

# COOKIE CRUMBS CATECHISM

**Biblical Basics for Littles** 



#### **PARENT / TEACHER CORNER:**

Parents/teachers, feel free to choose as many activities as you and your student are able and willing to do. Every family is different so don't feel pressure to try to complete all of the activities, but if you're child is engaged, go for it!

GOAL	Introduce & memorize Q&A 3
THEME	God created all things to show how wonderful He is & therefore we get to know & enjoy who He is.
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:19-20; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Psalm 8; Psalm 72:19
CATECHISM	Q3: Why did God make you and all things? A3: For his own glory.
MATERIALS	a tea candle or lighter, a small or weak flashlight, a bright flashlight; best to be done in a room with curtains or near a place where you can go outdoors.

### SUNDAY MORNING

#### **OPENING:**

**Pray** together (to the tune of Frere Jacques):

"Thank you God, Thank you God, for to-day, for to-day; and your many blessings, and your many blessings. A-men. "

**Listen/sing** this week's song: "Q1-3" from "Ask Me Whooo" by Diana Beach Batarseh

# "Q: Why did God make you & all things? A: For His own glory."

#### **INTRODUCE & REVIEW:**

(Review previous week's Q&A) Read question & answer aloud the 1st time (use hand motions if helpful). Have them repeat it with you the 2nd time. The 3rd time, ask them the question, & have them answer (help if needed).

#### **LESSON:**

**SAY/READ**: We learn about God in the Bible. The Bible is God's word to us. In the Bible we learn that God made all things & when he was done making everything, He called His creation "VERY GOOD!"

But WHY did God create it? Today we learn that He created it for His own glory. In other words, God created all things to share how wonderful & amazing He is; for us to know & enjoy who He is.

Have you ever made a painting, or colored a pretty picture? When you were done, did you hide it & put it where nobody could see? Or did you go show someone in your family? You showed someone! Or how about when you see the big, bright shining moon - do you get excited & tell someone? You do! That's because when you see something amazing or do something that shows what you can do, you want to share that with someone and share that happy feeling with them; you want for them to see what you did & to celebrate it with you!

When we see what God has made, we see a part of who God is because it shows us His power, creativity, love & amazingness! He created all things to show how amazing He is & as a result we can know who He is & share His joy with Him & with others. Thank you God for your amazing creation!



**OBJECT LESSON:** "Light + God's Glory"

MATERIAL(S): a tea candle or lighter, a small or weak flashlight, a bright flashlight; best to be done in a room with curtains or near a place where you can go outdoors.



**SAY:** When we say that God created all things for His glory, we mean that when He created everything, it shined a big BRIGHT LIGHT on how amazing God is.

**ASK**: Now, what if I turned out all the lights. Could you see anything in a dark room? (No!) Could you tell me who or what was in the room? (no)

< Hold up your lighter/candle >

**ASK**: Now, what if you had this candle/lighter (light the candle/lighter) in a dark room, could you see better? (Turn out room light if they won't get too scared)

**SAY:** Of course it would help a little bit, but we might still trip over a few things, right?

< Turn on a dim/small flashlight & blow out the candle/lighter >

**ASK**: What about now? Can we see a little bit better? Sure! The power of this light is a bit stronger than the tiny candle so we can see a little bit more, but not much.

< Turn on a great big flashlight & turn off dim/small flashlight >

**ASK:** Whoa! What about now? Can we see more? Sure! The power of THIS great big flashlight is way stronger than the tiny candle or that little flashlight. But I think we have something WAY better.

< Either take them outside in the sunshine, or open up the curtains >

**SAY:** Oh my goodness! It's not dark at all anymore! We can see everything so much clearly now! Look how amazing everything is!

**ASK:** So, what is shining the light so much brighter than our candle or flashlights? (The sun!)

**SAY:** That's right! Wow!! Look at how amazing and bright the sun is! We can see everything so much better and enjoy all that is around us so much more!

CONCLUDE: When we say that God created all things for His glory, we mean that when He created everything, it shined a big BRIGHT LIGHT on how amazing God is & now we get to enjoy Him! Just like when you compare sunlight to a candle or flashlight, the sunlight helps us see so much more! Through His creation & through Him making us, we get to see how strong He is, how creative He is, & how wonderful He is! More than anything else we could ever know! Creation shows us how AWESOME God is! (read scripture below)

**SCRIPTURE**: Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork"

**REVIEW: Q2:** Why did God make you and all things?

A2: For his own glory.



Below are a few songs, stories, activities, etc. to help reinforce the lesson & theme throughout your daily lives. Feel free to choose as many or as few activities as you and your little are able and willing to do. Every family is different so don't feel pressure to try to complete all of the activities, but if you're child is engaged, go for it!

#### SING:

"Q1-3" from "Ask Me Whooo" by Diana Beach Batarseh

"Sing" by Ellie Holcomb, Sing

"My God is So Big" by Veggie Tales

"The Heavens are Telling (Psalm 19)" by Rain for Roots, All Creatures

#### **READ/WATCH:**

- + Read Exodus 33:18-23, 34:29-35 or recount the story of Moses seeing God's glory in your own words for your little to understand.
- + "<u>Creation</u>" from The Tiny Truths Illustrated Bible (free digital copy available on Amazon Prime) or a creation story from a bible story book from home.

+ "To Make Your Heart Sing!" from "Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing" by Sally LLoyd-Jones

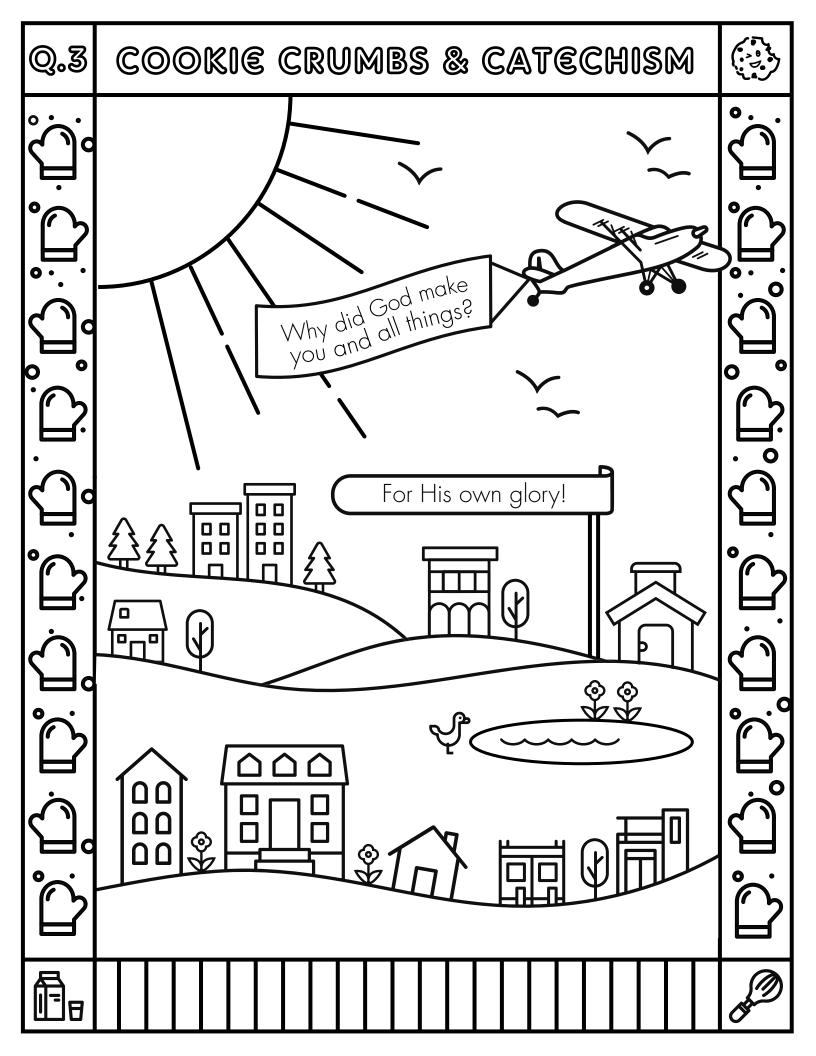
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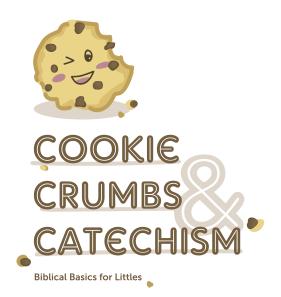
**Practice** reciting this week's catechism during your meals together this week.

Bake our cookie of the week recipe with your little. Take the time to talk about the lesson, about God's glory (i.e. "Look at these fun party cookies we are making this week; they kinda look like they are meant for us to celebrate & enjoy them, don't they? Did you know that we get to celebrate & enjoy God everyday? He created everything we see & we get to praise Him for it! How wonderful is God!", etc.). Enjoy the messy, but special time together!

**For older littles**: Clear out a room of obstacles that you could trip over, turn out the lights, & play flashlight tag. Or you can make a pretend flashlight together as seen here.

**For younger littles**: Get out some flashlights & make shadow puppets one afternoon.





**YOUR NAME HERE** 



## **RECIPE BOOK**





# Why did God make you & all things?



For His own glory.



#### **FUNFETTI COOKIES**



#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 2 and 1/8 cups (300 g) all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon fine salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks/227 g) unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
- 2/3 cup (130 g) granulated sugar
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup (85 g) powdered sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup sprinkles (or up to 2/3 cup)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350F/180C. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Set aside.
- 2. In a medium bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, and salt. Set aside.
- 3. In a mixer bowl fitted with the paddle attachment, beat butter, granulated sugar,

- and powdered sugar on medium-low speed for 4 minutes.
- Beat in egg and vanilla extract just until combined. Add flour mixture and beat just until combined. Mix in sprinkles. Do not overmix.
- 5. Shape dough into balls, the size of 1.5 tablespoons each, and place on the cookie sheets, spacing them 2-inches apart.
- 6. Bake for 11-12 minutes until cookies just begin to brown at the edges, but the center is still soft (you don't want to overbake them).
- Allow cookies to cool on the baking sheet for 5-10 minutes, then gently transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.
- 8. Store cookies at room temperature in an airtight container for up to 3 days. Cookies can also be frozen for up to 2 months.

Cookie Recipe: Pretty Simply Sweet