

understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths". Now, there will be many times in our lives where we will and ought to be completely dependent on the power of God to provide for us what we need. And we ought to have great faith that God will provide for us as He is our Heavenly Father, the Almighty, who can by His power provide whatever it is we need and also desires to give it to us.

Object Lesson

Show a puzzle piece. Explain that we often see only one piece, while God sees the entire picture.

Ask & Explain

Q: Why can we trust God's power?

A: Because God uses His power wisely, lovingly, and always according to His holy will.

Go Deeper

How does trusting God's wisdom help us when His plans differ from our own desires?

Day #5 – God's Power to Save

Scripture - "What is impossible with man is possible with God." Luke 18:27

As we mentioned before, we have all sinned before God. And this is terrible news. God is holy and He cannot allow sin to be unjudged. We have broken the covenant that He gave us in the garden and, when we are apart from Christ, we walk outside of His Holy will for us every moment. There is absolutely no way for us to pay God off ourselves for our sin, which is why the punishment of Hell is eternal, meaning it never ends. Our sin against God is so repulsive because God is so good. God is perfect and unchanging; He will not let evil be unpunished. That leaves us in a dire state. But God in His rich and overflowing mercy and love for us has done what was impossible, He has ransomed us through Christ. Christ, in His great infinite love for us, bore the burden of our sin. So now we may live for God, the one who made us and gave Himself for us. We who were once dead in our sins God has made us alive forever, and through the resurrection, we too one day will rise with Christ. Believe in Him with all your heart.

Object Lesson

Take a dead leaf from outside. Explain that people cannot give life to something dead, but God gives spiritual life to sinners.

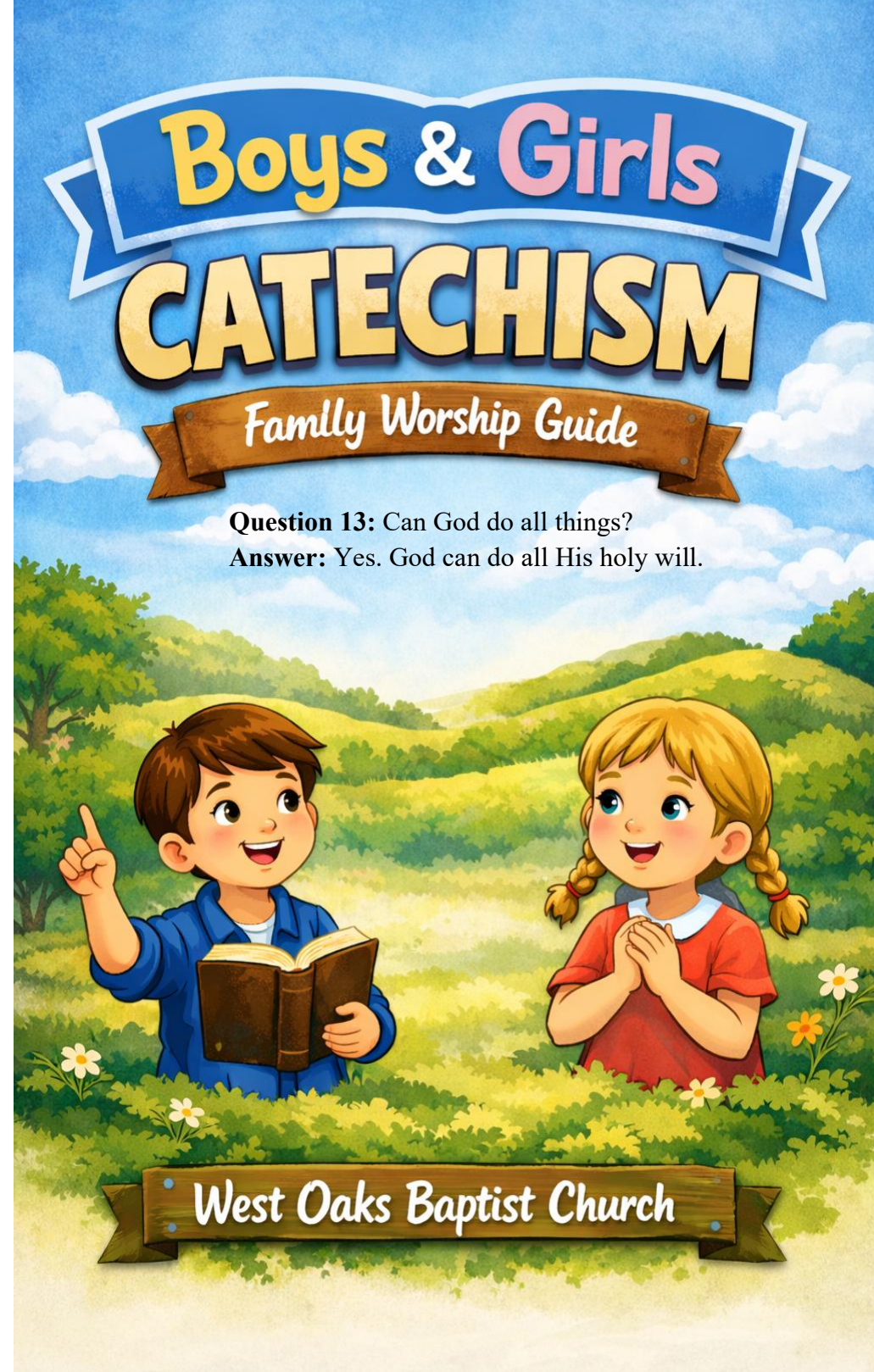
Ask & Explain

Q: What is the greatest display of God's power?

A: God's power to save sinners through Jesus Christ and give them new life.

Go Deeper

Why does Scripture describe salvation as a work that only God's power can accomplish?



Day #1 – God is Almighty

Scripture – "Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you." Jeremiah 32:17

Have you ever wanted to do something and have not been able to? Obviously yes! As humans we are very limited by our capabilities and environment. This however is not the case with God. God is unlimited in His power and abilities and there is no other being that is like Him; everything else is limited. That is the meaning of calling God the Almighty, because no other spirits or creatures are like Him; He is holy meaning there is no one like Him at all. The Apostle Paul, in Ephesians 3:20, says that God is “able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think”. God’s power and wonderworking ability is endlessly beyond the greatest conception our minds could come up with. God exercised this infinite power when He made us out of nothing, and He has planned all our days in His powerful wisdom. It is a most wonderful truth to know that this Almighty God is good and loving in all His ways towards us. He has shown this love to us by giving us treasure of all treasures, Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of Him, we even though we are weak, can be strong!

Object Lesson

Show a heavy object and ask a child to lift it. Then explain that even the strongest person has limits, but God's power has no limits.

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 should God's infinite power affect our view of our own weaknesses and limitations?

Day #2 – God Rules Over Everything

"Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases." Psalm 115:3

Who is the most powerful person in America. You probably immediately said, ‘The President’. That is true! Presidents, as Chief Executives, are now akin to a king in many ways. Now, picture all the kings, rulers, and lords in history. All those kings put together in their authority would not even match a dot of the authority of our God. In Revelation 19:16 Jesus is called ‘King of kings and Lord of lords’. This shows how Jesus is ultimately the King of every ruler and type of authority ever, including your parents! In fact, all of history’s authorities have been placed over people or removed from their positions by King Jesus. Furthermore, only God is a King in a different way than our earthly kings. The President of America cannot make you do anything he wants; he can try but he is very limited. This is not the case with our Loving and Sovereign Lord Jesus. He can do anything with us, but in His divine wisdom and discretion He acts according to His will which is our ultimate good. Because of this, give yourself to God every moment and let Him guide continuously. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Object Lesson

Grab a toy train (if not available you can do a door on a hinge)

Explain that the train moves where the tracks lead. God directs history according to His perfect plan.

Ask & Explain

Q: Is anything outside God's control?

A: No. God rules over all things and works everything according to His wise purpose.

Go Deeper

Why is God's sovereignty a source of comfort during difficult and confusing circumstances?

Day #3 – God Cannot Sin

Scripture – "God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one." James 1:13

Now if we say, ‘God can do anything’. It is assumed there are no things that God cannot do. That is true because God does not need to follow the rules given by anyone but Himself. But there are things that God can't do by nature. Firstly, God cannot sin. Why? Because God is good. Goodness is a quality we give to things, but what we truly mean when we say something is good is that it possesses a quality that is like God. At the core of who God is, He is good and He is love (1 John 4:8). Therefore, if God is goodness Himself how can He do that which is not good? That is a contradiction. But when we sin, what we are truly doing is we are not acting like God even though we are made in His Image. On the other hand, Jesus lived a perfect life. He never sinned, He never acted outside of the will of His Father. This led Him to do the greatest act of love ever, where He gave Himself for us on the Cross to perfectly atone for our sins, having become sin for us, so that we might be the righteousness of God in Him.

Object Lesson

Hold a flashlight and explain that light shines but does not become darkness. God is perfectly holy and cannot become sinful.

Ask & Explain

Q: Can God sin or do evil?

A: No. God is perfectly holy and can only do what is good and right.

Go Deeper

Why does God's inability to sin make Him more trustworthy rather than less powerful?

Day #4 – Trusting God's Power

Scripture "For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37

We are needy. We need so many things. Like food, shelter, clothing, and health. We also need less earthly things like love, acceptance, relationships. And since God is our Sovereign and Loving King, He gives us all those things according to His will. We also have lots of things we want. Maybe we want a piece of candy, a toy, or a dream job. But often we don't get those things when we want those things. This is because our King knows everything. He knows what is best for us and we need to trust Him with all our lives. Proverbs 3:5-6, “*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not upon your own*