

**FROM THE VICAR'S DESK**  
**WHAT IS A GRANDPARENT?**



*(From papers written by a class of 8-year-olds.)*

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.

A grandfather is a man & a grandmother is a lady!

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

When they take us for walks, they slow down pass things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. They show us and talk to us about the color of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on "cracks." They don't say, "Hurry up."

Usually grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart. They have to answer questions like "Why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?". When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us. They know we should have snack time before bedtime and they say prayers with us every time and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

A 6 year old was asked where his grandmother lived. "Oh," he said, "She lives at the airport. When we want to see her, we just go to the airport to get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but, I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him.

***From the mouths of babes!—fr.t.***