In 2001 I had to give a "children's address" the week after 9-11, I have adapted it in the light of Covid 19. I suspect I adapted this from an online source but 19 years later can't remember which! Martin Smith

Things I Don't Understand

CDs: I don't understand CDs. When I look at them, I can't see any songs in there, but when I put one in my CD player, I hear beautiful music. I don't understand it, but I know it works! I don't understand how He did it, but God put a song in my heart. In times when I am sad, there is a song to comfort me; and when I am happy, there is a song to praise Him. I don't know how He did it, but God put a song in my heart! **Telephones:** I don't understand how I can pick up a telephone and talk to someone hundreds or thousands of miles away and they can talk to me. Oh, I know about telephone lines, fibre optics, and digital phone towers, but I still don't understand how it works -- but I know it does! I don't understand how I can talk to God in Heaven and He can talk to me. I can tell Him what is on my mind and he listens patiently -- then He speaks to my heart and gives me the assurance that I need. I don't understand prayer, but I know it works.

Medicine: I don't understand how medicine works. When I take a pill, how does it know where to go and what to do when it gets there? I don't know how it works, but I know it does!

I don't understand how God can heal the deepest hurt and pain in our lives. He knows exactly what we need in every situation. I don't know how He does it, but He does! **Calculators:** I don't understand how I can push some buttons on a calculator, and it will give me the correct answer to any problem. I don't understand it, but it works!

I don't understand how God has the right answer to all of the problems of my life. I don't understand it, but I know He does!

Torches: I know this seems pretty simple, but I don't understand torches. I know there is a bulb and batteries and a switch to turn it off and on, but I still don't understand why it works -- but I know it does!

I don't understand how, but I know that in the darkest days of my life, God is my light. I don't know how He does it, but He lights every path I take!

Remote Controls: I don't understand how I can sit in my easy chair and control my TV or DVD player all the way across the room. I can change channels, adjust the volume, fast-forward, or rewind. I don't understand it, but I am in complete control!

I don't understand how God can sit on His throne in Heaven and control everything here on earth. I certainly don't understand the events that have happened recently. I don't understand how a virus can change all our lives so dramatically in such a short time. I don't understand it, but I know that even in this terrible situation, **God is in control!**

Thank you, God, that I don't have to understand your ways. I only have to trust you know that you are in control.

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship, should set his love upon us, now or then, or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers, to bring them back, they know not how or when. But this I know, that he was born of Mary when Bethlem's manger was his only home, and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured, and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come. But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture, and myriad, myriad human voices sing, and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer: 'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. John 1 v5