

KIDS CATECHISM

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Parent to child(ren): "Today, we're going to talk about "the news." Doesn't that sound exciting? ☺ Do you know what the "news" is? If I tell you that I'm going to go watch the news, what kind of things will I be watching?"

When the word "news" was first used, it was used to mean, "to tell something new." However, many people believe that the word "news" originally came from the 4 points on the compass - N for north, E for east, W for west, and S for South. They say the real meaning of the word "news" is "things going on all around the world."

Today, we call a person who reports the news an anchorman or a newscaster. But do you know who the first Newscaster ever was? God was the world's first newscaster! And still today, God has news that He wants to tell to all mankind. It is "news" because it is "new." Many people haven't yet heard it and some have heard it wrongly. It is also news because it is shared "around the world."

At Calvary Chapel, we are studying a book of the Bible that teaches us about God's news for the world. That book of the Bible is called Romans. This week, I'm going to ask you some questions and help you learn the answers about the news God has for mankind.

Q1 What is the news God has for man called in the Bible?

A. God's news for man is called, "*the gospel.*"

Q2 What does the word "gospel" mean?

A. The word "gospel" means, "*good news.*"

Q3. What is the "good news" God has for the world?

A. That *every man, woman and child can be delivered from God's coming wrath through His Son, Jesus Christ.*

Q4. What is God's wrath?

A. *His righteous anger against sinners.*

Q5 Why will God's wrath come upon the world one day?

A. *Because of the godlessness and wickedness of people who push the truth of God away.*

* *Italicized words* are shortened answers for smaller children. Older children should memorize the complete answers.

Scriptures to teach & to help your child(ren) hide in their hearts

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Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

Romans 1:18, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness."

Romans 1:21, "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified [him] not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

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Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes..."

Romans 1:18, "But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who push the truth away from themselves."

Romans 1:21, "Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. The result was that their minds became dark and confused."

----- Suggested Memory Work -----

Up to age 6 / answers only

Ages 7-9 / answers plus scripture a.

Ages 10-12 / answers plus scriptures a. & b.

Ages 13 & up / answers plus scriptures a., b. & c.

NOTE TO DADS: At least one day this week, sit and read **Romans 1** with your children and talk to them about the message of the chapter. By reading God's Word to them and passing on to them the things God is teaching you at Calvary Chapel, you will be discipling your own children; equipping them to be strong in the Lord and mighty in His Word!