

# Family Together Card



**NEW CITY**  
**Catechism**

## **This week we are on Question 13!**

This year as a whole church family we are doing the New City Catechism. A Catechism is just a way to learn truths about God together through questions and answers. There are books, Web and Mobile Apps to accompany it. The website is [www.newcitycatechism.com](http://www.newcitycatechism.com). Each question has a Bible verse, prayer, commentary (for adults) and song (aimed at kids) to accompany it!

This side has some questions for adults and teens to reflect on and the suggested prayer for this week. The other side has this week's question and answer on, it also has some ideas for families to use to think more about this week's topic.

- **When do you break God's law?**
- **Do you think it's fair that everyone is guilty before God?**
- **How would you respond to someone who said "I am a good person, and I don't deserve to be punished by God. Only people like Hitler deserve that."**
- **How can you praise Jesus, that he takes the punishment we deserve?**

Holy God, left to our own devices, we transgress your law at every turn.

We have no defence, but must plead guilty before your throne of judgment. Your law condemns us and cuts through our pretensions to righteousness, convincing us that we desperately need a Saviour. Amen.



## Question:

**Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?**

## Answer:

**Since the fall, no human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly.**

### **What's the worst**

Make a list of all the crimes you can think of. Once you've got a list put them in order from the least offensive to the most offensive. Ask them where they would put themselves on the list. They might say they've not done any of those crimes! Reassure them you know they haven't broken the law! But ask them whether they've broken God's law. Where would they be on the list now? We're all equally guilty! We should all be right at the top! We can't keep God's Law and so we need someone who did perfectly keep it!

### **Perfect Score**

Ask your children how they did on their last test at school, did they get 100%? If they did, ask do they always get 100%? If you have young children ask if they think your house is dirty or clean. Even if it is tidy, have a look for some dust, maybe on top of a shelf or under the sofa. It's not perfect. We aren't always perfect. With tests it's fine that we just try our best. When it comes to God's law we need to keep it perfectly, but we can't. God will punish those who have broken his law. But Jesus did keep it perfectly and Jesus takes our place for that punishment for those who trust in him.