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## "God and Google"

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What

Timmy asks Google all about God for a Sunday School assignment, but Google has no answers. When his mom Janet overhears the questions, they have an opportunity to talk about learning to hear God's voice.

Part of the *Train Up A Child Series* it's a funny and touching skit to help believers of all ages know and remember what they believe.

Themes: Hearing God, Parenting, Google, Family, Childlike Faith, Discipleship, Hope, Love, Fake News, Holy Spirit

Who

Timmy (or Tammy), 8 to 10-years-old Janet (or Jake) parent, 30's Google- offstage voice

When

Present

Costumes and Props A Google Home device is not necessary but can be used. Actors can wear clothes that fit the style of the moment. The stage should suggest home, so Timmy can be on a couch or chair or at a kitchen table. A note pad and a pen.

Why

Isaiah 40:28; Proverbs 22:6

How

Be aware that when "Hey Google" is said on stage, phones in the audience are bound to respond. We think it would be fun and funny if that happens. However, if you prefer not to have that interruption, then simply say "Excuse me, Google."

**Time** 

Approximately 3 minutes

**Timmy** sits at the table or in a living room chair with a notepad and a pen. He looks frustrated. With each question he asks **Google**, he gets louder.

Timmy: Hey Google, how big is God?

Google: Religion can be complicated but let's learn about it together on the

internet.

Timmy: I don't want to learn with you, I want you to just tell me. Hey Google,

how do I get to know God?

Google: I'm sorry, I don't understand.

Janet walks into the room but Timmy doesn't see her.

**Timmy:** OK Google, how do I tell someone about God's love?

**Google:** I'm not programmed to answer that.

**Timmy:** Hey Google, how do I learn to hear God's voice?

Google: I'm sorry, I don't understand.

Janet: Hey Timmy, what's up?

**Timmy:** I'm trying to do my Sunday School assignment.

**Janet:** They're assigning homework at Sunday School? That's bold.

**Timmy:** It's not homework, it's an activity. But Google doesn't know anything

about God.

Janet: That, my boy, is an understatement.

**Timmy:** Hey Google, what's an "understatement"?

**Google:** Here's the definition of understatement: An understatement is the

presentation of something as smaller, worse, or less important than it

actually is.

**Janet:** Why are you asking Google these questions?

**Timmy:** Well, we ask Google about everything else. Remember last night how

Google ended your argument with dad?

**Janet:** That wasn't an argument.

**Timmy:** Dad was sure that platypus babies don't hatch out of eggs, and you

knew he was wrong.

Janet: Well, I can't argue with that.

**Timmy:** Google usually has the answer to everything.

Janet: It has a lot of facts. It's like a really cool encyclopedia or dictionary, but

sweetheart, you need to go somewhere else to find the answers you're

looking for.

Janet points up at the ceiling.

Timmy: Upstairs?

Janet points higher.

Timmy: Out...side?

Janet: To God!

**Timmy:** But some of my questions are about how to even hear from God. How

can I ask Him if I don't know how to hear from Him in the first place?

Janet: That's the amazing part. He really does hear, and God himself teaches

you.

Timmy: How?

**Janet:** Because He's real. He loves you, and He's just waiting for you to ask.

**Timmy:** But how do I learn to listen? How do I know what I'm hearing is right

and isn't...?

Janet: Isn't what?

**Timmy:** Fake news, or disinformation?

**Janet:** Well, that's why you have a community around you—family, church,

your Sunday School teacher. And that's why the Bible is such a gift. It's the book God gave us to teach us about Himself. And with the Holy

Spirit to guide us, we learn.

**Timmy:** How long does it take?

Janet: A lifetime.

Timmy: What?!

Janet: And forever after that. That's part of the mystery. God is so big and vast,

there will always be more to learn about Him.

**Timmy:** How am I gonna finish this assignment then?

Janet: I think you're well on the way.

Timmy: Doesn't feel like it. How do you talk to God, Mom?

Janet: In a lot of ways. But you know when you see me with my coffee in the

morning writing in my journal and reading my Bible?

Timmy: Yeah.

**Janet:** That's the main way for me. I learn about God, listen to Him, and pray.

Timmy: I think I'd like to try that, but...I don't have a journal.

Janet pulls her phone out of her pocket.

**Timmy:** What are you doing?

**Janet:** Googling for the address to that new ice cream store.

Timmy: Why?

Janet: It's on the way to the bookstore where we're going to get you a journal.

Timmy: Really?

**Janet:** Really! Did you know buying ice cream is one way to praise God?

**Timmy:** I'm not even going to ask Google if that's biblically accurate.

Janet: Good. Let's go!

**Timmy** jumps from his chair. <mark>Janet</mark> side hugs him as they walk out the door to exit.

The end.

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