

Why?

There's a question that parents hear from kids all the time: "*Why?*"

Why is the sky blue? Why do I have to eat my vegetables? Why do I have to go to bed so early?

Today, I'm going to turn the tables and ask **YOU** that question: *Why?*

Let's think about some examples together:

👉 Suppose you have a dog and you want to teach it to do a trick, like **Sit** or **Roll Over**.

Usually, a dog trainer will use a treat to reward the dog when it does the trick.

Why would the dog choose to Sit or Roll Over when the human says to?

[Because it wants the treat—it's motivated by self-interest.]

👉 Now suppose your mom or dad tells you to clean your room.

Why would you do that?

[Because children should obey their parents.]

👉 Imagine your big brother or sister helps you with a really hard chore. Later, they ask you to help them with something.

Why might you do that?

[Because of gratitude—they helped me, so I want to help them.]

👉 And how about this: your mom or dad cooks your favorite meal—maybe pizza, spaghetti, or mac and cheese.

Why would they do that for you?

[Because they love me.]

See how there are many different reasons why people (or even dogs!) do things? Some reasons are good, but one reason is the very best.

Which one do you think it is?

[Love!]

Yes! Love is the very best reason of all.

Jesus doesn't bless us because He's trying to "train" us. He doesn't help us just because He owes us something. He blesses us because He loves us.

In fact, the Bible tells us the greatest reason of all:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16, NIV).

So the next time you ask “Why?”, remember—

The very best answer is always: **Because of Love.**

Listen to the sermon and how it ends with:

"Because Love makes us do it."

Visual aids:

Object Lesson: A Bag of Reasons

Bring a small bag or box with you, and inside put a few simple items to represent the different “reasons.”

-  **Dog treat (or picture of one):** “Why would a dog do a trick?” → Because it wants a treat.
-  **Small toy broom / cleaning cloth:** “Why clean your room?” → Because we should obey our parents.
-  **Helping hand cutout (paper hand):** “Why help your brother or sister?” → Because we’re thankful.
-  **Plastic food / picture of a meal:** “Why do mom or dad cook for us?” → Because they love us.
-  **Big red paper heart:** “What’s the best reason of all?” → Love!

Each time you ask the kids “Why?”, pull out the object that goes with the answer. At the end, show the big heart last and say:

“Love is the very best reason of all. Jesus loves us, and that’s why He came to save us!”