

Queries for Children  
Kindergarten-Second Grade  
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Do you share turns and toys with others?

Are you aware of how toys or games or movies may change the way you feel? Do you find you are getting into more arguments or fights after playing a violent video game or watching a movie with fighting?

Are you alert to the presence of new children in a group? Do you make an effort to invite them to play with you?

Do you tell the truth in matters that seem important and those that don't seem important as well?

Do you grow within yourself a sense of gratefulness by thinking about and naming all of the ways that you find joy and love and community in your life?

Do you try to find something good or right about everyone, even people you might not like?

Do you try to act with kindness and consideration even when someone did not treat you that way?

("Don't do it, and don't do it back." was the mantra of Joann Douglas, the First Grade Teacher in the Alternative School in Sharon, MA.)

Do you stop and listen and feel the Light and Love of Spirit working inside you to call you to kindness and good relationships with others?

When you look at people of all different colors, shapes, and sizes, do you see God's imagination and great love of variety?

Do you use the measuring sticks of love and laughter, respect and belonging to measure the value of a family without worrying about the number, color, or gender of parents?

Do you try to take good care of your body and stay healthy by eating good food, sleeping when you are tired, and wearing clothes that match the weather?

Do you value even small ways of helping by sharing your money or your time knowing that when each person does a little, big changes can happen?