

## **Queries for Children**

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### **Meeting for Worship-Query for the First Month**

Come to Meeting for Worship; it takes practice to worship.

Do I come into Meeting quietly, ready to be quiet and find my spiritual center?

Do I feel God's Spirit drawing us together?

Am I ready to speak of God asks me to?

### **Spiritual Life-Query for the Second Month**

We grow in our spirits as well as our bodies. So does our Meeting.

Am I aware of God's presence in my life? Am I thankful for it?

When do I spend time with God?

Do I try to learn about God?

Do I share what I learn with others in Meeting?

### **Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business-Query for the 3rd Month**

We try to conduct our decision making meetings as a form of worship. We believe that when we do, God is working through us in the world, and love and unity are maintained among us.

When I participate in group activities do I listen and share with my friends and classmates? Are my words helpful?

Do I show respect to people taking care of me?

### **Stewardship and Vocation-Query for the 4th month**

Stewardship means that we are responsible for using our time, talents, and possessions wisely and generously. Vocation is something you just know you're meant to do.

Do I use my gifts wisely and generously?

Do I follow my heart in choosing what to do?

Do I share according to the Light I am given without going beyond my strength?

Does my behavior at school go with my life as a Friend?

Am I helpful to people whose lives are changing?

### **Harmony with Creation Query for the 5th month**

We are part of the community of life on earth and need to work to understand it.

How do I thank God for this world?

Did someone harm the earth so I could have what I want?

Do we understand that people in other parts of the world live differently, and may see things differently than we do?

Does the way we live hurt or help the earth?

### **Social and Civic Responsibility Query for the sixth month**

Social and civic responsibility means we should not be content to live in an unjust world.

What does it mean to be a good citizen?

What can I do if I see things that are unfair?

Do I know how my Meeting is helping people and do I participate in these activities?

Do I try to understand why people are poor or unhappy, not only here but throughout the world?

### **Reaching out--Query for the 7th month**

Reaching out means talking about our beliefs.

Do people know what I believe by the things I do and say?

What do I say when people ask if I'm a Quaker?

Do I know what my friends believe?

How do I learn about Quaker beliefs?

Am I friendly to newcomers?

Am I friendly to people who talk differently or look different from me?

### **Simplicity--Query for the 8th month**

Simplicity begins with placing God at the center of our lives.

Do I let God help me make the right choices?

Am I wasteful?

Do I want all the toys I see on t.v. , even though my room is full?

Do I tell the truth?

Do I always want more even though I have enough?

Does my Meeting help me understand how to live simply?

### **Integrity and Personal Conduct: Query for the 9th month**

Integrity means speaking and behaving honestly all the time.

Do I speak truthfully and keep my promises even when it is hard?

Do I speak and act kindly, making sure that no one is hurt by what I do or say?

Do I ask God for help when I don't know what to do?

If my heart tells me something is wrong, do I speak up?

Do I take care of my body because it is God's gift?

### **Personal Relationships--Query for the 10th Month**

Quakers try to see that of God in everyone: we are all children of God.

Am I kind to people in my home?

Do I know why I don't get along with some people?

If someone hurts me, whom do I talk to?

Do we share our deepest thoughts with our parents and our friends and listen when they want to talk?

Do I participate in Meeting activities?

### **PeaceQuery for the 11th month**

Be a peacemaker. Quakers believe that violent words or deeds do not solve conflicts. We believe that violence hurts that of God within ourselves and others.

Do I live in the Spirit that takes away the causes of violence?

Do I let God help me be a peacemaker?

Do I try to stop people from hurting others? Do I try not to hurt others?

When I see hatred and unfairness, do I try to make it better?

How can I help my Meeting work for peace?

Do I understand that creating peace takes both courage and love?

**The Meeting Community Query for the 12th Month**

"The Meeting Community" means we take care of each other.

Do we take care of each other and cooperate?

Do I forgive people? Do I apologize?

When I speak of others, am I kind? Do I know the difference between tattling and telling in order to help someone?

Do I believe that everyone has the right to be here?

Do I listen with an open heart; do I truly listen?

Do I welcome people in my home?