

sometimes we get punished when our siblings don't, even if they had a part in it. We think to ourselves, "If my parents knew what I know, then it would be my brother or sister who would get the discipline, and not me!" The good news is that God sees everything. He isn't fooled by appearances or lies. And God promises that justice will be done in the end. This is also bad news. It means that every time you got away with something, God saw that too! God is patient and kind, and gives ample opportunity for us to seek His forgiveness for the many ways in which we have sinned. If you turn to God, and ask Him to forgive you, if you trust that Jesus bore all the punishment for you when he suffered on the cross, then you can have confidence that in the end God will make all things right.

Object lesson: Pull up a picture of "lady justice" and make some observations about her. She has a blindfold, scales, and a sword. What do these symbols represent?

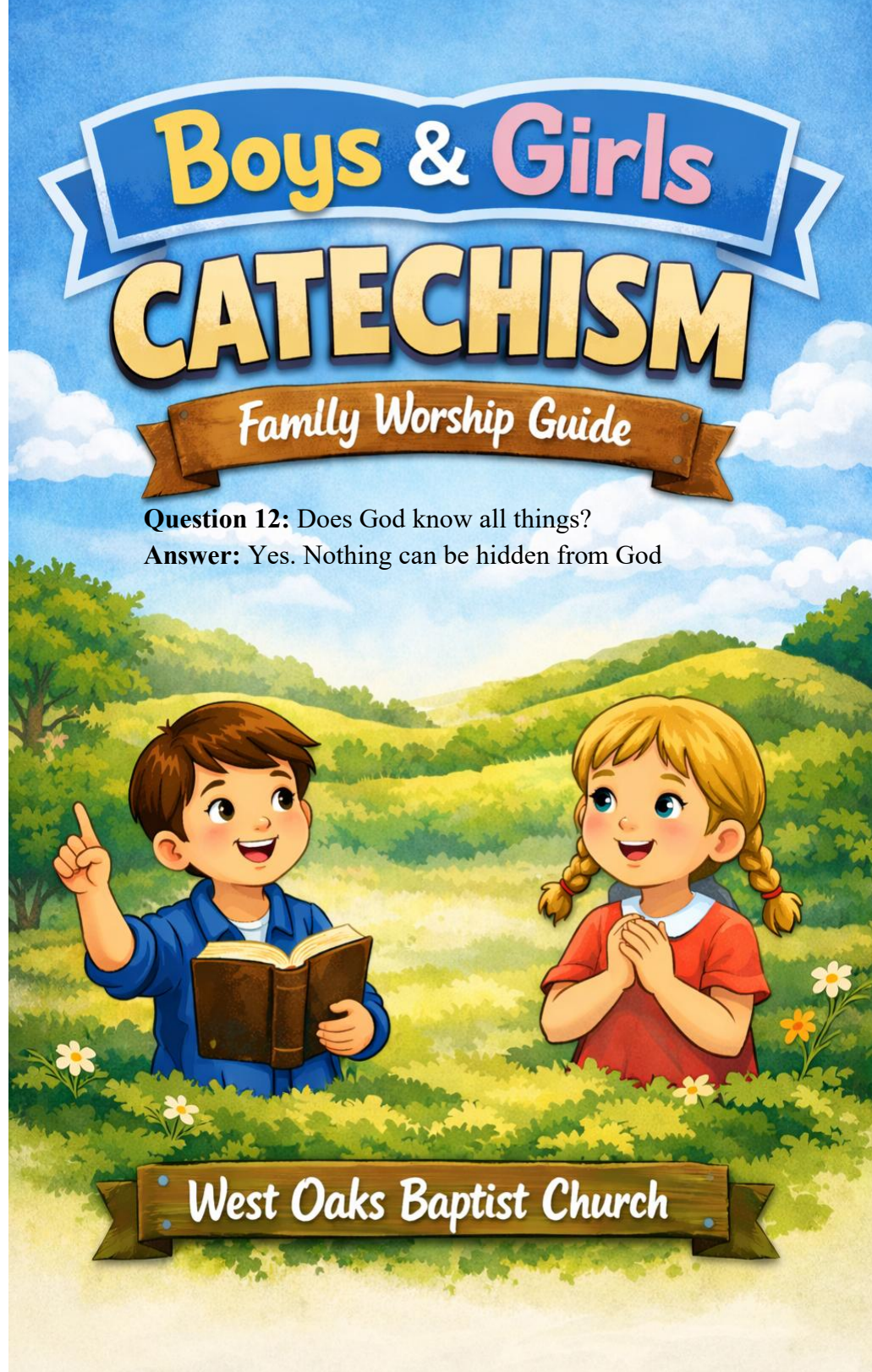
Going deeper: Lady justice is often seen inside of courtrooms or outside of courthouse buildings. The idea is that these places deal out justice fairly and with accordance to the law. What would happen to us if God dealt with us fairly and in accordance with His law?

Day #5 – God sees means that we should worship Him

Scripture - Romans 10:14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

If there is one thing we are hoping for, it is that your study of God through this catechism leads you to worship. What do we mean? We hope that through learning about God, you see Him for all He truly is, and that leads you to love Him. Of course this only happens through God's grace, but the hearing of God's word is the beginning of the way of salvation. *Romans 10:14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?* So we see it's necessary to hear the word of God, leading to faith, and the love of God. At the end of a long section of teaching about God's grace, the apostle ends with this statement, directing our hearts to God in worship. Listen to how he focuses on God's knowledge and how that leads us to praise Him. *Romans 11: 33-36* ³³ *Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!* ³⁴ *"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"* ³⁵ *"Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?"* ³⁶ *For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.*

Go Deeper: Consider God's depth and breadth of knowledge as a jumping off point for your own prayer of praise.



Day #1 – God sees means that He knows

Scripture – “Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.

Have you ever heard the phrase “Don’t judge a book by its cover”? This is a reminder not to base your decisions only on how things appear. Now imagine for a minute being able to look at a book and instantly know every word on every page! Because God sees everything, the whole world lies before him like an open book. Every thought, every deed is known by God—completely. There is nothing that can be hidden from God. This is very frightening if you willfully sin against the Lord. And it is very comforting when you are doing your best to follow God by obeying him. God sees everything, so that means he knows. He knows if you are not obeying him, and he offers grace and forgiveness. He also sees and rewards those who, by His help, are doing their very best to honor and obey him.

Object Lesson: Find a calculator. Now, think about the largest library you’ve been to, and guess how many books were in that library (hint- average public library has between 30-50 thousand books). Next guess about how many pages on average are in a book, and multiply the two numbers. Take a guess at how many minutes it would take you to read one page. Multiply again. Divide this number by 60 to find out the number of hours it would take to read every page (Divide by 24 for days, then 365 for years). Think how long it would take to get the information from just one library!

Ask and explain: Does the object lesson help give you perspective on the magnitude of God’s knowledge compared with your own? Is this a good comparison? This helps us to grasp how small and limited our knowledge is, and how much effort it takes to get even a fraction of the knowledge available to us.

Go Deeper: God’s knowledge of all things is exhaustive, which means he knows all there is to know about everything! Consider God’s depth and breadth of knowledge as a jumping off point in a prayer of praise.

Day #2 – God sees means that He helps

Scripture – For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. 2 Chronicles 16:9.

There have been some famous thinkers who saw the beauty of the world, and how perfectly it was designed. They concluded that there must be a good and powerful God who made it. Some also supposed that God could not be known, and that he took no notice of what he created. They thought of God as a master watch maker. With skill and careful calculation, He set all matter in motion, then stood back and let whatever would happen happen. The bible paints a very different picture of God. While He sits in heaven above, he does not ignore the events that unfold on earth. Scripture says that God’s eyes are on all that he created. Since he sees all, He is able to help those in need. Whenever you are tempted to think that you’re alone, or that God can’t help, know that He can see you! The scriptures tell us: *For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. 2 Chronicles*

16:9. God sees you, and if you need help, turn to him and ask Him to help you. God sees, and that means He can help you!

Object lesson: Find a jar, fill it with water, and put a penny in the bottom. Is it easy to see the penny? Of course! Now take a second jar, fill it with water and add a penny. And now take it outside and put a handful or two of dirt in the jar and mix it up. Is it harder to see the penny?

Ask and Explain: What is the difference between the two jars? The difference is that the dirt keeps you from clearly seeing the penny in the jar. But the penny is there all the same! Like the penny in the jar of dirty water, we can feel that our difficult circumstances are hidden from God. He sees us clearly, just as we see the penny in the jar of water without the dirt!

Day #3 – God sees means that I can’t fool God

Scripture – ⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Gal 6:7-8

When children are very little, they like to play “peek-a-boo.” They don’t quite understand how the world works, so they cover up their own faces and think that we can’t see them. Sometimes we act like a baby. Not that we have a temper tantrum (though sometimes we do). Rather, we think that since we can’t see God, then He can’t see us! We can be fooled to think that if we just say or do the right things, and that God will accept us. But God sees every part of us, not just what we say and do. He sees our secret thoughts. We might be able to fool our siblings, or our parents, or even our pastors, but God sees right through everything to our very hearts. He knows if we are just acting the part, or if that we are following Him out of a heart of love and true obedience. Don’t be fooled. Take heed of the warning the apostle offers -⁷ *Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Gal 6:7-8*

Object lesson: Find a small toy from your room. Take turns walking in front of your family, doing your best to hide the toy as you walk by. Who is the best in your family at keeping the toy hidden? Sometimes the older we get, the better we get at hiding our sin from God.

Going deeper: Since God already knows, is there any sin you need to confess to Him? Ask your parents to pray for you and to help you be truthful with your God, who sees all.

Day #4 – God sees means that He will judge justly

Scripture – “ Hebrews 4:13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (ESV)

Have you ever found yourself saying “Hey, that’s not fair!”? Because we are selfish and sinful, we often focus on the fact that others get good things when we don’t. And