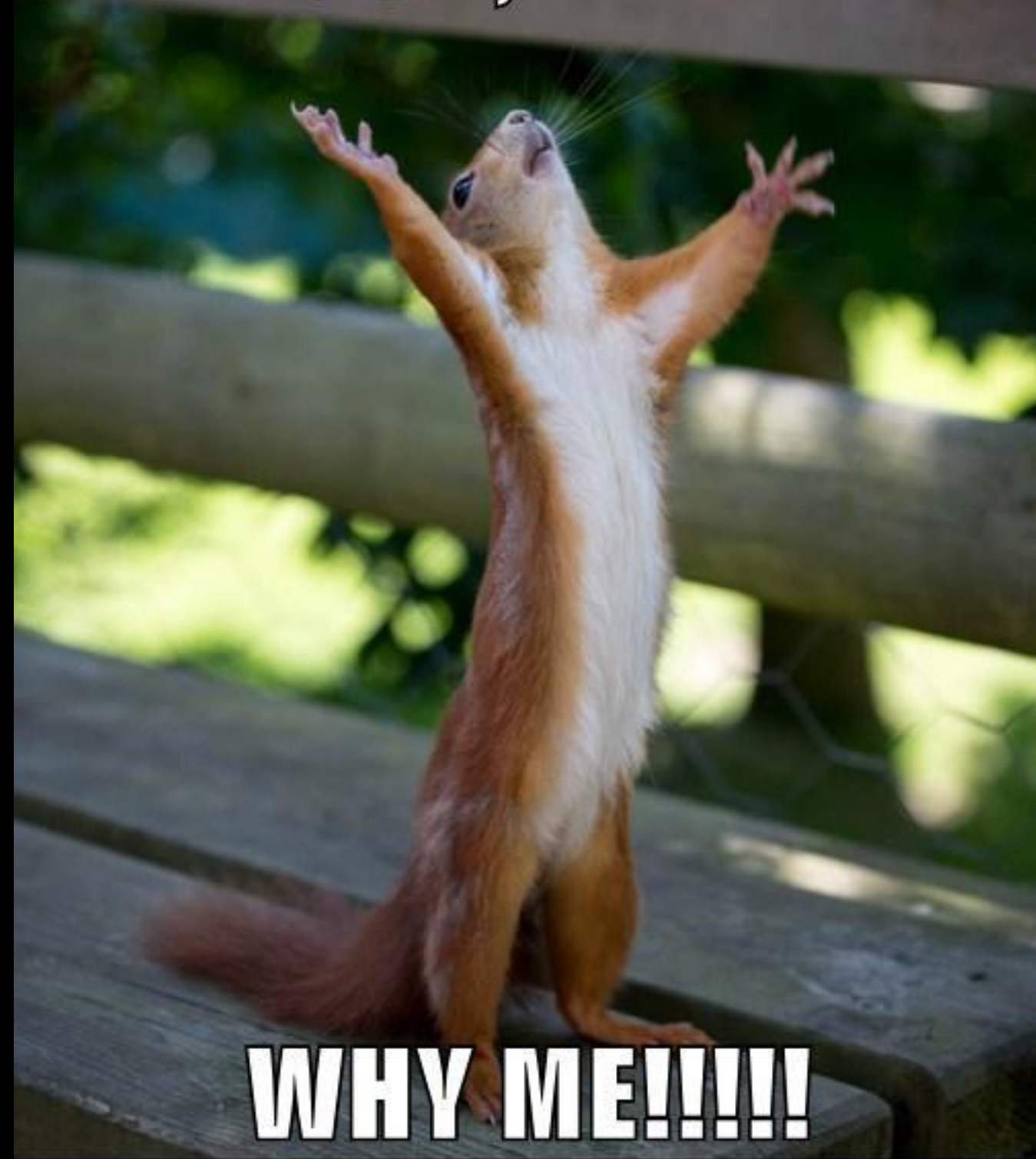
# Strange things God does/ did

- Why are there different skin colours?
- Why didn't God let the Israelites eat shell fish?
- Why do we need to pray if God knows everything?
- Why mosquitos?

- Why does God allow evil
- Why did God give Satan “free reign” in the book of Job?
  - Why is God silent at times?
  - Why do I have to wait so long for Gods purpose to be fulfilled in my life?
- Why doesn't God heal me when I ask for it?
- If God is perfect- where did the jealousy of Satan's heart come from?



**WHY GOD, WHY!!!!!!**



**WHY ME!!!!!!**

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**- What are the consequences of free will?**

**- Could it allow evil, jealousy, selfishness?**

**-If God is silent what could it mean?**

**-What does God owe me?**



Kids are full  
of why's?







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Because I  
Said So,  
That's Why

Nowhere in the Bible does it  
say we'll understand everything.

- But it does say that deep thinking is good

Proverbs 25:2, “It is the glory of God to conceal  
things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.”

We seek to understand, but not by our wisdom

Colossians 1:9-10 “And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”



Understanding is the fruit of trust,  
not the other way around.

Proverbs 3:5 “Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.”

Mum 3:5 “Trust in your mum with all your heart and  
do not lean on kid logic.”



**My mama always said,  
stupid is as stupid does.**



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Isaiah 55:6-9 "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Seeking answers leads towards God  
“Why” is Good, even in painful confusion

Psalms 77:1-2 “I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and he will hear me. In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.”



# Why Satan, Why Jealousy, Why Job?

Job 42:1-3 “Then Job answered the LORD and said:  
“I know that you can do all things, and that no  
purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that  
hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have  
uttered what I did not understand, things too  
wonderful for me, which I did not know.”

Why's about creation...

-Why different skin colours?

Acts 17:26 “And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth...”

Why's about creation...

-Why Mosquito's?

Proverbs 30:18-19 “Three things are too wonderful for me; four I do not understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a serpent on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a virgin.”

# Why's about Gods worship

-Why no shell-fish?



Leviticus 11:10 “But anything in the seas or the rivers that does not have fins and scales, of the swarming creatures in the waters and of the living creatures that are in the waters, is detestable to you.”

Clean/Unclean

Don't eat that!



Mark 7:18-20 “And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him.”

Clean/Unclean

# Why's about the will of God

- Why unanswered prayer?
  - Why prayer at all?
- Why does He allow evil, jealousy?



Prayer is not a machine

God is not a machine

Mum is not a machine



If MOM says  
NO ask NANA  
If NANA says  
NO ... who are  
we kidding...  
NANA never  
says NO



Matthew 6:7-10 "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

## Prayer with Faith

James 5:15 “And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”



You didn't always  
know why your  
mum...





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Matthew 12:18-21 "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; and in his name the Gentiles will put their trust."