

Philosophy in KS2



Year – all from ages 5 – 11 (Primary Age)

Believing vs. Knowing – PART 2: see presentation too

Science, interpretation and belief



How do we know this?



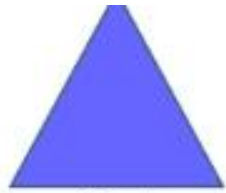
Types of Knowledge:

- Figures of authority (someone told me – internet, teacher, TV, parent, friend)
- Logic (I know it to be true because it must be) *A priori*
- Observation (I have seen it with my own eyes or worked it out based on other observations) *A posteriori*
- **A priori** means knowledge considered to be true without being based on previous experience or observation. So, **a priori** describes knowledge that requires no evidence. Comes from the Latin, literally translated as “from the previous” or “from the one before”. ‘A triangle has 3 corners’ might be a good example.
- **A posteriori** relating to or denoting reasoning or knowledge which proceeds from observations or experiences to the deduction of probable causes. Gravity might be a good example of this. My pen drops towards the earth, therefore there is a force pulling it towards the earth. I shall call this ‘gravity’.



Where does knowledge come from?





Triangle



Rectangle



Circle



Heptagon



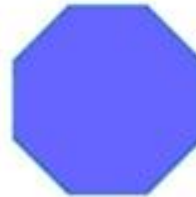
Square



5 Point Star



Cube



Octagon



Parallelogram



Diamond



Pentagon



Nonagon



Ellipse



Hexagon



Pie

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What do we know about these?



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What do we know about these?

A composite image of various celestial bodies. In the top left is a large, detailed view of Jupiter with its characteristic bands and the Great Red Spot. In the top center is a smaller, pale blue planet, likely Uranus. In the top right is a bright cyan planet with a thin ring system, likely Neptune. In the center is a small, blue and white planet, Earth. In the bottom center is a large, pale yellow planet with a prominent ring system, Saturn. The text "What do we know about these?" is overlaid in white on the Saturn image.

What do we know about these?

The background consists of several overlapping, dark gray, geometric shapes that resemble triangles or polygons, creating a layered, abstract effect. The shapes are arranged in a way that suggests depth and movement, with some appearing to be in front of others. The overall color palette is monochromatic, ranging from light gray to dark charcoal.

Can a triangle have more than 3
corners/vertices?

Try some of these questions:

- **How do we know that water is wet?**
- **How do we know that the earth is round?**
- **How do we know that cold makes us feel uncomfortable?**
- **How do we know that fire is dangerous?**
- **How do we know that coughs and sneezes spread diseases?**
- **How do we know that circles are round?**





Diary Entries:

Alice

As we came through the tunnel into a bright and beautiful area we looked around and saw the most beautiful garden. Plants and trees so perfectly arranged that it almost made me cry - the gardener must have had some considerable talent to make such a beautiful place. Birds and insects were attracted to the area and there was a hum of activity around the most beautiful flowers I had ever seen. I looked around for signs of the gardener, but I couldn't see their house or dwelling anywhere.

Jesse

The light hit my eyes - it was so bright but I soon got used to it and as I looked around I saw all of nature's beauty in front of me; the plants, the trees, the way they had grown together in such a balance and harmony. It was the most beautiful natural sight I had ever seen. There were tree stumps and dying flowers, of course, just like there are in any wilderness but the beauty of what I saw that day will stay with me forever.



A lush garden scene featuring a winding path through various plants and trees. In the foreground, there are several palm trees with spiky leaves. The path is lined with vibrant red flowers and green foliage. The background is filled with dense greenery and more trees under a cloudy sky.

Does a place like this need a gardener?

A lush garden scene with a winding path. The path is lined with various plants, including several tall palm trees with spiky leaves. In the foreground, there are green grasses and some small white flowers. The background is filled with dense green foliage and more palm trees under a cloudy sky. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

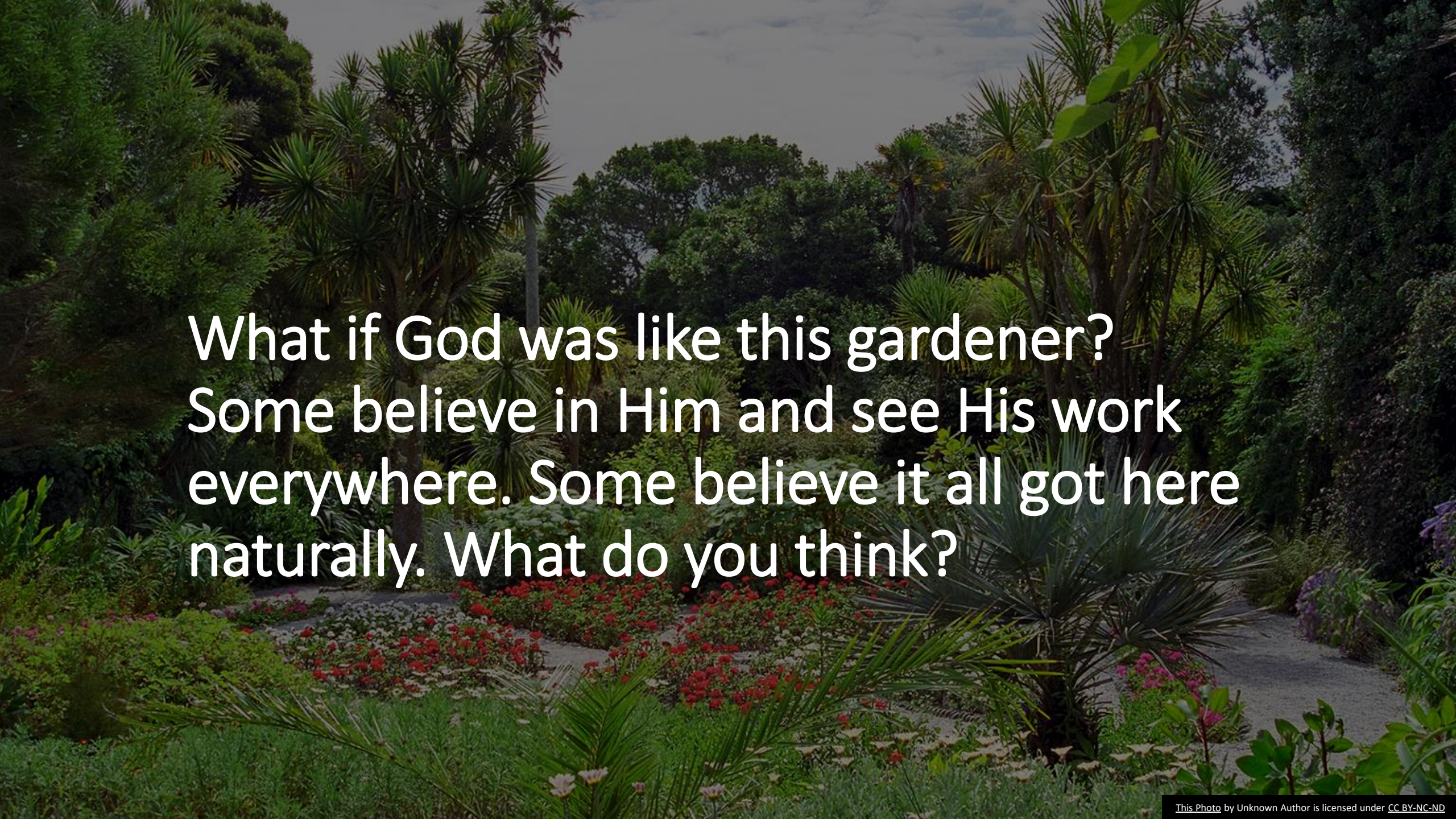
What do you think they will find? Why do they hold such different views?

A lush garden scene featuring a winding path, several tall palm trees, and a bed of red flowers. The background is filled with dense green foliage under a cloudy sky.

Who do you agree with? Why?

A lush garden scene with a winding path. The path is lined with vibrant red flowers and green foliage. In the background, there are several tall palm trees and dense greenery. The sky is overcast and grey. The text "Who's side are you on? Jesse or Alice? Why?" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

Who's side are you on? Jesse or Alice?
Why?

A lush garden scene with a winding path. The path is lined with various plants, including palm trees and flowering shrubs. The background is filled with dense greenery and trees under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

What if God was like this gardener?
Some believe in Him and see His work
everywhere. Some believe it all got here
naturally. What do you think?



Man-Made or Natural?



Man-Made or Natural?



Man-Made or Natural?

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LAB-GROWN



NATURAL



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