

Object Lesson:

Use a map or GPS. Explain that if you ignore the directions, you may end up in the wrong place. Scripture gives us God's true direction.

Going Deeper Question:

What can happen when people try to follow God without knowing the Bible?

Day 5 - The Bible Teaches Us Salvation and Obedience

Scripture — 2 Timothy 3:15–17 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

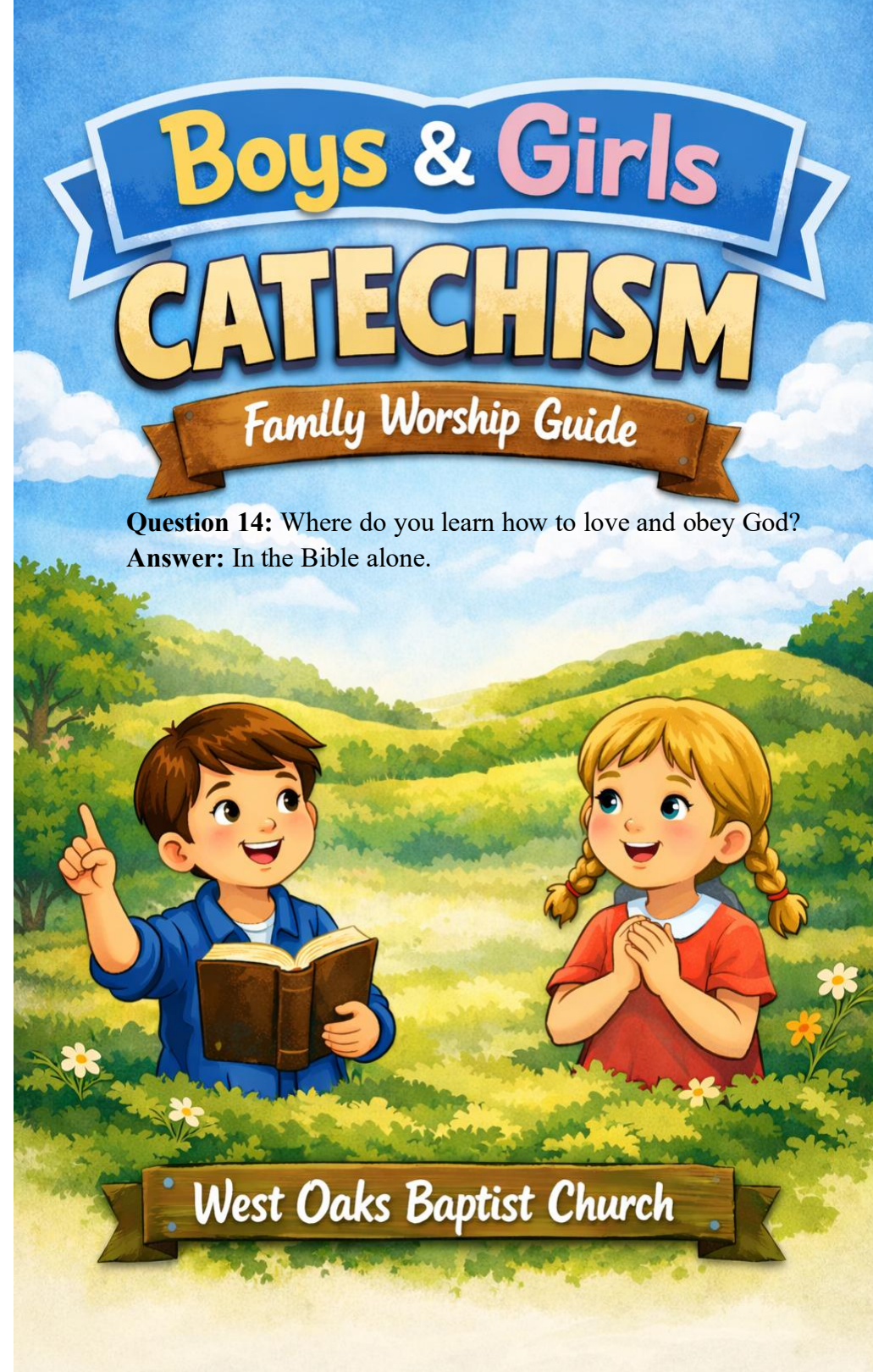
Timothy learned the Scriptures when he was young. That means boys and girls can learn God's Word too. You do not have to wait until you are grown up to listen to the Bible, or believe the Bible, and be able to obey the Bible. Paul says the sacred writings are able to make us "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." That is the most important thing the Bible teaches us. It teaches us that we are sinners, that God is holy, and that we cannot save ourselves. It teaches us that Jesus died for sinners and rose again. It teaches us to trust in Him alone. The Bible also trains us to live for God. It corrects us when we are wrong, teaches us what is right, and helps us grow in obedience. God does not leave His children without instruction. He gives us His Word so that we may know Him, love Him, trust Him, and obey Him. So where do we learn how to love and obey God? Not from our guesses. Not from the world. Not from our feelings. We learn it in the Bible alone.

Object Lesson:

Show a toolbox. Each tool helps with a job. God's Word equips us for the life God calls us to live.

Going Deeper Question:

How does the Bible teach us both to be saved and to obey God?



Day 1 - God Tells Us What We Could Never Discover Alone

Scripture — Job 11:7 Can you find out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limit of the Almighty?

God is so great that we cannot figure Him out by guessing. We can look at the stars, mountains, oceans, animals, and people and know that God is powerful and wise, but we cannot learn everything we need to know about God just by looking around us. We need God to speak to us. That is why the Bible is such a wonderful gift. God has not left us in the dark. He has told us who He is, what He loves, what He hates, what He commands, and how sinners can be saved. If we want to know how to love and obey God, we must listen to His Word. Sometimes people say, “I think God is like this,” or “I feel God would want that.” But our thoughts and feelings can be wrong. God’s Word is always true. The Bible teaches us that God is holy, merciful, just, patient, and loving. Most of all, the Bible teaches us about Jesus, who came to save sinners and bring us to God.

Object Lesson:

Hold up a wrapped gift. Ask, “Can you know exactly what is inside without opening it?” We need the giver to reveal it. God reveals Himself to us in the Bible.

Going Deeper Question:

Why is guessing about God dangerous?

Day 2 - God’s Word Makes Us Wise

Scripture — Psalm 119:104 Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

The Bible does not only tell us facts. It gives us understanding. That means God’s Word teaches us how to see things rightly. It helps us know the difference between truth and lies, wisdom and foolishness, obedience and sin. Imagine walking through a dark room filled with toys, shoes, and furniture. If the lights are off, you might trip and fall. But when the light turns on, you can see the safe path. God’s Word is like that. It shows us where to walk. Psalm 119 says that through God’s precepts (meaning His instructions) we get understanding. That means we do not become wise by simply following our hearts. Our hearts can want wrong things. We become wise by listening to God. The Bible also teaches us to hate “every false way.” That does not mean we hate people. It means we learn to hate sin, lies, and anything that leads us away from God. When God’s Word changes us, we begin to love what God loves and turn away from what God hates.

Object Lesson:

Use a flashlight in a dark room or under a table. Show how light helps you see the safe way to go.

Going Deeper Question:

What is one “false way” God’s Word teaches us to avoid?

Day 3 - The Bible Is the Standard

Scripture — Isaiah 8:20 To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn.”

A standard is something you use to measure whether something is right. A ruler tells you if a line is straight or crooked. A scale tells you if something is heavy or light. God has given us a standard for truth: His Word. Isaiah says, “To the teaching and to the testimony!” That means we must go back to what God has said. When someone teaches about God, we do not ask first, “Does this sound nice?” or “Do lots of people believe it?” We ask, “Is this what the Bible says?” This is important because false teaching can sound good at first. Satan often mixes lies with a little truth. But God’s Word helps us test what we hear. The Bible is not just one helpful book among many. It is God’s true Word, and it is our final authority. If we want to know how to worship, how to pray, how to obey our parents, how to treat others, or how to be saved, we must go to the Bible alone. God’s Word is the light. Without it, we are in darkness.

Object Lesson:

Show a ruler. Draw one straight line using the ruler and one crooked line without it.

God’s Word is our ruler for truth.

Going Deeper Question:

Why should we test every teaching by the Bible?

Day 4 - We Can Be Wrong When We Don’t Know Scripture

Scripture — Matthew 22:29 But Jesus answered them, ‘You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.’

Jesus once spoke to people who were confused about God. They thought they were very smart, but Jesus said they were wrong. Why? Because they did not know the Scriptures or the power of God. That is a serious warning for us. We can be wrong when we ignore the Bible. We may think we know what is best. We may think sin is not very dangerous. We may think obedience is not very important. But when we do not listen to Scripture, we lose our way. Jesus did not treat the Bible as optional. He trusted it, quoted it, obeyed it, and taught it. If Jesus loved the Scriptures, then we should love them too. The Bible teaches us not only what God commands, but also how powerful God is. He is powerful to create, judge, forgive, save, and change hearts. That means when God commands us to obey, He is also able to help us obey. We learn to love and obey God in the Bible alone because only the Bible is God’s perfect Word.