



Family Devotional #6 – Why We Need a Savior

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Big Truth:

Q: Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?

A: Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly, but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.

Bible Focus:

"None is righteous, no, not one;

no one understands;

no one seeks for God.

All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;

no one does good, not even one."

— Romans 3:10–12

Let's Think About It:

Last time we talked about how we glorify God—by loving Him and doing what He says. That's a good and beautiful thing. But here's the hard truth: **none of us do it perfectly.**

God's law isn't just helpful advice—it's a command. He tells us to love Him with all our heart, soul, and strength. To love others as ourselves. To tell the truth. To honor our parents. To forgive our enemies.

But we don't.

Sometimes we think things we shouldn't. Sometimes we say things that are mean or untrue. And sometimes we do things that we know are wrong. That's breaking God's law in **thought, word, and deed**—and every single person has done it. Yes, even Mom and Dad.

Imagine your parents tell you to clean your room—not just because they want it tidy, but because it's good for you, it teaches responsibility, and it's their rule. Now imagine ignoring them day after day. Eventually, there would be a consequence.

God's law works like that too—but the consequences are far more serious. Sin separates us from God. Not just now, but forever. The Bible says the consequence of sin is death—**eternal separation from the One we were made for.**



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That's why this truth is so important: **we cannot save ourselves**. We need help. We need hope. **We need a Savior.**

And guess what? God knew that. That's why He sent Jesus—not just to tell us what to do, but to do what we couldn't. Jesus obeyed perfectly, even when it cost Him everything.

This isn't just bad news—it's the beginning of the best news in the world.

Family Discussion:

Take turns answering these questions together:

- Why is it important to understand that we can't keep God's law perfectly?
- What are some ways we break God's law in thought, word, or deed?
- How should knowing we can't be perfect make us feel?
- Why does this make Jesus' perfect obedience so amazing?

Try This Together!

Object Lesson – “The Impossible Target”

Create a simple target on the wall using paper or tape. Mark a “bullseye” in the center. Then, stand far across the room and give everyone a soft object (like a sock or paper ball) to throw at the target.

No one can hit it perfectly from that far away.

Explain: “Trying to keep God's law perfectly is like trying to hit the bullseye from here. We can't do it no matter how hard we try. But Jesus did. He hit the target perfectly—for us.”

Say together:

“We miss the mark—but Jesus never did.”

Closing Prayer:

One person can pray, or take turns saying parts aloud: *“Father, we confess that we've broken Your law in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions. We need Your mercy. Thank You for sending Jesus to do what we couldn't do—to obey perfectly and rescue us. Help us trust Him more and more. Amen.”*