

New City Catechism

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Ask your kids if they think anyone can keep the law of God revealed in the 10 Commandments perfectly and why. Then go on to reveal today's Q and A.

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What does Paul say about this issue? Do you agree with Paul?

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Read Jeremiah 17:9.

What does this verse say about about the rood of our problem?

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