



Revealer — a person who discloses or makes known, one that brings to view ¹

It is as revealers of God to their children that parents touch their highest limitations; perhaps it is only as they succeed in this part of their work that they fulfil the Divine intention in giving them children to bring up--in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. ²

— MARYELLEN ST. CYR —

After reading this passage and others, a discussion ensued in our work of instructing teachers; how was God revealed to you as a child? From simple acts of a mother praying aloud, through an open window the child at play hears the prayer; from a book of prayers, the child moves her finger along the crucifix and knows of Jesus. I learned there was an elderly single lady that made my mom happy and she wanted us baptized. Even with mom's aversion to anything of faith, she did so. And from a scholarly man, whose mother never learned to read but regularly interlaced words with Scripture, teaching her favorite hymn "Begone Unbelief, My Savior is Here" With seasonal comings and goings to church at Christmas and Easter to invitations to Bible clubs, Sunday school and church, God revealed Himself to children in places of divorce and poverty, of love and of faith.

Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless, until it finds its rest in thee.

~Augustine of Hippo, *Confessions*

Questions to Consider

- In reading the above excerpts from teachers, what do you notice about how God makes himself known?
- Reflect on your relationships with children, how do you reveal God and what do you reveal about God?

¹Websters Dictionary 1828

²Charlotte, Mason, *Parents and Children*, (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1989) 41.