

Does God Have A Sense of Humor?

If you ~~had to~~ answer either 'yes' or 'no', what would you say and why?

YES

NO

Humor/laughter is a gift

We're using something God gives

Can set people at ease

(if used improperly, could make people uneasy!)

How do you define 'humor'?

WEBSTER: "the mental faculty of discovering, expressing, or appreciating the ludicrous or absurdly incongruous" "something that is designed to be comical or amusing"

Did Jesus ever laugh?

Must have! Like us in every way (except sin)—it's not recorded though

He cried, felt sad, disappointed, frustrated, angry...

Did he ever smile?

Must have! -not recorded though

Does God appreciate jokes? If you think he does, what kinds do you think are/are not okay?

Can't exactly surprise him with a punch line! He created us with a need for laughter—study after study reveals how it improves our health—God made us this way!

James 1:17 says that all good gifts come from God

NOT OKAY = Make fun of or blaspheme God OR sinful content

OKAY = Has nothing to do with God OR doesn't denigrate others

Guess how many times the following words are recorded in the Bible.

Laugh 12

Laughter 10

Joke 0

Joking 3

Smile(d) 3

Humor(ous) 0

Genesis 19:14

Proverbs 29:19

Ephesians 5:4

Job 9:37

Job 10:3

Job 29:24

The Bible Says: Psalm 2:1-6
Psalm 37:12-13
Psalm 59:6-8

What we learn: God laughs at the absurd rebellion of those who oppose him

The Bible Says: Genesis 21:1-7
Psalm 126
Job 8:21

What we learn: God gives laughter as a gift to his people

The Bible Says: Ecclesiastes 3:1-4
Luke 6:21

What we learn: There are appropriate times for laughter

The Bible Says: Ephesians 5:4

What we learn: some joking/laughter is sinful

Funny (?) things in the Bible?

1 Kings 18:16-46

Proverbs 19:13 & 21:9

Actually, the whole book of Proverbs! 😊

Mark 3:17 Jesus gives nicknames to James and John

Acts 27:9-12, 18-21

Others?

*Some to find on your own: Elisha, a street gang & a bear
Bargaining Abraham
Roman IRS audit of Jesus paid by a fish