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**Object lesson** – Find a picture that someone in your home has drawn. (Or you can draw one quickly!)

**Ask** – Will this picture ever become an artist and start drawing a picture itself?

**Explain** – Creation from nothing is an activity that only God has. It points out how important it is that God is one. Even people, made in the image of God, can only create using what God made first.

## Day 5 – God our creator

**Scripture** – *Isaiah 45:18 For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the LORD, and there is no other.*

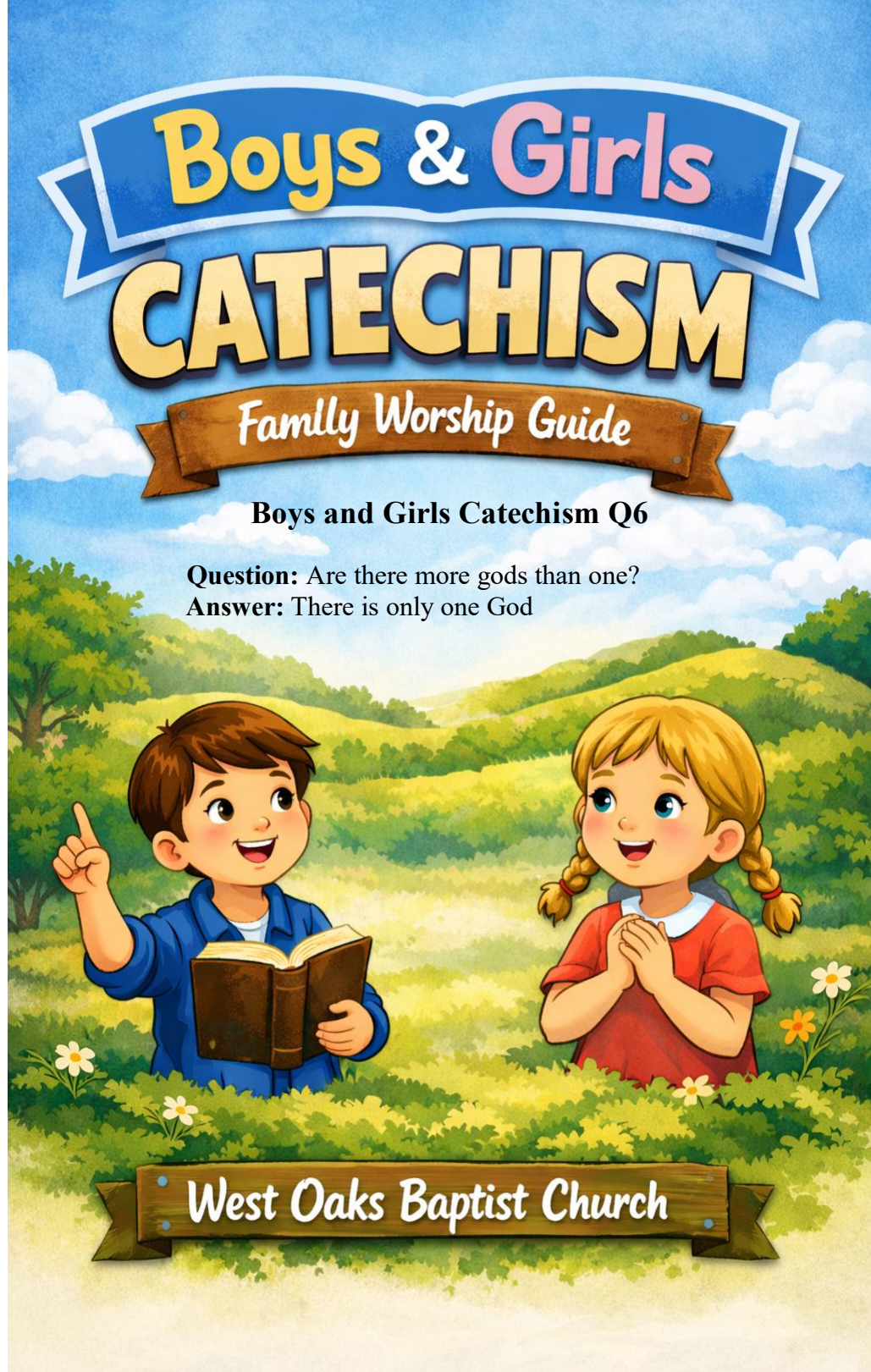
Since there is only one God and no one else is like him, we should wonder how we can come to know Him. He isn't like us. We can't see him or hear him. He may have created us but that just means we owe him obedience. How can we come to have a relationship with God? This question is what makes the Bible such an amazing book. When God tells us he is one God, he likes to use his name Yahweh (usually written as LORD with all caps in your bible). We see this in Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. We also see it in Isaiah 45:18 I am the LORD, and there is no other. The significance of this name LORD can't be overlooked. This is God's covenant name. This is the name God used with Moses when Moses asked for a name to give Israel. This is the name that reminds us that God has made a covenant with his people, to save them from their sins. Ultimately this New Covenant was established through the death of Jesus on the cross. If you believe in Jesus he is your God too!

**Object lesson** – Think of some names your parents go by. Some are used by the kids, some by relatives, and some by strangers.

**Ask** – Why don't children use their parents' first names? What name can children use of their parents that point to the relationship they have.

**Explain** – The names God uses, and has us use of him, remind us that he has made a covenant with us. He loves us.

**Go Deeper** – Think of some of the names of God that are significant to you. Discuss and praise God for his wonderful names.

The image is a colorful illustration for a catechism guide. At the top, a blue banner with a white border contains the text "Boys & Girls" in yellow and pink. Below this, the word "CATECHISM" is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Underneath, a brown ribbon banner reads "Family Worship Guide" in white cursive. The background shows a boy in a blue shirt pointing upwards while holding an open book, and a girl in a red dress with her hands clasped in prayer. They are standing in a field of green grass and yellow flowers, with rolling green hills and a blue sky with white clouds in the background. At the bottom, another brown ribbon banner reads "West Oaks Baptist Church" in white cursive.

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**CATECHISM**

*Family Worship Guide*

**Boys and Girls Catechism Q6**

**Question:** Are there more gods than one?

**Answer:** There is only one God

*West Oaks Baptist Church*

## Day 1 – One God, no choices

*Scripture – Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.*

“Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.” Most young children who grow up in Christian homes today know these words well. Just as you may know the words of Jesus loves me by heart, young children in Israel had words that they knew just as well. From an early age they would learn the words of Deuteronomy 6:4, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. In this verse God tells his people that he is one God. This is very different from so many of the false religions that fill the world. Then and now people have always loved to worship many gods. The Greeks, Romans, Indians, Persians, and so many others have had collections of gods that vied for their attention. What do you think it might have been like to try and worship many gods? It would likely be very busy! In addition you would likely be filled with anxiety and fear. What if I chose the wrong god to worship? What if the gods started to fight one another? Have no fear! Since there is only one God, we know who to trust with our salvation.

Object Lesson – Imagine going to a favorite fast-food restaurant. What would you choose to eat? Has it ever been hard for you to choose between the options?

Ask – What if finding the right god to worship was like fast-food? You get all these options and have to choose. Unlike the food at a restaurant, the choice of who to worship matters for eternity. What would that feel like to have to make that choice?

Explain – We are blessed to know that the choice of who to worship isn’t like picking fast-food from many options. God has told us that there is only one God, and we are to worship him.

## Day 2 – With all of your heart

*Scripture – Deuteronomy 6:5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

What is your favorite food of all time? How often would you eat it if you could? The character Winney the Poo LOVES honey. He is always looking for ways to get honey. Often while his other friends are trying to discuss important matter, Winney the Poo is thinking about nothing beyond how to get another bite of honey. He has a ONE-TRACK mind and isn’t easily derailed. If only we could have the same sort of ONE-TRACK devotion when it comes to God. Since God is one, all of our devotion and attention are rightfully to be placed on him. There are no other gods who can claim even the smallest part of what belongs to God alone. Deuteronomy 6:5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:37 that this is the greatest commandment. There is no part of your life, you time, your strength, your attention, or your love that doesn’t belong to the one true God. He created you. He saved you through Jesus’ death on the cross. He calls you to believe in Him.

Object lesson – Pick an object to hold up. Now try talking but have everyone ignore you and keep their eyes on the object in question. They should interrupt to ask if they can hold the precious item.

Ask – What are some things that grab your attention?

Explain – God is the one who should grab our attention. How often do you find yourself distracted from important things because you are thinking about your savior?

Go Deeper – We often don’t love God with all our heart. Graciously, he chose to love us first even though we don’t deserve it. Pray that God would be the most precious thing in your life and heart.

## Day 3 – No other gods

*Scripture – Deuteronomy 5:7 You shall have no other gods before me.*

Often non-Christians act like Jesus is one choice among many gods who can be worshipped. A good example can be found in India. There it is common for those who are Hindu and hear about Jesus to misunderstand the gospel. Instead of believing in Jesus alone for salvation, they will add a statue of him to all their other little idols that they worship. In doing so they break both the 1st and 2nd commandments. The second commandment says not to worship carved images. The first is found in Deuteronomy 5:7 You shall have no other gods before me. Since God is the only God then we must worship him only. If you grow up in a Christian home you aren’t likely to worship little carved statues. That doesn’t mean we don’t need to be careful of idolatry. Anything in your life that you treat as more important than God has become an idol that you worship. Even good things like food, family, and friends can become idols in our hearts. What good things in your life have started to crowd out God from first place? Rightfully John ends his 1st letter with this reminder. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Object lesson – Find a toy, picture on the wall, or ornament.

Ask – Hold it up or point to it and ask, ‘is this an idol? Why or why not?’

Explain – Some idols should be thrown away, like the Hindu statues used in worship by so many in India. However, most carved objects, or pictures in our homes aren’t idols in and of themselves. The question is how are we using those things. Do we use them to God’s glory, or to steal God’s glory?

Go Deeper – Do have any idols you need to put off and repent of worshipping. What would it look like to put them away?

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Are there more gods than one? This question gets to the heart of the uniqueness of God. There is only one God. There can never be any other being who can match God for who he is. God is all powerful, everyone else is limited. God is present everywhere, everything in creation is finite. God is all knowing, there are things even the angels don’t know. If we wanted to sum up the differences between God and everything else we could start talking about creation. God created all things out of nothing by the power of his word. God created, everything else was created. Instead of being the creator like God, we