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Catechism Homework 2018-2019

*“****Train*** *children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won’t depart from it.”*

*– Proverbs 22:6*

“The Four G’s: Grace”

Family homework for the First Year of Catechism will take you through something we call **“THE FOUR G’s.”** These four words beginning with the letter “G” sum up the whole story of the Bible and our faith: **Good**, **Guilt**, **Grace**, and **Gratitude**. With your son or daughter complete the ICE-BREAKER QUESTION and then read the Scripture Passage. Complete the True/False Questions and then talk through the short answer topics. Parents can write down the answers for their kids.

**Background for Parents: Grace**

God could look at our guilty situation and punish us severely. God could look at our messed-up, broken world and wipe the slate clean and start again. Instead, God gives us unmerited love and forgiveness called GRACE. We see this in a variety of places in the Bible (God saves Noah and his family during the flood, God saves the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt, etc.) but we see it the most clearly when God sent God’s Son Jesus Christ into the world to save us. Jesus died for our sins and rose again from the dead to show us that we are saved from death too. This is GRACE.

**ICE-BREAKER Question:** **Have you ever tried to do something but failed at it? What are some examples of this? How did you feel when you failed?**

Parent:

Student:

**From the Bible:**

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”

**Ephesians 2:8**

16God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won’t perish but will have eternal life. 17God didn’t send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

**John 3:16-17**

**After reading the Scripture lesson together answer these TRUE/FALSE questions:**

We have to do something to earn God’s love for us. TRUE or FALSE.

God’s only Son is named David. TRUE or FALSE.

God made everything GOOD in the beginning and we messed it up. Through Jesus, God is making the world GOOD again. TRUE or FALSE.

God really, really wants to judge the world, so God sent Jesus to the world. TRUE or FALSE.

(Answers: T, F, T, F)

**“Grace” means that we are given something amazing and good that we don’t deserve. It’s like a present we receive on Christmas or our birthday that we didn’t work for. Why do you think God gives us grace?**

Parent:

Student: