

Abstract

The responses of approximately 7000 Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Pentecostal children between the ages of 5 and 14 years to an open-ended, seven-question survey, administered between 1997 and 2005, about their ideas about God and God's relationship to the world are described. The results demonstrate that although some questions have gender- and age-specific common responses, which have implications for the way teachers and catechists teach boys and girls of various ages, there are few substantive differences among the denominations when age and gender are held constant. Suggestions for ecumenical education and service projects are provided.