

moment of your life God has been there and every good thing you have had is from Him. Now since God is our Shepherd, how do we let Him guide us? Firstly, by His Word. We need to know God's Word! Memorize it, read it, pray over it, meditate on it. For when you know God's Word, He uses it to guide you by His Holy Spirit. God also wants you to talk to Him, which is prayer. Talk to God and give Him your heart. Now, if you are not a Christian, then you need to ask Him to save you! Only then can you be filled with the Holy Spirit, who is God Himself, who will guide you in your walk with Him and give you wisdom.

Object Lesson

Show a map or a GPS system Explain that like maps guide us, God guides us through His Word and through relationship to Him.

Ask & Explain

Q: How do we let the God, who is always with us, guide us? A: By knowing His Word and always obeying it.

Go Deeper

How do we yield ourselves to God and effectively live in a way that is obedient to Him?

Day #5 – We Will See God Face To Face

Scripture - "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8).

This week's catechism's answer says that we cannot see God physically in this life, which is true. But there is a day coming, either the day you die or the day Jesus comes back, that you will see God face to face. If you are a Christian, somebody who has come to Jesus, then you will get to live with God in His joy forever. However, if you are not a believer in Jesus, then the day you see God will be by far the most terrifying day of your life, as He righteously condemns you to hell for your sin. This should not be the case though; God's arms are open right now to you to be saved – so go to Him. And when you become a Christian, you get to live in the hope and expectation of one day seeing God's face forever. As we eagerly wait for that day, we also need to earnestly prepare for it! Seek God with all your heart and live each day by faith and not by sight. Even though you cannot see God now, He sees you fully and loves His people faithfully. And one day, through Christ, you will see Him face to face forever.

Object Lesson

Look through a foggy window, then clean it.

Explain that now we see imperfectly, but one day believers will see God clearly in heaven.

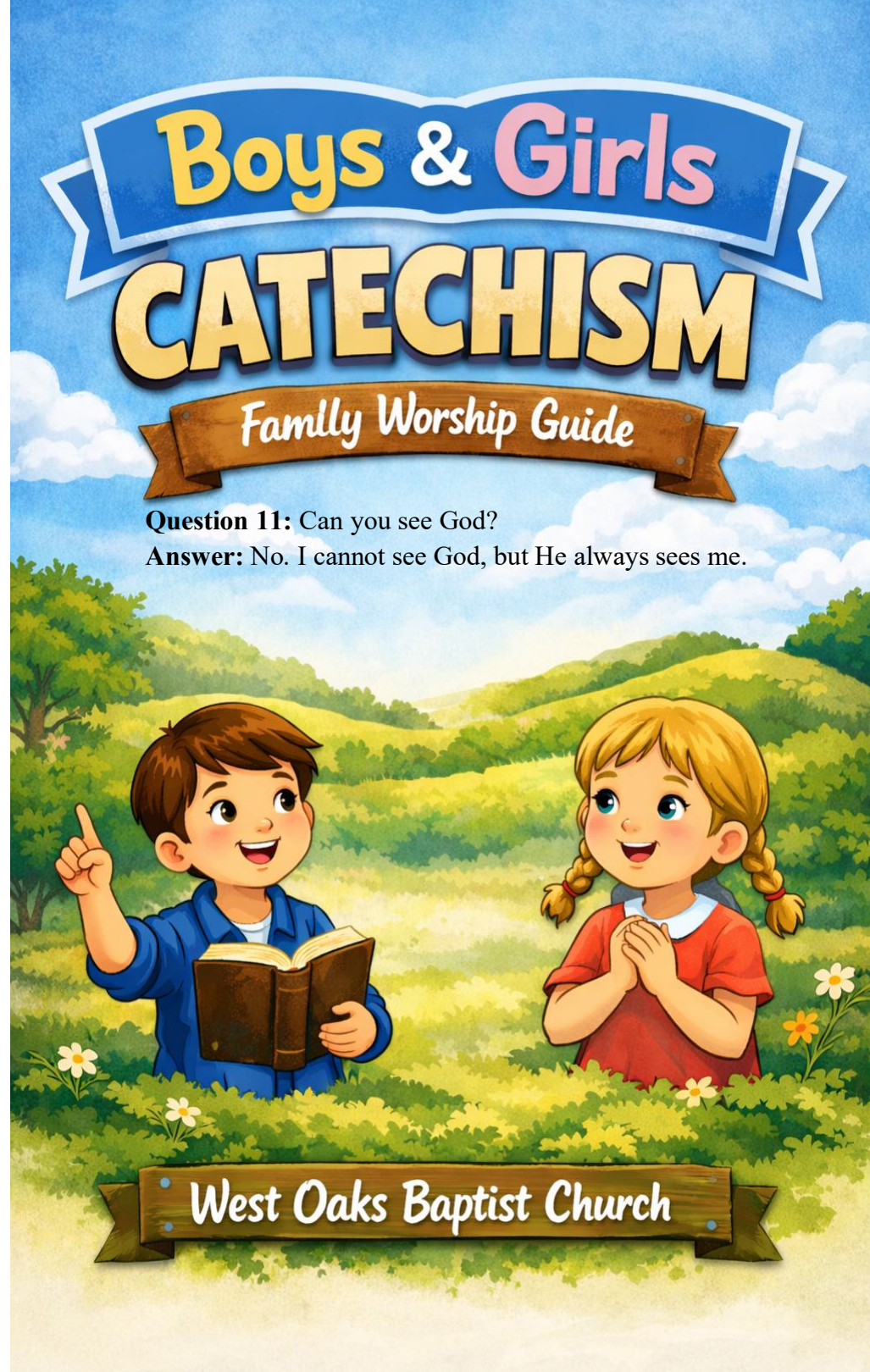
Ask & Explain

Q: Will Christians ever see God?

A: Yes. One day, all who trust in Jesus will be with God forever in heaven.

Go Deeper

How should the promise of seeing God face to face shape our perseverance, holiness, and hope in the present life?



Day #1 – God Is A Spirit

Scripture – “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:24

In Question #9 of the Children’s catechism it says. Q - “Who is God?”; A – “God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men”. God’s nature is different from ours – we have physical bodies and we can see each other. But God does not have a body like us. Of course, Jesus is God and became man (while still being fully God) but His true nature is as a Spirit, which is not something that we in this world can see with our eyes. But does that mean that God is not present in this world? Of course not, God is the most present thing in the world! Just because something cannot be seen does not mean it is not real. We breathe air in our lungs that we cannot see, we speak words with our mouths that cannot be seen unless they are written down. You see a loved one, such as your parents or siblings, and feel love. All these things cannot be seen but are real. There are also spirits or immaterial beings that are real and affect the world. God Himself is the ultimate Spirit and though we cannot see Him, He makes Himself evident to us through His works and His Word.

Object Lesson

Turn on a fan. Ask, “Can you see the wind?” Explain that although we cannot see the wind itself, we know it is real by what it does.

Ask & Explain

Q: Why can’t we see God? A: Because God is Spirit and far greater than us, though He clearly shows Himself through His works and Word.

Go Deeper

How does living by faith instead of sight shape the Christian life, especially during seasons of doubt, suffering, or uncertainty?

Day #2 – God Always See You!

Scripture – “Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?” Psalm 139:7

Have you ever played hide-and-seek and found the perfect hiding spot – maybe a spot where you were so hidden nobody would ever find you? But did you know there is one person you can never hide from? God. He sees all things, and He is always watching you and with you. It is impossible to hide from God, because He is everywhere all the time, and we exist by His will every moment. Now depending on your perspective, that could be scary or comforting. But truly it should not be scary at all! God is love and He loves you more deeply than you can understand. But what makes it scary to us is that God sees our sin. Have you ever said something mean under your breath? You said it quietly because you did not want to face the consequences of your anger. But God heard it and He saw the evil that was in your heart that produced the sin. God is holy and must judge sin, but He is also love and has provided for us the perfect remedy for sin. He gave us His Son, who has redeemed us from the penalty and power of sin by the Holy Spirit.

Object Lesson

Hide any object you have available behind your back. Explain that people can hide things from each other, but nothing can ever be hidden from God.

Ask & Explain

Q: What does it mean that God always sees me? A: God knows everything about me and lovingly watches over all I do.

Go Deeper

How should God’s complete knowledge of us produce both humility over sin and confidence in His fatherly care?

Day #3 – Fear The Lord

Scripture – “Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love” Psalm 33:18

If you were on a TV show and everybody was always watching your life, how would that make you feel? Most likely it would make you feel self-conscious or nervous. That is because when people are watching you, you know that they are judging you and your actions. It is like the feeling you might have if you had to sing a song in front of the church. Similarly, God is always watching and judging you. But it is completely different from the judgements of other people. For one, God is perfect in judgement. He does not make mistakes like we do. But also, God is loving and understanding toward us, even in our mistakes. He calls us to fear Him, which is not being scared of Him as though He were a spooky monster. It is a call to be afraid of not being close to Him, the Source of Life. God says that fearing Him is to be “humble and contrite in spirit” and to “tremble at His Word” (Isaiah 66:2). When you fear God, you are not afraid of Him because He is mean or scary. We need to fear God because being apart from Him is scary and our sin is what separates us from God.

Object Lesson

Grab a camera. Explain how people behave differently when watched, then remind everyone that God always sees truthfully.

Ask & Explain

Q: How should we live if God always sees us? A: We should live honestly, obeying God even when nobody else is watching.

Go Deeper

Why is integrity before God more important than simply appearing righteous before other people?

Day #4 – God Is Our Shepherd

Scripture – “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” Psalm 23:4

There is a great comfort you can find in the reality that God is always with you and always sees you. Why? Because He is good and takes care of you. One of the biggest pictures in the Bible that God uses to show this truth is a shepherd with his sheep. We are like sheep in God’s pasture. God leads us and gives us everything we need. Every