

# Family Together Card



## NEW CITY Catechism

### **This week we are on Question 14!**

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.

- **Why does Adam's action in the garden of Eden, affect us today?**
- **How do you see the sin in your own life?**
- **How do you feel that we are born unable to keep God's law?**
- **How does Jesus save us?**
- **How does Jesus change us?**

Merciful Lord, we are corrupt in our very natures. We are sons and daughters of the first Adam who desire what you forbid. Give us a new nature through new birth in Christ, the second Adam, that we might be able to keep your law in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## Question:

**Did God create us unable to keep his law?**

## Answer:

**No, but because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, we are all born in sin and guilt, unable to keep God's law.**

### **Inheritance**

Ask your children what they inherited from you. Hair and eye colour? Mannerisms? If your children are younger maybe draw a picture or talk this through with them in a way they can understand. We inherited something from Adam. We inherit a sinful nature.

### **Infected**

Get some red stickers, and stick them on one of your child's toys. Get some other toys out and if the infected toy touches them they get stickers on them too. You could have one toy who is the only one who can get rid of the infection. When an infected toy touches this toy, they can take the stickers off.

Explain that we are infected with sin, because we inherit a sinful nature from Adam. This means we are unable to keep God's perfect law. This is true for everyone. Talk about how you sin and talk about how your children sin, each share some ways that you do this. BUT through one person we can be saved! Through Jesus. With older children you could listen to "And Can it Be" by Charles Wesley. The third verse talks about Jesus saving "Adam's helpless race". And use this to talk about what Jesus has done for us.