

School and Homework

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What is hard for you to do in school?

- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- Something else: _____

We passed
division
weeks ago!



Kim

Why are you so bad
in reading? Those
are baby words!



Sam



Todd

What is Sam's problem?

Moses

Moses had a problem too. He had a hard time talking.
God had a job for him to do. The job was talking.

Moses was afraid.

He told God he could not talk well at all.
Did God know? YES, God knew.

Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?

Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.”

Exodus 4:11,12

**Circle
YES or NO**

Did God make people who are blind? YES NO

Did God make you?
YES NO

Did God tell Moses He would help him?
YES NO

Will God help you?
YES NO

**Does God know why
people have problems**



The Blind Man

Jesus' disciples asked why a man was blind. They thought he was blind because he sinned, or his parents sinned. What did Jesus say? Look at John 9:3 and write Jesus' words here.



Did they think the man's disability was a **problem** or a **gift** from God?

Problem **Gift** (circle the right answer)



Did God make a mistake when He created the blind man?
YES NO

Did God have a reason for creating him blind? YES NO

God did not make
a mistake when
he made me.



What is the hardest job that God has given you?

Paul

Why does God give us hard jobs, and disabilities?

The Apostle Paul wanted to know too.

He asked God to take away his problem.

God did not take away the problem.

Finish the sentences from II Corinthians 12:9.

My grace is _____ (enough)

_____.

My power is made perfect _____

_____.

Can you find another reason for Paul's problem? Look before verse 9.

Did God promise to help you do the job He gave you?

Read Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

I have everything I
need to do God's will
for me right now.

More Verses to Talk About

God made each person with the abilities they need to serve him.

Questions from Moses, and God's response to Moses: Exodus 3:11 – 4:14

Jeremiah 1:4-8

Isaiah 29:16

God will fix all the weaknesses and disabilities in heaven.

Revelation 21:4-5

Isaiah 35:5-6

God shows his power through our weaknesses and disabilities.

Foolish things of the world shame the wise. 1 Corinthians 1:27-29 Can you think of all the little things God used for his purposes? (For example, the little boy's lunch, or the servant girl who helped Naaman)

Why jars of clay? 2 Corinthians 4:6-7

Grace is sufficient. 2 Corinthians 12:9

John 9:1-3

Without me you can do nothing (sufficiency in Christ) John 15:5

I have everything I need to do God's will for me right now.

God has given all things for life and godliness 2 Peter 1:3-8

I can do all things through Christ. Philippians 4:13

Talents God gives Matthew 25:14-28; Luke 12:42-43

Lord's hand is not shortened Isaiah 59:1

2 Corinthians 10:12; 10:17 (comparing ourselves)

John 12:39 (Pharisees loved the praise of men more than the praise of God)

How God can use my learning problems.

- Learning problems help me to be aware of my need for God.
- Learning problems help me to be kind to other people because I know what it's like to be made fun of.
- Problems help me learn perseverance.
- Problems help me to know how to help others who struggle to learn (That's because I know the pitfalls and have sometimes learned how to overcome them.)
- Learning problems force me to think creatively because the normal ways of learning or reaching a goal don't always work.
- Learning problems teach me that God has great power, and he delights in using *anybody*.

If we don't learn to follow God, how can our problems be a burden?

- We may have self pity ("I can't learn the Bible, I can't read well.")
- We may feel despair ("Every time I try something new I fail.")
- We may feel envy ("Why can't I be like Julie who is so smart?")
- We may become discontent ("If only I didn't struggle, I'd be happy.")