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**Why do I believe in God?**

As a Roman Catholic, I believe that there is a creator that built our universe and shaped our reality. I see God as the source of every living thing including myself. As a kid, I grew up in a religious household, where most of the time my parents would participate in weekly mass and other worship events. This strengthens my belief in God, which made me follow His faith and teaching.

**Do I have a good relationship with God? How do I evaluate my relationship with God?**

Looking back during the pandemic, I barely had enough time to thank God and attend weekly mass. Where my relationship with God is just me asking for something to happen. I was clearly lost at that time and I still do talk with God but instead of being grateful to what He has given me, I still ask for something that is completely out of my reach. I see myself as ungrateful person back then and I could not appreciate the things that He has given me. Ever since the face-to-face classes started, I appreciated the things He has given me little by little. From that point onward, I had the desire to live my life to the fullest and that’s what makes my relationship with God somehow good. My friends that are in other religions made me curious about God and started to learn more about Him by conducting an occasional session where we decide to share the readings of God. Although we have different beliefs, I believe that we only share a single God.

**Share at least one positive experience that you attribute to God. What are the positive effects in my life with my relationship with God?**

When I was in senior high school, I joined a local quiz bee competition. Back then I was the type of guy who tries to study before a test, but during that time I had no time to review. A night before the competition, I saw a shooting star and decided to ask God for a win in the upcoming competition. By a fluke, I won the competition which lead me to be the overall champion. During the moment I won that competition, I remembered that God truly answered my prayers. I feel like it was a miracle since I have no idea about the topics in the competition. This made me realize to what God is capable of doing, there are times that someone deserves it and does not. I think it was God’s way of letting me appreciate Him to the fullest. It was actually my first time winning a quiz bee, which made me realize that hard work is nothing without faith. This made me appreciate the little things He has given me. That day onward, it made a huge impact in my life. Every time I earn something, I always thank God for giving me every thing I receive may it be simple or big. My relationship with God made me appreciate the things around me and myself.