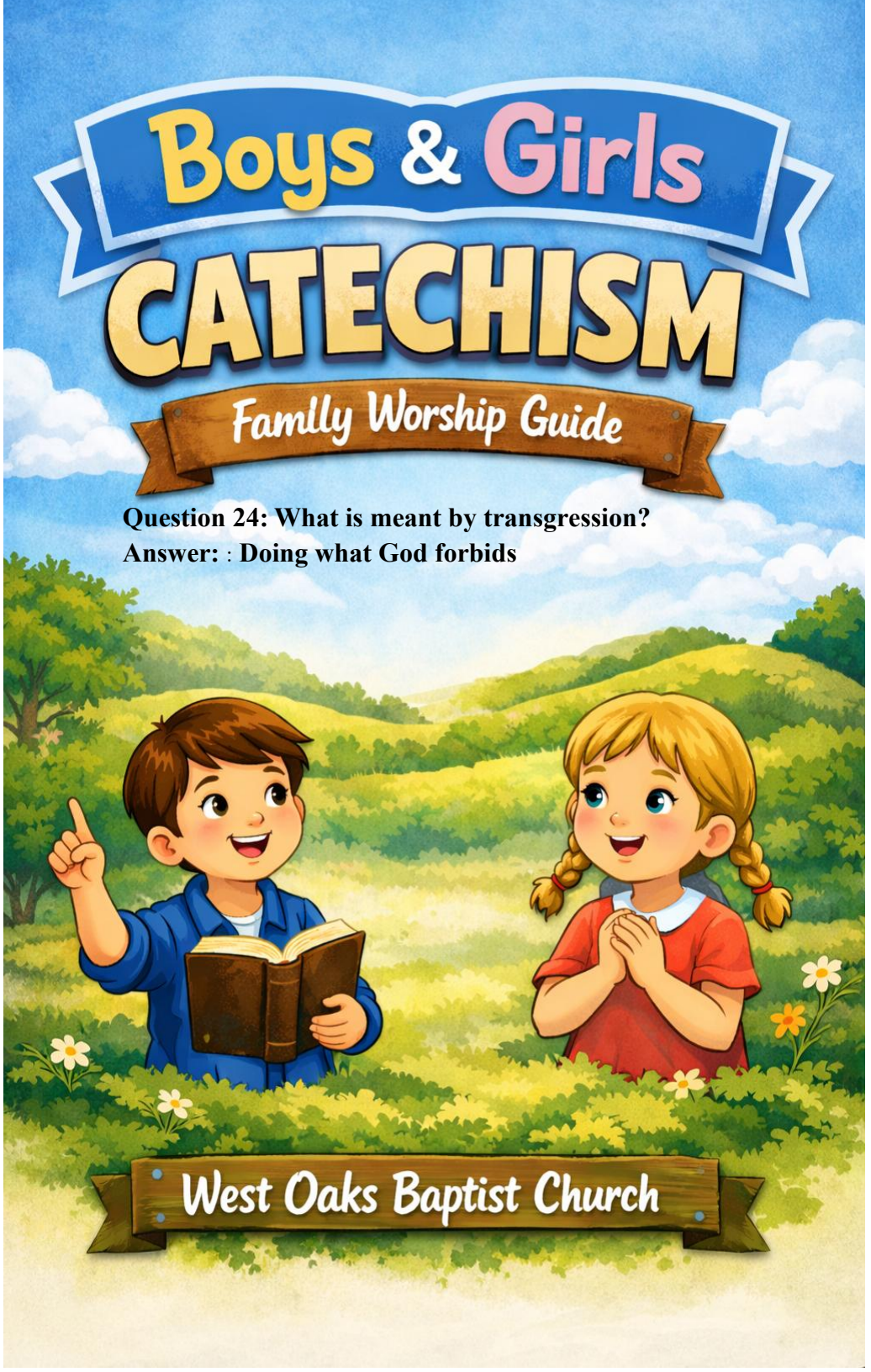
SONG: Rock Of Ages

1.
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

2.
Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3.
Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4.
While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.



Day 1 - God Draws the Line

Scripture: 1 John 3:4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness

Transgression means doing what God forbids. God has the right to tell us what is good because He made us and knows what is best for us. His commands are not random restrictions; they reflect His holy character and His wise care. When we transgress, we cross a boundary God has clearly marked and given to us in His word. Sometimes we are tempted to think sin is only serious when it causes obvious harm, but Scripture teaches us that sin is an offense against God. His law reveals what obedience looks like and also exposes how we often choose our own way. This should really humble us, but it should also drive us to Christ. Jesus never crossed the line of God's law. He obeyed perfectly in our place and died for sinners who have not kept the whole law.

Question: Why should God be the one who defines right and wrong?
Prayer point: Ask God to help you love His commands and recognize sin clearly.

Day 2 — Obedience Is Better

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:22 Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.

Saul had been given a clear command from God, but he chose partial obedience instead and then tried to justify himself for it. He pointed to the sacrifices he had intended to offer, as though it could make up for his disobedience. Samuel's answer is simple and to the point, obedience is better than sacrifice. We can end up do the same thing. We may excuse our harsh words because we were tired, or our dishonesty because we were afraid of what others would think, or maybe our selfishness because we thought we had a good reason. We can even hide disobedience behind religious activity but God is not impressed by our outward acts when inside our hearts are resisting His Word. True worship includes listening to Him AND obeying Him. The gospel does not make obedience unnecessary. it changes obedience from an attempt to earn God's favor into a grateful response to His grace.

Question: What excuses are we most likely to make for disobedience?
Prayer point: Ask God for a heart that listens quickly and obeys without excuses.

Day 3 - Sin Begins in the Heart

Scripture: Romans 1:21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him.

Transgression may appear in our actions, but its roots go deeper. Romans 1 shows that sin begins when people refuse to honor God as God. When our worship of God is replaced with something else, that is sin. This is why merely correcting outward behavior is not enough. We need changed hearts. A child may obey while inwardly resenting authority, and an adult may appear respectable while quietly loving what God forbids. God sees both the action and our heart beneath it. The good news is that Christ does more than just forgive our outward sins. He gives His people new hearts and teaches them to love what God loves. Growth in obedience begins with seeing God rightly, giving thanks to Him, and remembering that His ways are better than ours.

Question: How can wrong desires in the heart lead to outward transgression?
Prayer point: Ask God to expose sinful desires and help you honor Him from the heart.

Day 4 -Transgression Is Personal

Scripture: Hosea 6:7 But like Adam they transgressed the covenant; there they dealt faithlessly with me.

Sin is not merely breaking a rule; it is dealing faithlessly with God. Hosea uses covenant language to show that transgression is deeply personal. God had shown kindness, made promises, and called His people to walk with Him, yet what did they do? They turned away. This helps us to understand why sin is so serious. When we lie, or are envious, hateful, lustful, or disobey, we are not simply violating in some abstract way. We are sinning against the very God who made us, who sustains us, and has shown us mercy. That realization alone should make our confession of sin more personal too. We do not merely say, " Oops, I made a mistake." We say, "Lord, I sinned against You." Yet the same God we sin against is the God who invites all repentant sinners to return. His mercy is more than our faithlessness.

Question: How does seeing sin as faithlessness toward God change the way we confess it?
Prayer point: Confess specific sins to God and ask for a faithful, obedient heart.

Day 5 - Christ for Transgressors

Scripture: Isaiah 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities.

The doctrine of transgression would leave us without hope if Scripture simply stopped with our guilt. We have all crossed God's boundaries and rules. We have done what He forbids and failed to do what He commands. Isaiah's writings points us to the suffering Servant. Jesus was pierced for our transgressions. The punishment fell on Him so that sinners could be forgiven. He did not die because He had broken God's law, He died for us who had both inherited sin and committed sin. He lived the obedient life we failed to live and bore the judgment that our sins deserved. This means Christians do not face their transgressions by pretending they are small or by trying to balance them with good deeds. We bring them to Christ. Forgiveness is found in Him alone, and from that forgiveness grows a new desire to obey.

Question: Why is Jesus our only hope when we have transgressed God's law?
Prayer point: Thank Christ for bearing the punishment for sin and ask Him to help you walk in joyful obedience.