

Home Discipleship

Family Activities

Q: Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?

A: Since the fall, no human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly.

Key Verse: Romans 3:10-12

Key Passage: Romans 3:9-20

Music: For each question there is a song that can be found on the New City Catechism App. Listen to the song for this question and sing it as a family. Songs have a unique way of helping ingrain truths into our hearts. Look up “Undo” by Rush of Fools and pay close attention to how the song points to his repeated sin and need of grace.

Coloring Activity: Coloring is a fun activity for all ages. And a great way to spend time thinking deeply about the spiritual truths that we have talked about today. On pages 3 and 4 of this document you will find a coloring page to remind you of the key verse of the week and the truth of the gospel. Spend time with your kids as they color page four of this document. Look up those verses in their Bible and talk about what each letter means.

Memory Activity: Another great way to ingrain this truth into your family is to practice memorizing it with different activities.

On a white board or large piece of paper, write the catechism question and answer without vowels. Invite the children first to try to read it without the vowels, then to suggest where the vowels should go. Once all the vowels have been inserted, read the question and answer through several times. If they enjoyed it, then do it again with only the vowels.

Discussion Questions: Discuss a few of these questions as a family to help everyone think deeper about their own lives with this doctrinal truth.

1. Do you know of anyone in the world who keeps the law perfectly?
2. What laws of God do you most struggle to keep?
3. What should we do once we break the law of God?



Teaching Activities: Teaching activities are meant to help reinforce the idea in the catechism question. Be sure to be asking kids questions as you do these activities to be sure that they see the connection.

Reasons for the Law

1. Make sure you remind the kids that the Israelites were getting these commandments while in the desert with anticipation of entering the Holy Land. A holy land that was filled with idol worship, murder, and impurity. God wanted his people to be pure and above reproach in their new holy land that He gave them The Law so that they would worship Him as the one true God.
2. God also wants to us to bring him glory. We must remember that bringing him glory is a purpose of our being created and the creation of His law assists us in doing that.
3. The Law also plays a role in showing his people that they are sinners. An important part of the gospel is understanding that you need saving. If God's people just felt perfect they would not long for a Messiah.
4. When believers understand their sin they then run to God for forgiveness. The commandments also serve the purpose of bringing Gods people back to him when they have sinned through forgiveness

Activity #1 Draw a line on a large piece of paper directly down the middle. Write “before” on one side of the line and “after” on the other. Let the children take turns writing things on either side of the line. Everything on the Before side should be things that were true before the fall of Adam. Everything on the After side should be what is true of the world now.

Activity #2 Take some time to share your personal testimony with your kids. Make sure to highlight how you made mistakes and how you put your trust in Jesus to forgive you. Sharing this with your kids will open up all kinds of conversations that will cause them to think more about how this applies to their own lives. Enjoy this time and be intentional with their lives asking questions about how sin and grace affects their lives.

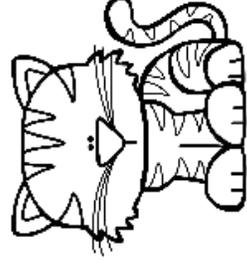
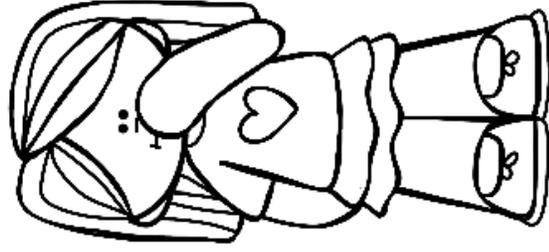
Catechism Recap: Divide the family into small teams. Have a whiteboard or large piece of paper and give each team a marker. Ask the teams to give themselves a team name. Write the team names on the board. Tell the children that you will read either the question or the answer of one of the catechism questions and they have to take turns to run to the board and write the number that is linked to what has been read out. Note who is the fastest and who is correct after each round. Give one point to the fastest team and two points to the team that gets the correct number. The team with the most points at the end wins.

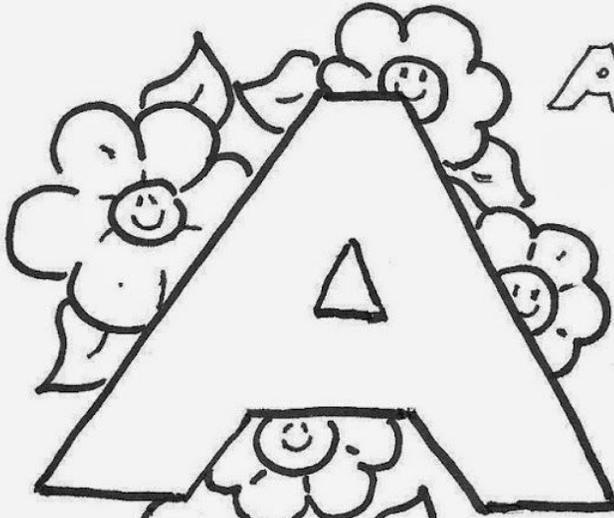
Pray: Take some time as a family to pray. Family prayer time is an incredible way to grow with one another and enjoy our God together! Pray, thanking God for being a God who never lies. Thank Him for providing his Word which is truth. Ask Him for help when we want to lie and for forgiveness for when we lie. Thank God for the blessings that he has given you and ask for forgiveness for the things that you have coveted or your lack of contentment. Praise Him for being a God of blessing who enjoys answering prayer and giving good gifts.



**As it is written: "None
is righteous, no, not
one;"**

Romans 3:10

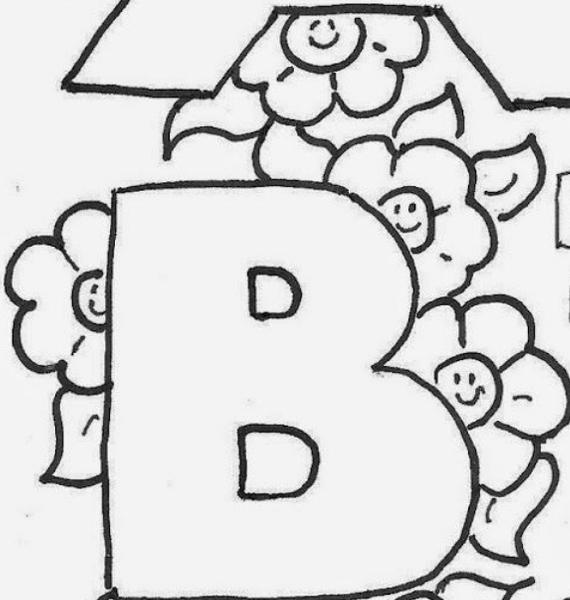




ADMIT THAT YOU HAVE SINNED

For all have sinned and
fall short of the glory of God

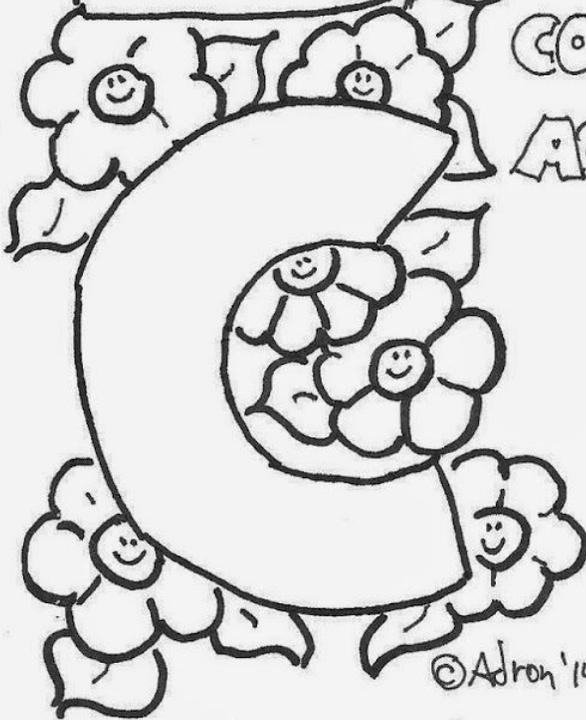
Romans 3:23



BELIEVE GOD'S PROMISE

For God so loved the world that He
gave His one and only son, that
whoever believes in him shall not
perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



CONFESS THAT YOU ACCEPT THE GIFT OF SALVATION

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus
is Lord," and believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved, for it is with
your heart that you believe and
are justified and it is with your
mouth that confession is made unto

salvation

Romans 10:9-10

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