



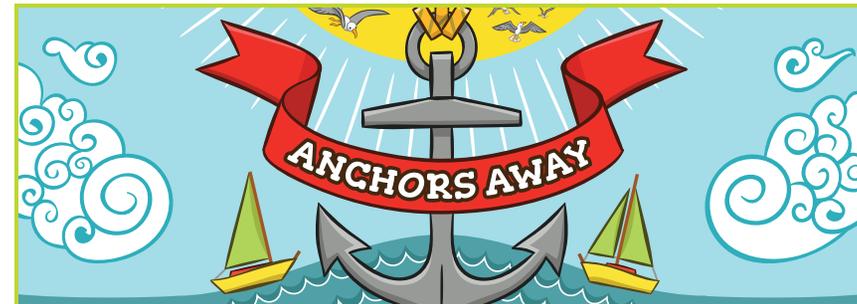
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She was looking at God as *God*. Tears blurred my vision. I had needed the perspective of my three-year-old child. Her thirst for knowledge helped me view my world differently. That's the beauty of a mind that isn't afraid to ask, "Why?"

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