

*Family Worship*

*Knowing God*

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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.

# *What Child Is This*

<https://youtu.be/wO8qluGa-tM?t=28>

WHAT CHILD IS THIS  
SOVEREIGN GRACE

# *Catechism Time!*

Bible truths for teaching children

## Question 28

**Q:** What happens after death to those not united to Christ by faith?

**A:** They will be cast out from the presence of God, into hell, to be justly punished, forever.

**Bible verses (John 3:16-17; 3:36)**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.



Has Anyone Ever Seen God?

# Moses Tried...

(Exodus 33:17-23)

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will do what you ask. This is because I know you very well, and I am pleased with you."

Then Moses said, "Now, please show me your greatness."

The Lord answered,

"I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you.

I will announce my name, the Lord, so you can hear it.

I will show kindness to anyone I want to show kindness.

I will show mercy to anyone I want to show mercy.

**But you cannot see my face. No one can see me and stay alive.**

There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock.

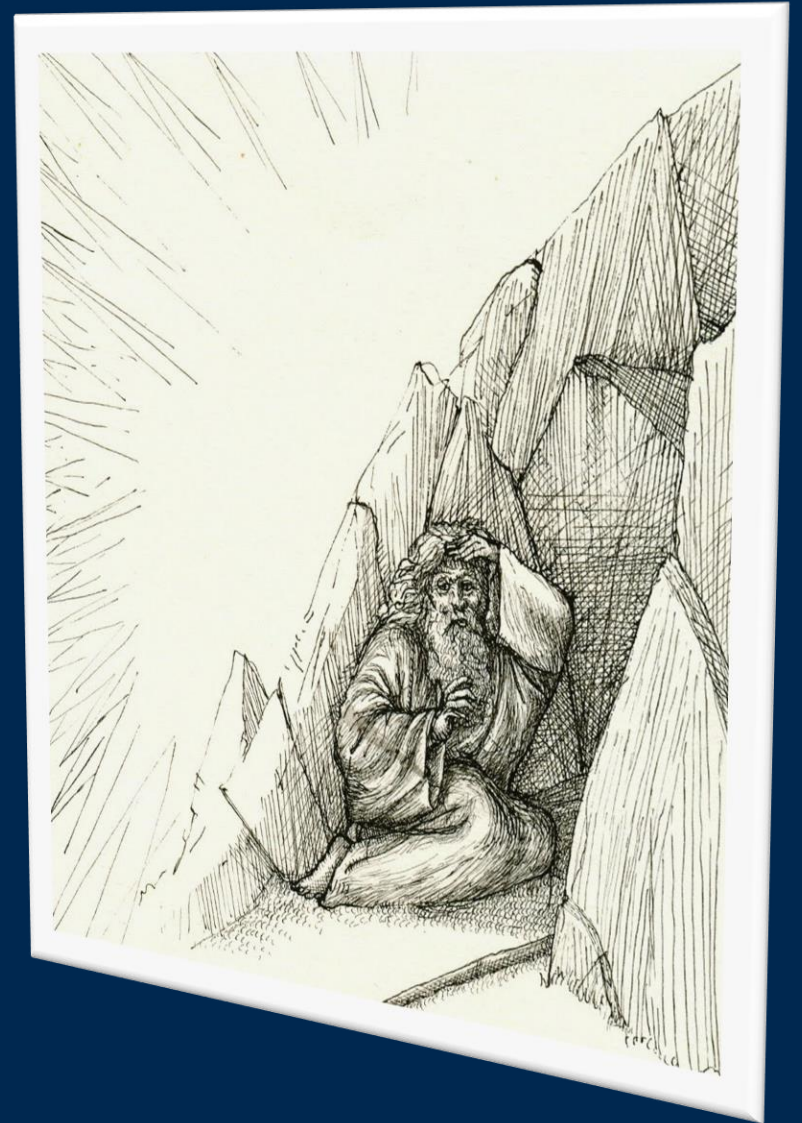
My greatness will pass that place.

I will put you in a large crack in that rock.

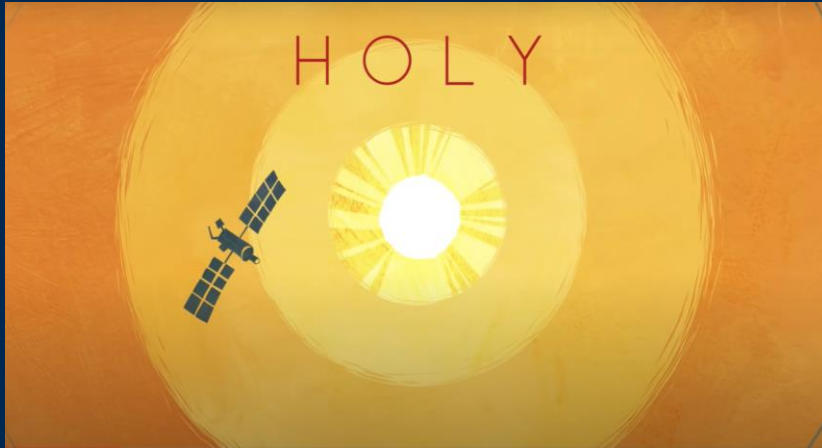
And I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

Then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back.

But my face must not be seen."



# Why didn't God allow Moses to See His Face?

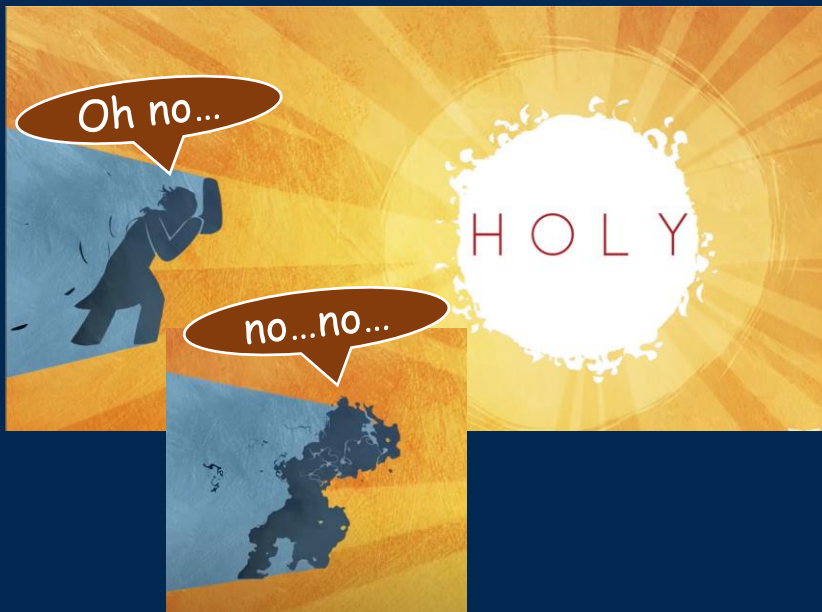


You See, God is so powerful and majestic and holy. It is like the sun. The sun is good, but it is also dangerous if you get too close. What happens when a satellite gets too close to the sun?

**Satellite:** *'Sir, we have a problem...'*

**NASA:** *'What problem?'*

**Satellite:** *'It's so hot! We are melt--i--n---g.....'*



God is holy.

'No one can see me and stay alive.'



Now God really wants everyone to know him.

Through his prophet Hosea, He said,

'Let's learn about the Lord.

Let's try hard to know who he is.' (Hosea 6:3)

But, hey, if we can't even see God,  
how can we ever know God?



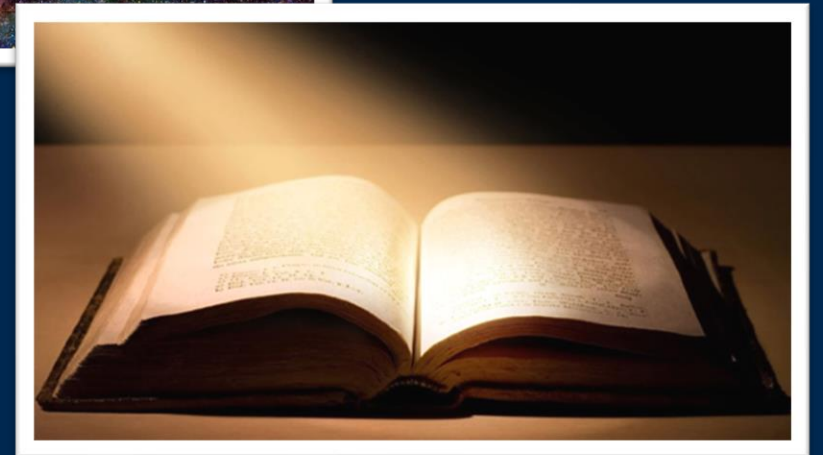
Let's examine two ways to "know" God

1. God's Creation

2. God's Word

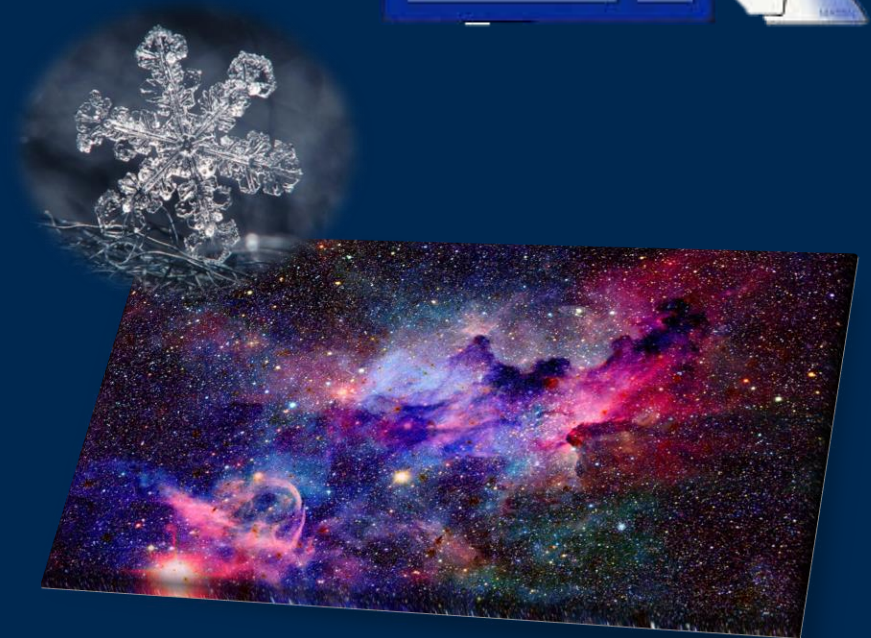


But can we really know God through  
His Creation and His Word?



# 1. Can We Know God Through His Creation?

- ❑ Auntie Matilda made a cake.
- ❑ Scientists can explain all the ingredients used in baking the cake, how long the cake has been in the oven, etc.
- ❑ But they can never get to know Auntie Matilda (the cake maker) just by studying the cake.
- ❑ Similarly, we can know about God by observing his creation, e.g. the universe he created is beautiful and orderly so God must be beautiful and orderly. But we can never know God just by studying his creation.



## 2. Can We Know God Through His Word?

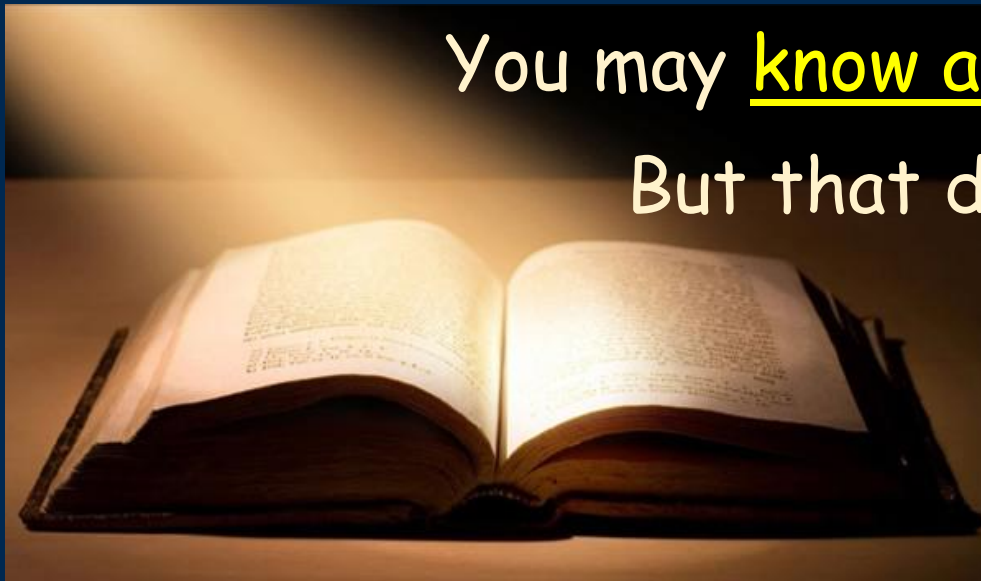
God gave us his Word, the Bible.

The Bible says a lot about God -

Who He is, what He desires and how we can approach Him.

You may know about God by studying the Bible.

But that doesn't mean that you know God.



We can **know about** God through His Creation and the Bible.

Then what is the difference between knowing about God and knowing God?





- ❖ In the Bible, to know means to understand or perceive, like we normally use the word "know" in English.
- ❖ But "to know someone" means to have a **relationship** with a person, like the relationship between two friends.
- ❖ So, to know God is to have a relationship with God.
- ❖ The Bible tells us that we can have a relationship with God only through **Jesus**.
- ❖ We have to repent for our sins, accept Jesus' death for our salvation and invite Jesus into our lives. Then we will begin a relationship with God.

# Jesus is the Key to Knowing the Father

Jesus told his disciples:

1. 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (Jn 14:6)
2. Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. (John 14:9)
3. 'I and the Father are one.' (John 10:30)



Jesus is God who became human. He reveals to us God's love, grace, truth, compassion, mercy, kindness, patience, power, faithfulness, protection, etc.

# Jesus is the Key to Knowing the Father

Jesus is God who became human.

When we see Jesus we see God the Father.

Through Jesus we not only know about God but can have a relationship with God.



# Different Levels of Knowing God

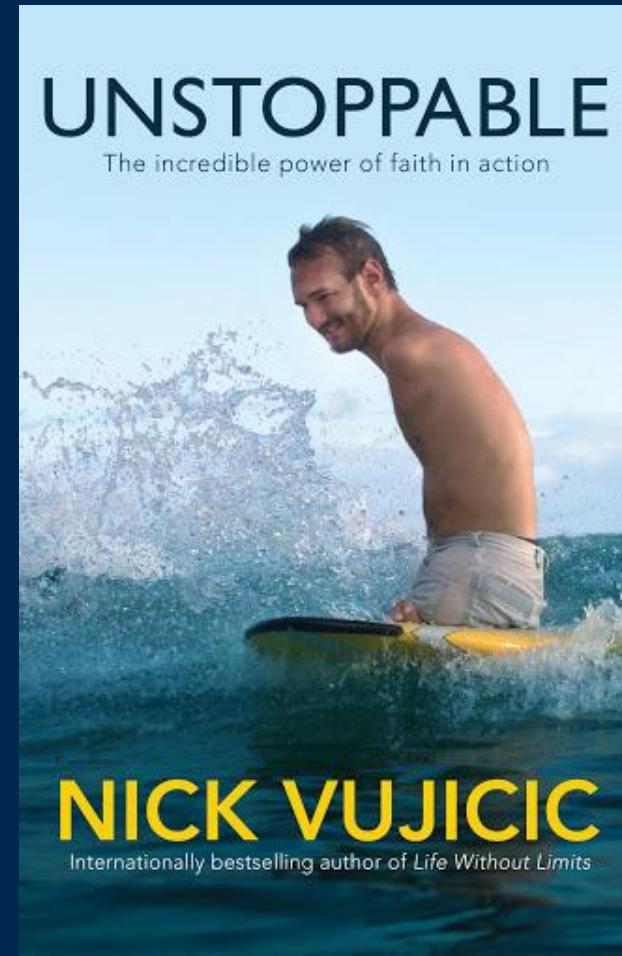
Even if you know God, there are different levels of knowing Him.

1. You come to God only when you need help (e.g. exam, sickness...)
2. You try to be obedient to God → don't lie, don't pick fights with others, respect your parents, forgive others, etc.
3. You talk to and listen to God through regular prayer, learning His word, loving and obeying Him, trusting and thanking Him for everything.

# Family Discussion

1. Moses was so close to God that the Bible says God spoke with him as a friend. But why didn't God allow Moses to see Him?
2. Here are some of Jesus' big claims. Say in your own words what they mean.
  - I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
  - Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.
  - I and the Father are one.
3. Explain the difference between "knowing about someone" and "knowing someone". Give an example of a person you know about and a person you know.
4. Do you know about God through your parents, or do you know God personally?
5. Which level of knowing God are you at (See previous page)?
  - Let us all have a living relationship with God through regular prayer, learning His word, loving and obeying Him, trusting and thanking Him for everything.

Let's Meet Nick.  
He was born without arms and legs.



# Knowing God

## Life Without Limbs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7vFvU6a8CY>



# *Family Prayer Time*

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Him.
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 Greatest Thing In All My Life*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uky8L85rk4I>

THE GREATEST THING IN ALL MY LIFE

