



Calvary Baptist Church

For the week of:
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Family Worship Guide

New City
Catechism

Q6: How can we glorify God?

A: We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. It is expected that parents will be teaching their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

What is a catechism?

Catechisms are teaching tools. Since ancient times these tools have been used to instruct those who are young in the faith and to remind the more mature of the essential truths they believe.

Catechisms work through a series of questions and prewritten answers. Answers that are derived through what Scripture says. Each week we will examine ONE question and its answer from the New City Catechism. You will be encouraged to memorize the question and response as we work through the biblical support for the answer. (If children can memorize it and recite it to Tim in the office on Sunday, they may get a surprise!)

For more resources related to the catechism, follow the QR code.



MONDAY

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Read and repeat the Catechism of the week

Discuss

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

How are we meant to glorify God? The first step is to love God. To love God isn't to love Him like you love nachos or puppies. To love God is to see Him as the greatest good, the greatest delight, the greatest comfort, the greatest pleasure of all. To love God is to see God as beautiful and to seek to worship Him with all of who you are.

Jesus said in Matthew 13:45-46, “ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

God and His kingdom are to be seen as so beautiful, so lovely, so desirable that we will give up everything to have Him. This is to love Him. To love Him so so so much that you would sell everything you have to have Him as Lord of your life.

“I am most gladly content that Christ breaketh all my idols in pieces: it hath put a new edge upon my blunted love to Christ. I see He is jealous of my love, and will have all to Himself.” -Samuel Rutherford

Discussion Questions

- How lovely is God to you? Do you love Him enough to give Him everything?
- What are reasons that we should love God? Work together to make a list of these reasons.

Sing

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God
Keith and Kristen Getty

Pray

Thank God for having loved you so much and pray that you would love Him more.

THE PERFECT WISDOM OF OUR GOD

Verse 1:

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Verse 2:

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]



TUESDAY

Read Jeremiah 17:5-18

Read and repeat the Catechism of the week (try to memorize it)

Discuss

The Christian life is a life of faith. A life of firm trust and confidence that God is who He says He is and will do what He said He will do. We trust that God is good, so that we know everything He does good (even when we don't understand it.) We trust that God is righteous and that He will establish justice when we've been sinned against. We trust that God is merciful and will never leave us even though we still sin.

To trust God is a wonderful thing. It means that when the storms of life come. When this life becomes scary and uncertain. That we can look to Christ and with all confidence say, "He will hold me fast."

To trust in God means that you no longer need to worry about what the future holds. We know that God has written the end of ages from before the beginning of time. He is ordaining and directing all things to work for His glory and our good. Because of this, we can walk forward faithfully. We can take the next step of faith to share the Gospel with a friend, serve in a new ministry, or whatever else God has called us to do KNOWING that He holds all things in His hands.

"I have learned to kiss the waves that throw me up against the Rock of Ages." -CH Spurgeon

Discussion Questions

- Do you trust God in your life?
- What are things that cause you to be anxious and worried? What are ways that you could trust God more in these areas of life?
- If God is who He says He is, do we have any reason to really be worried?
- What should we do when we find our hearts filled with worry and anxiety?

Sing

Whate'er My God Ordains is Right
Samuel Rodigast

Pray

Praise God for how He
made you

WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT

Verse 1:

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He can hold me fast!

Refrain:

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Verse 2:

I could never keep my hold,
He must hold me fast;
For my love is often cold,
He must hold me fast. [Refrain]

Verse 3:

I am precious in His sight,
He will hold me fast;
Those He saves are His delight,
He will hold me fast. [Refrain]

Verse 4:

He'll not let my soul be lost,
Christ will hold me fast;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast. [Refrain]



WEDNESDAY

Read Deuteronomy 20:1-21

Read and repeat the Catechism of the week (try to memorize it)

Discuss

Obedience.

Obedience is a dirty word today. When we hear obedience we often think of oppression and forced submission. Someone tells us to do our homework, listen to our parents, or follow the speed limit, and every part of our flesh begins to kick and scream.

But what is obedience? Consider what we discussed on Monday, loving God. Obedience is what happens when we truly love God. When we refuse to listen to instruction or obey directions, we are showing that we love ourselves more than the one speaking to us. To obey God is to say, "God, I know that your ways are higher than my ways. You are always good and always righteous. You loved me so deeply that Your own Son to die for me. If You could love me so much to do this, then I'll be obedient to you now."

We obey God because we love Him. The 10 commandments from our passage today are the summary of all the other laws God has given us. But the greatest command of God is found Deuteronomy 6:5 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." When we love God, we will be eager to obey the commands that He has given to us.

Discussion Questions

- Are you always obedient to do what God has called you to?
- Based off of what we read today, when you are disobedient are you loving God?
- What are you loving more than God when you disobey Him?

Sing

To God be the Glory
Fanny Crsoby

Pray

Confess your
disobedience to God
and ask for forgiveness

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Verse 1:

1 To God be the glory—great things he hath done,
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory—great things He hath done!

Verse 2:

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (Chorus)

Verse 3:

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Chorus)



THURSDAY

Read Philippians 4:4-9

Read and repeat the Catechism of the week (quiz each other and yourself to see if you have it memorized)

Discuss

Rejoice in the Lord ALWAYS.

This isn't a suggestion! This is a command to the Christian. A joyless Christian should not be something we can think of. Instead, we are to forever and always be enjoying God.

In times when we are happy and things are good it is easy to see how and why we should enjoy God. We are enjoying life anyways, so how could we not enjoy God too? But what about when things are difficult? When the walls are closing in. When it seems like the world is falling apart and there's no one there to put it together. What then? How do we enjoy God then?

In the times when it is really hard to be joyful, we remember who God is and what He has done. We remember the mercy that has been shown to us. That if we have any blessing, it is only because God has been so kind to us. Reminding ourselves that there is a coming day when He will wipe every tear from our eyes. We rejoice knowing who our God is, remembering what He has done, and knowing what He will do.

Discussion Questions

- Do you find it easy to rejoice in the Lord?
- What distracts you from rejoicing in Him?
- What should we do when we find ourselves struggling to rejoice in God?
- How can you help others rejoice in God?

Sing
In the Valley
Sovereign Grace

Pray
Ask God to fill you with
His joy to share the
Gospel

IN THE VALLEY

Verse 1:

When the path that I feared
Is the way He has set
And I long to give in and retreat
Still to Jesus I hold
As I face every step
For the Lord He will give me His peace

Chorus 1

Bless the Lord! He will give me His peace
Bless the Lord! He will give me His peace
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord, He will give me His peace

Verse 2

When the road that I tread
Fills my heart with despair
And it seems that my grief has no end
Still to Jesus I hold
Who will walk with me there
And the Lord He will give me His strength

Chorus 2

Bless the Lord! He will give me his strength
Bless the Lord! He will give me his strength
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord, He will give me His strength

Verse 3

On the road that You walked
With the weight of the cross
All my pain and my sorrow You held
So to you I shall hold
You redeem every loss
For my Lord, you have given yourself

Chorus 3

Bless the Lord! For he gives me Himself
Bless the Lord! For he gives me Himself
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord! For He gives me Himself
Bless the Lord! For He gives me Himself



FRIDAY

Read 1 Peter 2:18-25

Practice the catechism of the week. Try to recite it without looking!

Discuss

“... so that you might follow in His steps.”

Obedience is one thing. To do what we are told. To do it humbly and graciously and joyfully. But it is helpful to broaden this understanding of simply “doing things.” Christians are called to look like Christ.

Looking like Christ certainly means we do the things He did and commanded us. The Christian life however is supposed to be completely changed. So that we no longer live to ourselves, but to Christ (2 Cor. 5:15).

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

People are watching us. The world is watching. They are watching as we experience happiness and sadness, plenty and loss, stability and uncertainty. How you live in the complexities of life will be noticed by the world. What Scripture tells us is that we are supposed to live in such a way that when the world sees how we live, they glorify God because of us. Live like Christ.

Discussion Questions

- Does the way you live cause others to glorify Christ?
- Do you think that others know there is something different about you by the way you live?
- How can you better look like Christ?

Sing

Doxology
Thomas Ken

Pray

Pray that God would make you look more like Him so you can point others to Him

DOXOLOGY

Verse 1:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Verse 2:

Praise God the Father who's the source;
Praise God the Son who is the course;
Praise God the Spirit who's the flow;
Praise God, our portion here below!

There are many different versions of this hymn. The first verse is always the same but as you will see in the video, the second often changes.



This link is a fun tutorial to learn the doxology in sign language! A fun family activity!

