

*Family Worship*

**BAD NEWS**

**GOOD NEWS**

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# *Opening Prayer*

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

# GLORY

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# *Catechism Time!*

Bible truths for teaching children

# Question 10

**Q:** What does God require in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> commandments?

**A:** Fourth, that on the Sabbath day we spend time in worship of God. Fifth, that we love and honor our father and our mother.

**Now look around you ...**

When you, as a family, set aside a special day to worship God is a perfect example of living out the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> commandments. This pleases God so much. Well done!

**Bible verse** (Leviticus 19:3)

Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.

# Romans 1:18-20

(International Children Version)

18 God's anger is shown from heaven against all the evil and wrong things that people do. By their own evil lives they hide the truth.

19 God shows his anger because everything that may be known about God has been made clear. Yes, God has clearly shown people everything that may be known about him.

20 There are things about God that people cannot see—his eternal power and all the things that make him God. But since the beginning of the world those things have been easy to understand. They are made clear by what God has made. So people have no excuse for the bad things they do.

Verse 18: "God's anger is shown from heaven against all the evil and wrong things that people do. By their own evil lives they hide the truth."

Ok. Let's start with some **BAD NEWS**...God is angry!!!

1. What is God angry at?

- Wrong things that people do
- People hide the truth about God

2. We often hear that God is loving. Is it possible that God can be both loving and angry? (Hint: think of God's love and justice) →



Verse 19: "God shows his anger **because** everything that may be known about God has been made clear. Yes, God has clearly shown people everything that may be known about him."

3. The above verse gives a clue as to why God is angry. So why is God angry? 明知故犯

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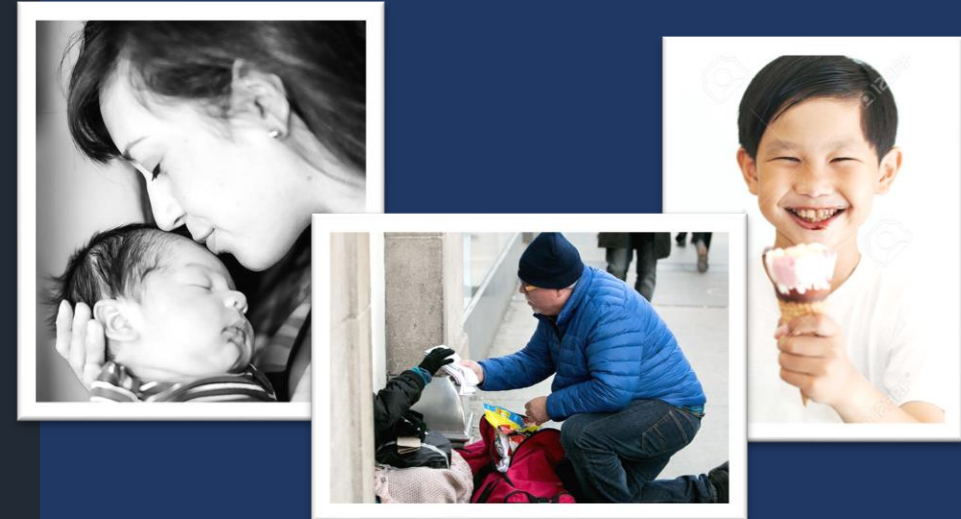
Since God is the Creator of all things seen and unseen, we will find evidence of Him around us

Wow...God made these



Galaxies, snowflakes,  
flowers and birds...

God made these too!



Love, compassion, kindness,  
happiness, etc. are "unseen"  
qualities but "easy to understand"

**With so much evidence of God's existence, is there any excuse for people to deny God?**



Verse 21-23: People knew God. But they did not give glory to God, and they did not thank him. Their thinking became useless. Their foolish minds were filled with darkness. They said they were wise, but they became fools. They gave up the glory of God who lives forever. They traded that glory for the worship of idols made to look like earthly people. They traded God's glory for things that look like birds, animals, and snakes.

## What is a slippery slope?



People know God but neither give him glory nor thank him

They fill their foolish minds with darkness instead of God

They give up the glory of God (i.e. give up God)

They worship idols instead of God

# Let talk about idols!

Remember last week's Catechism? Idols are those things we place ahead of God in our lives

These idols are well recognized.  
Can you tell what they are?



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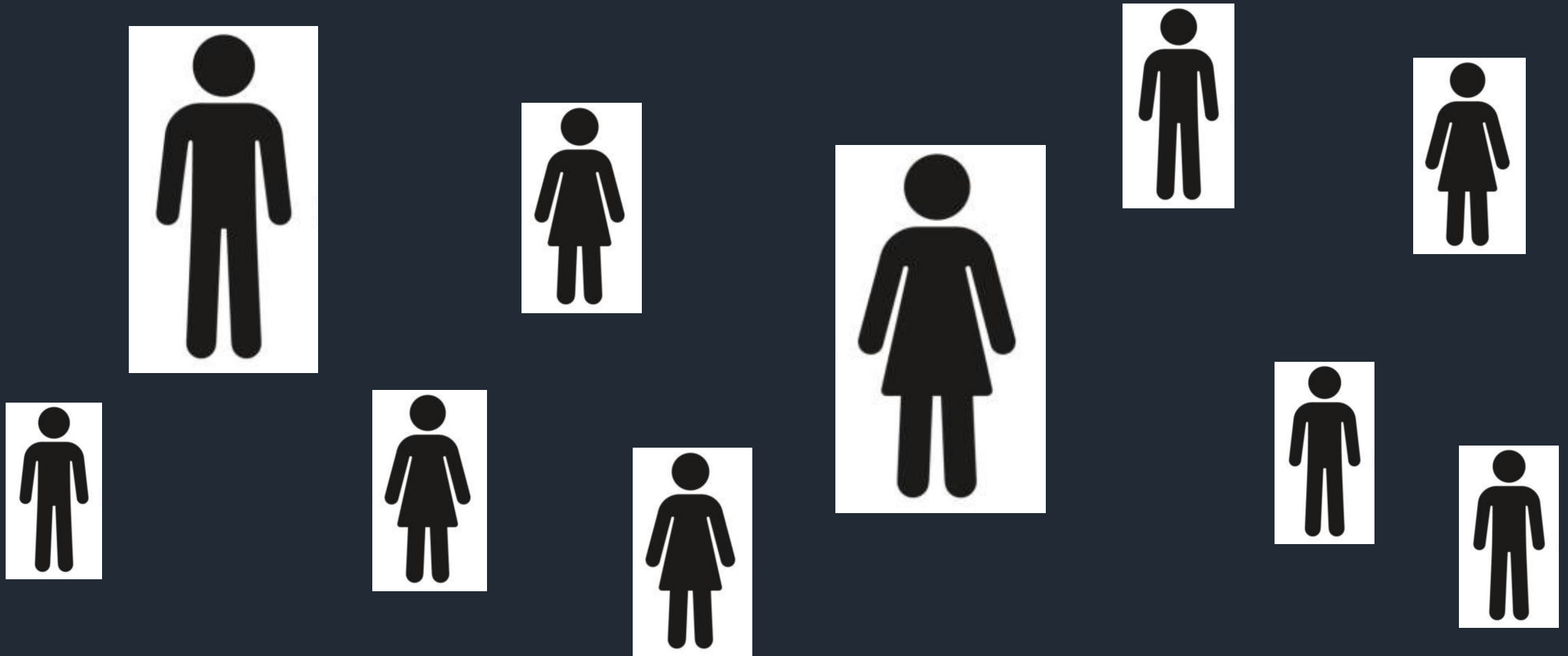
But good things may also become our idols. Can you tell what these are?



There is nothing wrong with money, education & entertainment. However they can become your idol if you are so fixed on "getting them" that you put them ahead of God in your life

# And even more shocking is that I can become my own idol !

In today's Me-Centred culture, I am my own idol if I follow my own desire to do whatever I feel like doing. Let's see what the bible says...



# Romans 1:24-27

People were full of sin, wanting only to do evil. So **God left them to follow their evil desires**, and they made one another's bodies impure by what they did. They traded the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served things that were made by man. But they did not worship and serve the God who made those things. God should be praised forever. Amen.

Because people did those things, **God left them and let them do the shameful things they wanted to do**. Women stopped having natural physical relations with men for what is unnatural. In the same way, men stopped having natural physical relations with women and began wanting each other. Men did shameful things with other men. And in their bodies they received the punishment for those wrongs.

People follow their own desires and destroy the foundation of human society that God put in place, e.g. marriage.



# The Slippery Slope of a Godless World Continues...

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They fill their foolish minds with darkness instead of *God*

They give up the glory of *God* (i.e. give up *God*)

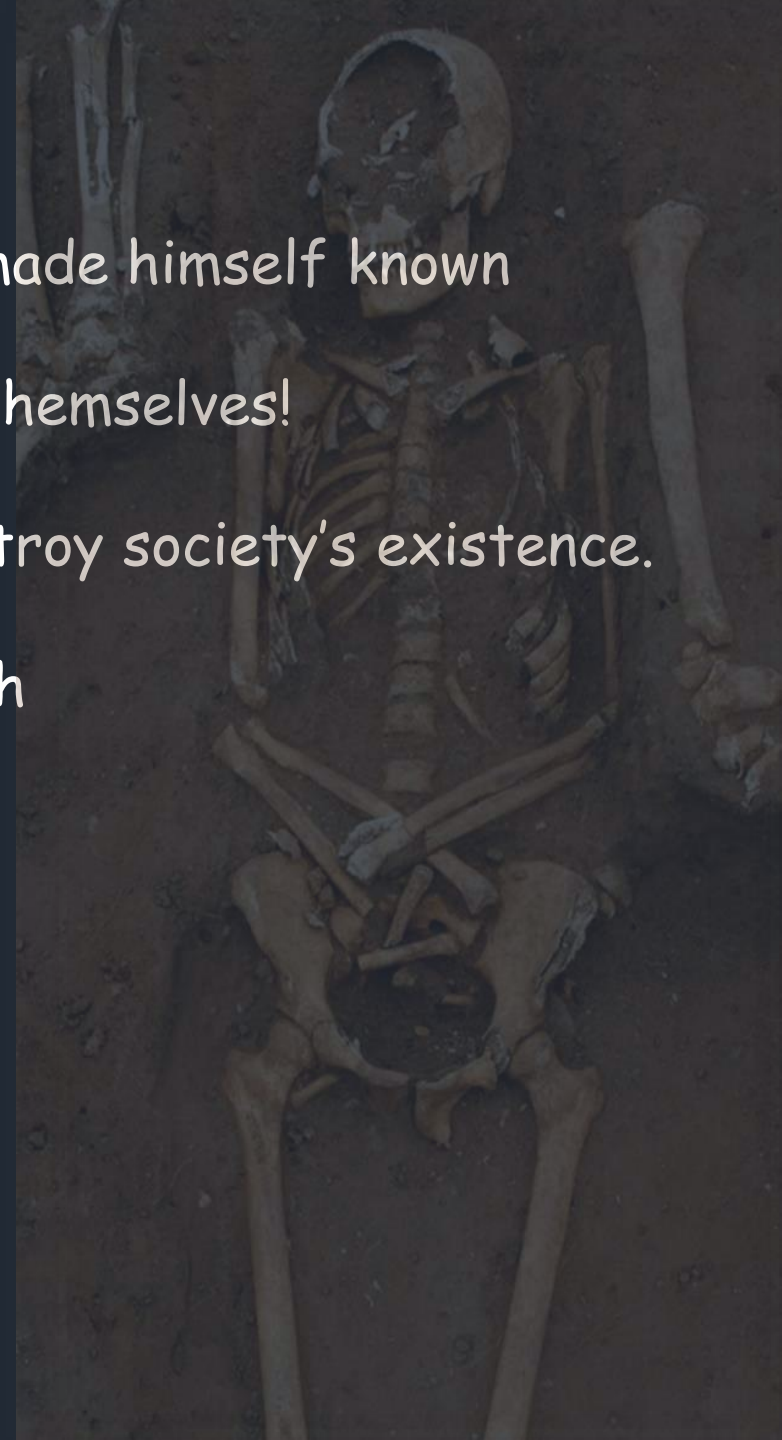
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God left them and let them do their shameful things

They receive penalty for their sins → **DEATH**

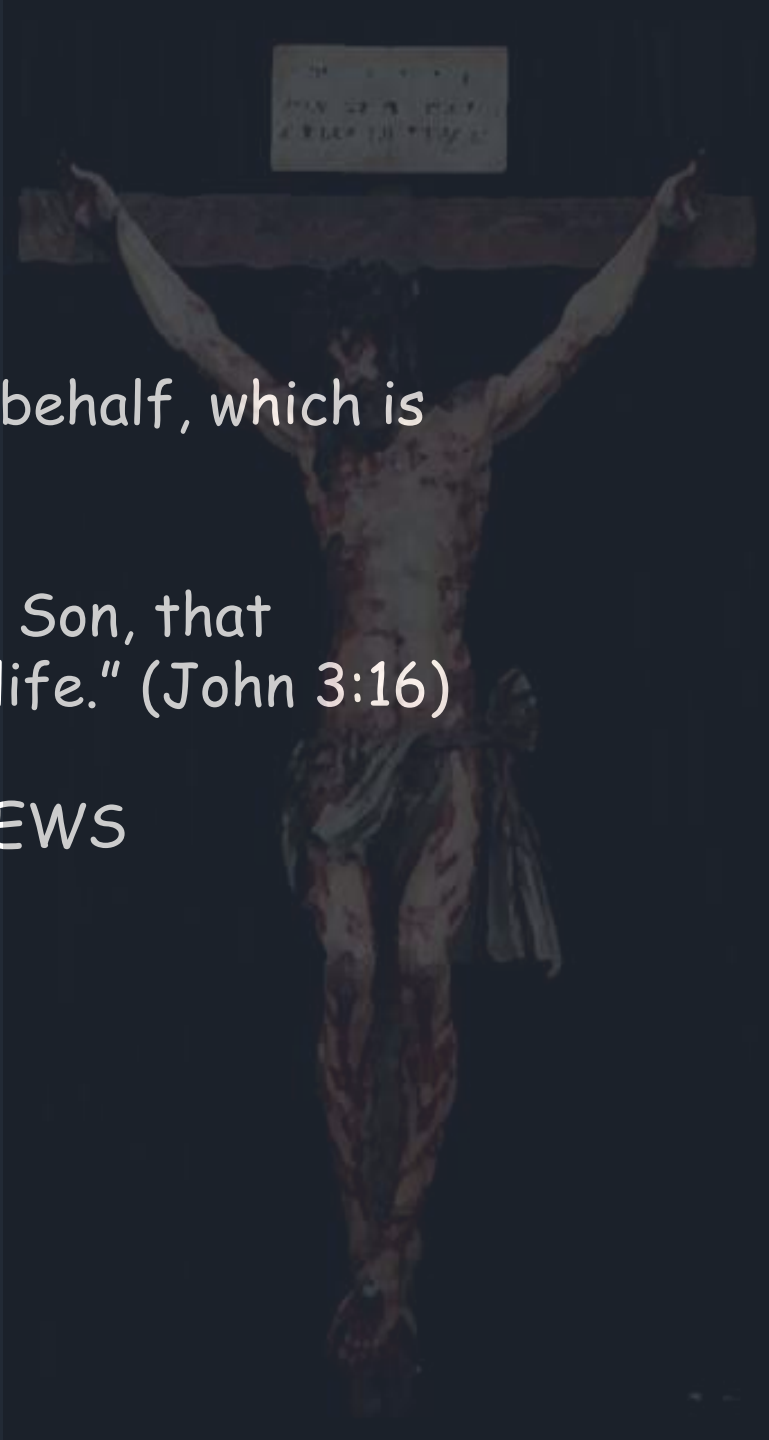
## So...Here is the BAD NEWS

- ❑ God is angry that people reject him even though He has made himself known
- ❑ People rebel and sin against God, worshipping idols, even themselves!
- ❑ So God left us to do our own things, even things that destroy society's existence.
- ❑ Our sins cause us to separate from God, resulting in death



## But...Here is the GOOD NEWS !

- ❑ Under God's justice, we deserve death
- ❑ Yet He loves us so much that He sent Jesus to die on our behalf, which is the GOOD NEWS!
- ❑ "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)
- ❑ The GOOD NEWS is the perfect antidote for the BAD NEWS
- ❑ Do you believe in the GOOD NEWS?



# *You can say this prayer to Jesus if you accept the GOOD NEWS*

Dear Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and that I need You to forgive me.

Thank you for dying a painful death so that my sins could be washed clean.

I invite You to be the Lord of my life.

I will trust and follow You.

Everything I have is Yours now.

In Your name I pray,

Amen.



# *Family Prayer Time*

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Jesus.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

# *The Servant King*



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