

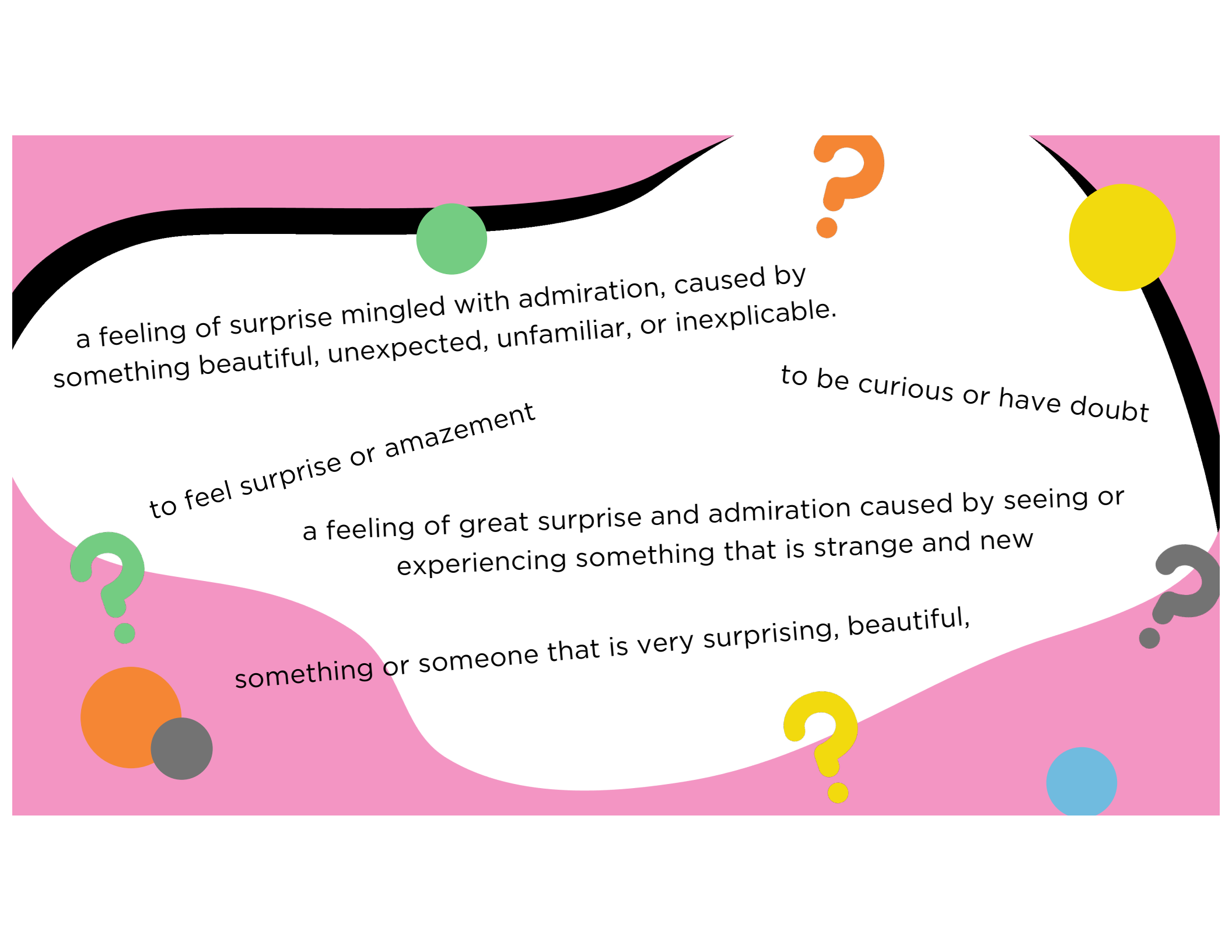


Holy Wondering

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**What is
Wonder?**



a feeling of surprise mingled with admiration, caused by something beautiful, unexpected, unfamiliar, or inexplicable.

to feel surprise or amazement

a feeling of great surprise and admiration caused by seeing or experiencing something that is strange and new

something or someone that is very surprising, beautiful,

to be curious or have doubt

What is Wonder?





What is Wonder?

An open-ended statement that invites one into an authentic and reflective conversation

Requires:

- posture of curiosity
- respect/care for other person
- active listening

Why Wonder?

- allows insights to emerge
- creates opportunity to practice language
- develops curiosity, empathy
- Improves memory, learning, and meaning making
- a tool for learning
- creates space to process and discover



How do we Wonder?



How do we Wonder?

- begin with a posture of curiosity
- pay attention to what you notice
- let go of answers and desire to provide correct information
- recognize there might be more than one appropriate response
- practice



How do we teach others to Wonder?

- Invite
- ask the question
- model and practice
- listen
- affirm



My favorite wondering prompts:

- I wonder what you wonder about?
- I wonder how you experience God in this story?
- I wonder how that makes you feel?
- I wonder how we might know or learn more?



Breakout Groups

Pick a prompt and wonder together

Wrap-up





Resources:

- Celebrate Wonder Bible and Curriculum
- Godly Play and other Montessori based curriculum
- I Wonder: Engaging a Child's Curiosity about the Bible, Elizabeth F. Caldwell.
- Little Box of Big Questions
- <https://www.asacredhome.com/>
- growingtogetherumc.org



Questions?