

Where is God??

I asked the children and the adults on Sunday this question. How would you answer it? The Cashmere folks answered with

- a) God is everywhere
- b) God is in our hearts
- c) God is love and in our relating ... which as I said are all excellent true answers, but not the one I had in mind ...

OK kids I have a tough question for you today. And it is a question that has lots of right answers, but I have one particular answer in my mind and I am going to keep on asking for possible answers until I get the answer that is in my mind. So it's a bit tricky. Are you ready? Here it is

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A clue – how does the Lord's prayer start: Our Father in heaven.

So one possible answer to the question 'where is God?' is:

God is in heaven.

Which obviously leads us to the next question – where on earth is heaven? Or maybe heaven is not on earth at all. And people have been up into the sky so we know it's not up there. So where is it?

The answer I always give to this is that heaven is another dimension. Our bodies and everything we can see and touch is in the physical dimension and heaven is in the spiritual dimension.

Heaven is where God is, where God has no limits, where God's power and beauty and grace and love is all there is.

Once upon a time it used to be that the human world was cut off from God's heaven – like there was a massive wall in the road. But God sent Jesus to us from heaven, and Jesus's main job was to break down the wall between us people and heaven ... but this was easier said than done. In fact, the only way he could get this job done was to give his life, to die on the cross. It was that difficult. And because Jesus gave everything he had for us, God was able to burst through the wall between earth and heaven, and Jesus is alive both in heaven and on earth at the same time.

It's the greatest most amazing miracle of all time.

And it means that we can know heaven in our lives, just a little bit ... and we believe that at the end of our lives here on earth we will step through the wall, easy as anything, into heaven, and there we will see God face to face and live for ever in his power and beauty and love.

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