

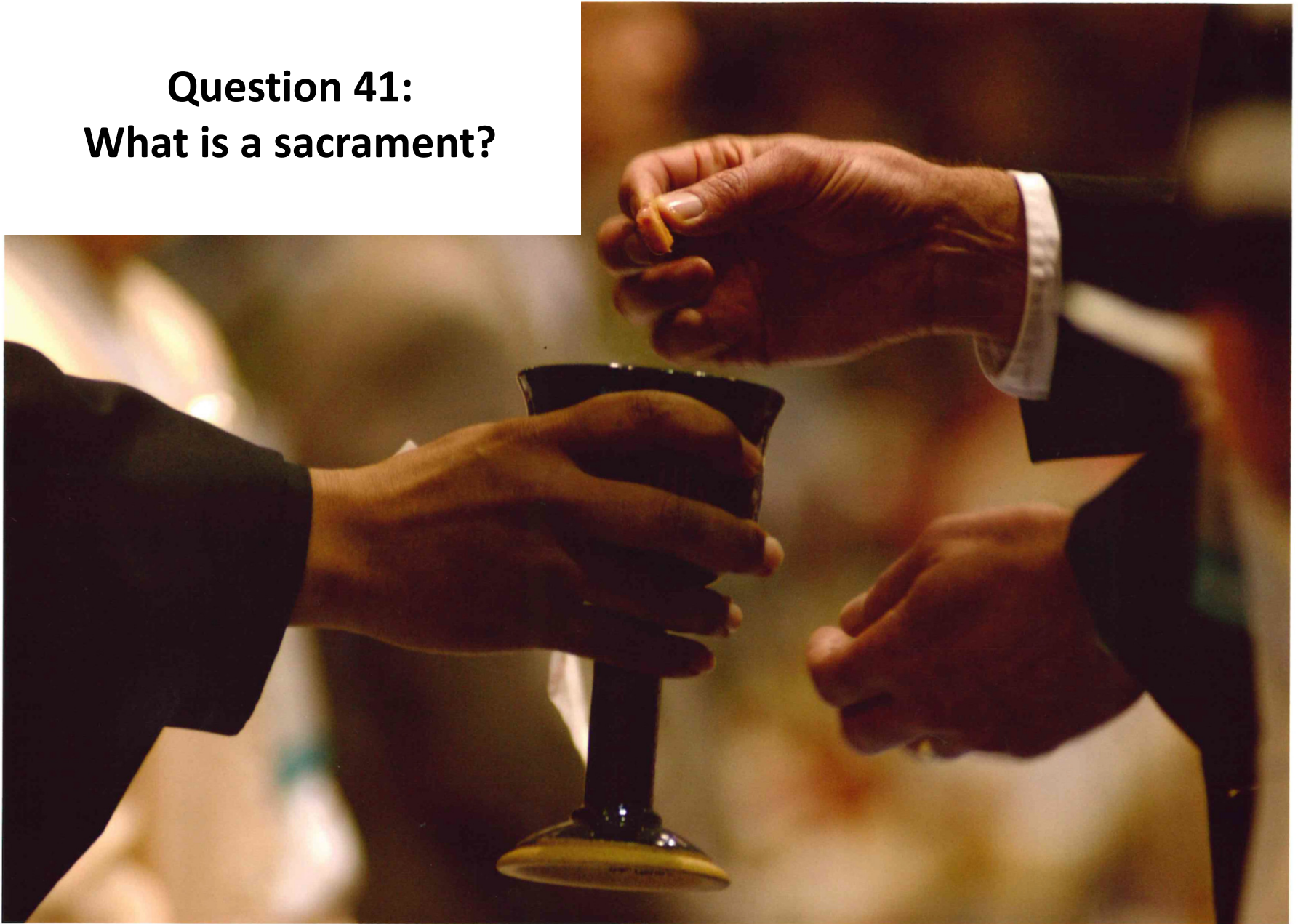
Belonging to God: A First Catechism

Questions 41-50 for Bible Buddies
& We Believe Kids!

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**Question 41:
What is a sacrament?**



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A sacrament is a special act of Christian worship which uses visible signs to present God's grace for us in Jesus Christ. We believe that two sacraments were given by Jesus: baptism and the Lord's Supper.



**Question 42:
What is baptism?**



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Through baptism I am adopted and welcomed into God's family. In the water of baptism I share in the dying and rising of Jesus, who washes away my sins. I am made one with him, and with all who are joined to him in the church.



Question 43. Why are you
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Because of the command Jesus gave to his disciples. After he was raised from the dead, he appeared to them, saying: "Go . . . and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19).



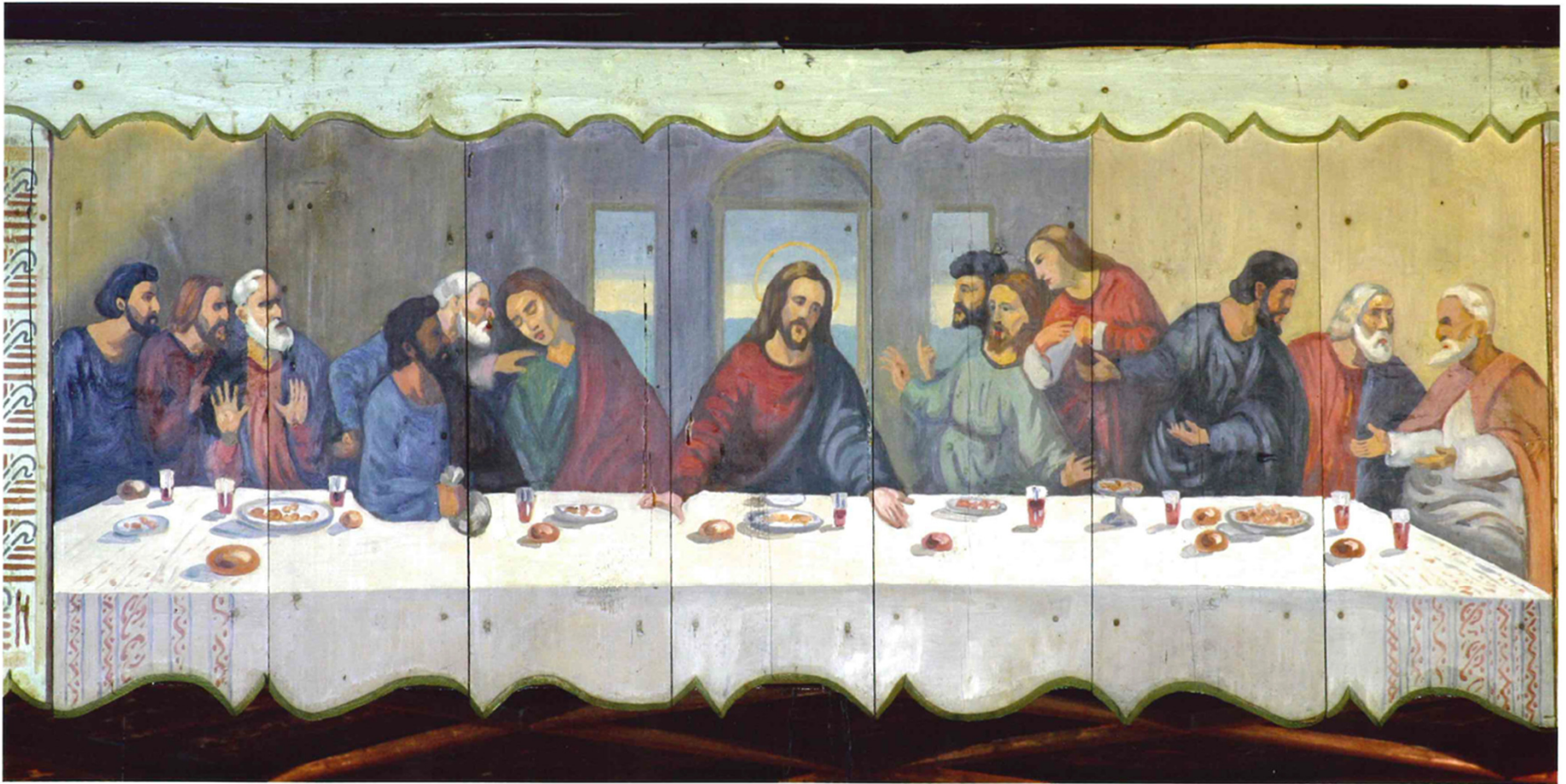
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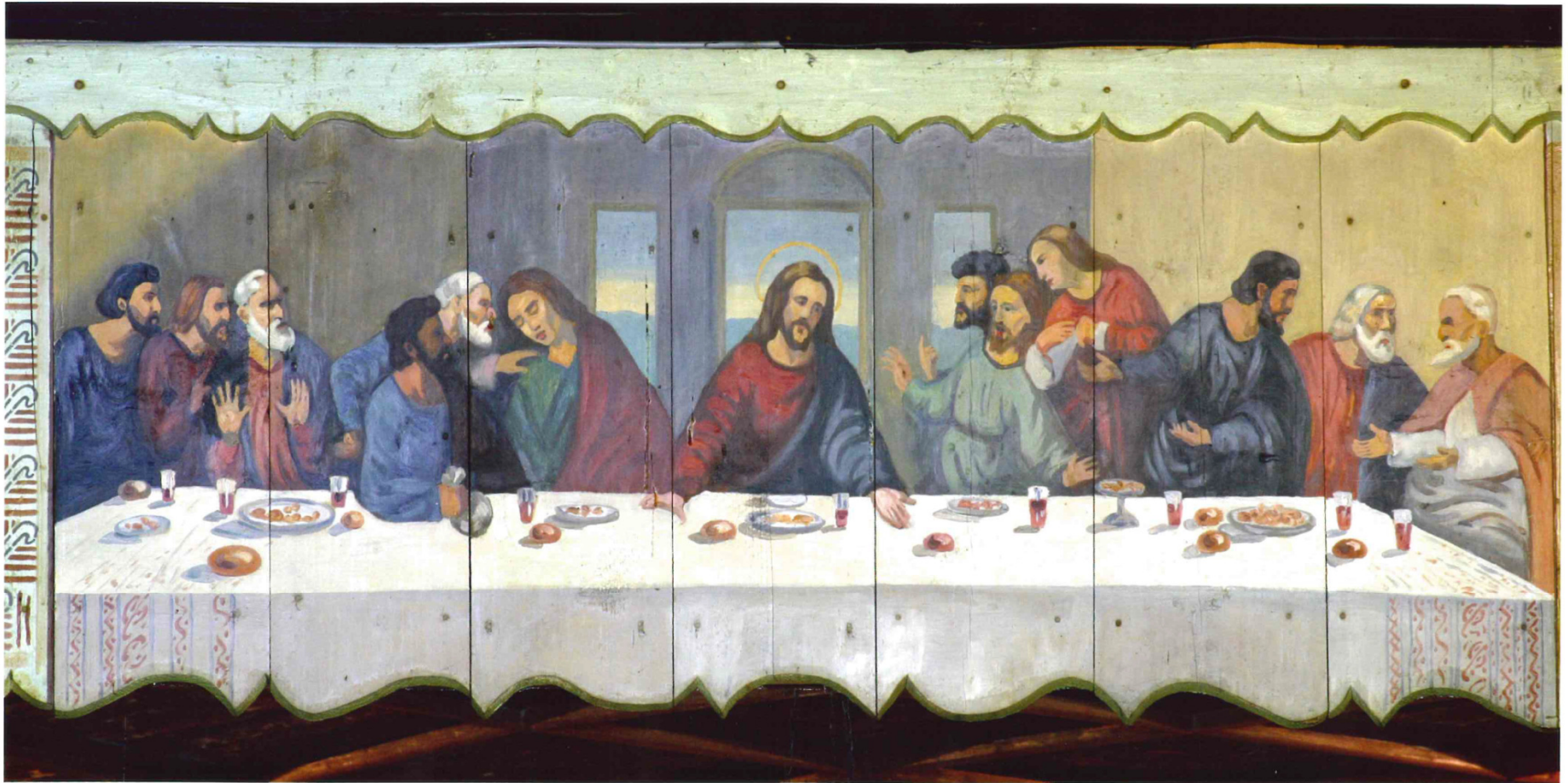
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It is the name of the Holy Trinity. The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. And yet they are not three gods, but one God in three persons. We worship God in this mystery.





Question 45. What is the Lord's Supper?



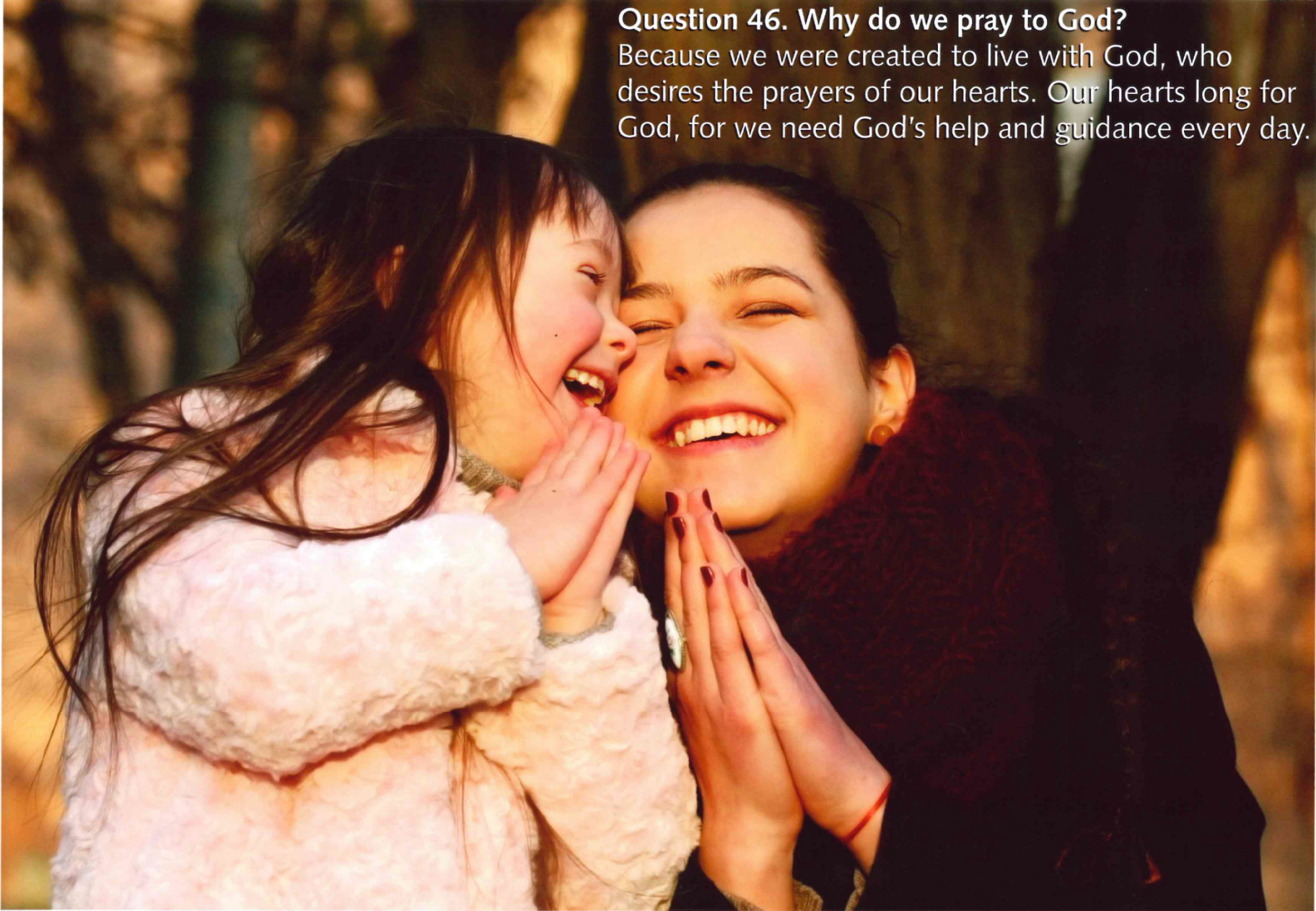
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In the Lord's Supper I am fed at the table of God's family. Through the bread that I eat and the cup that I drink, the Lord offers me his body and blood. He renews my faith, and gives me the gift of eternal life. As I remember that he died for all, and therefore also for me, I feed on him in my heart by faith with thanksgiving.



Question 46:
Why do we pray to God?

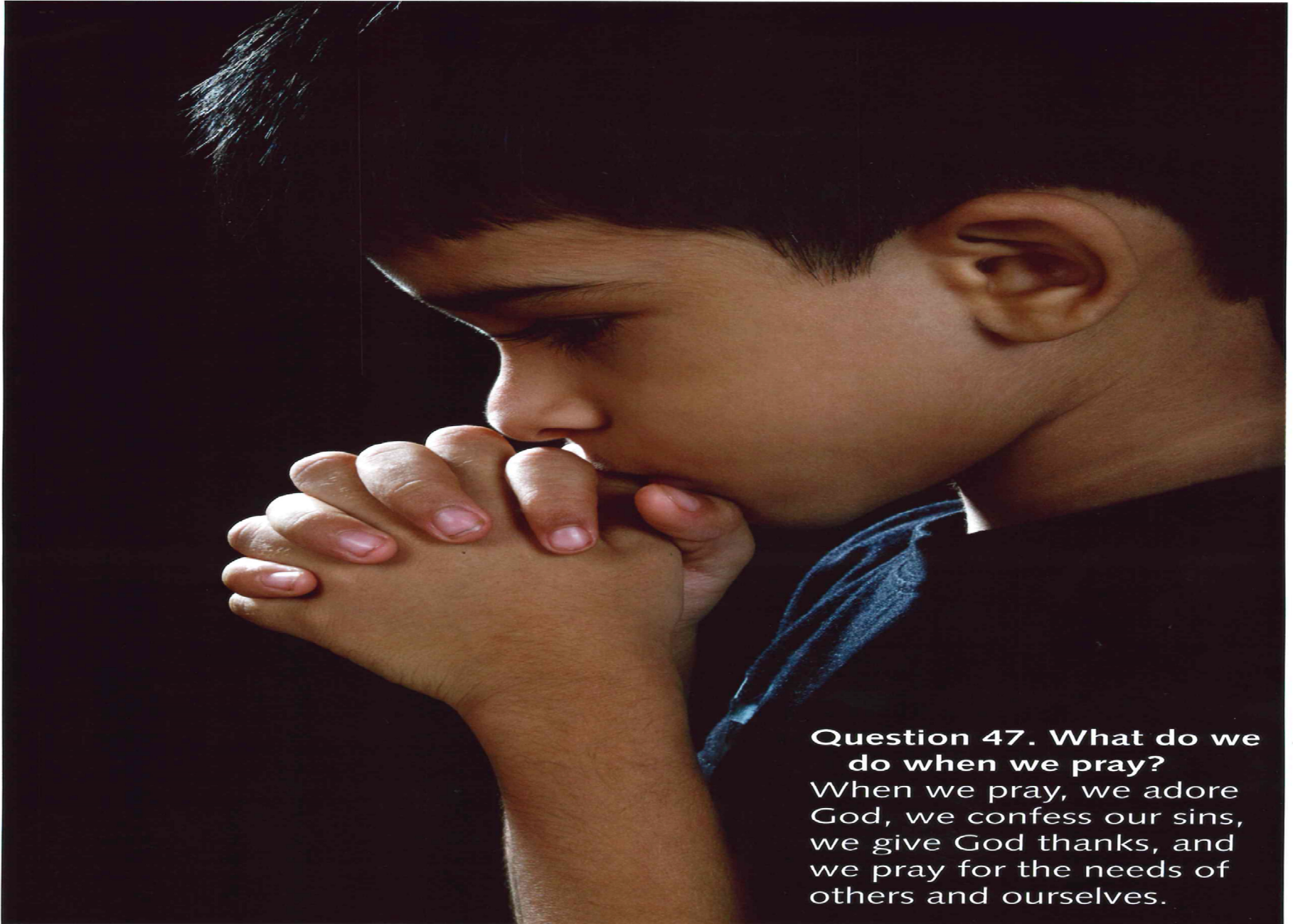




Question 46. Why do we pray to God?
Because we were created to live with God, who desires the prayers of our hearts. Our hearts long for God, for we need God's help and guidance every day.

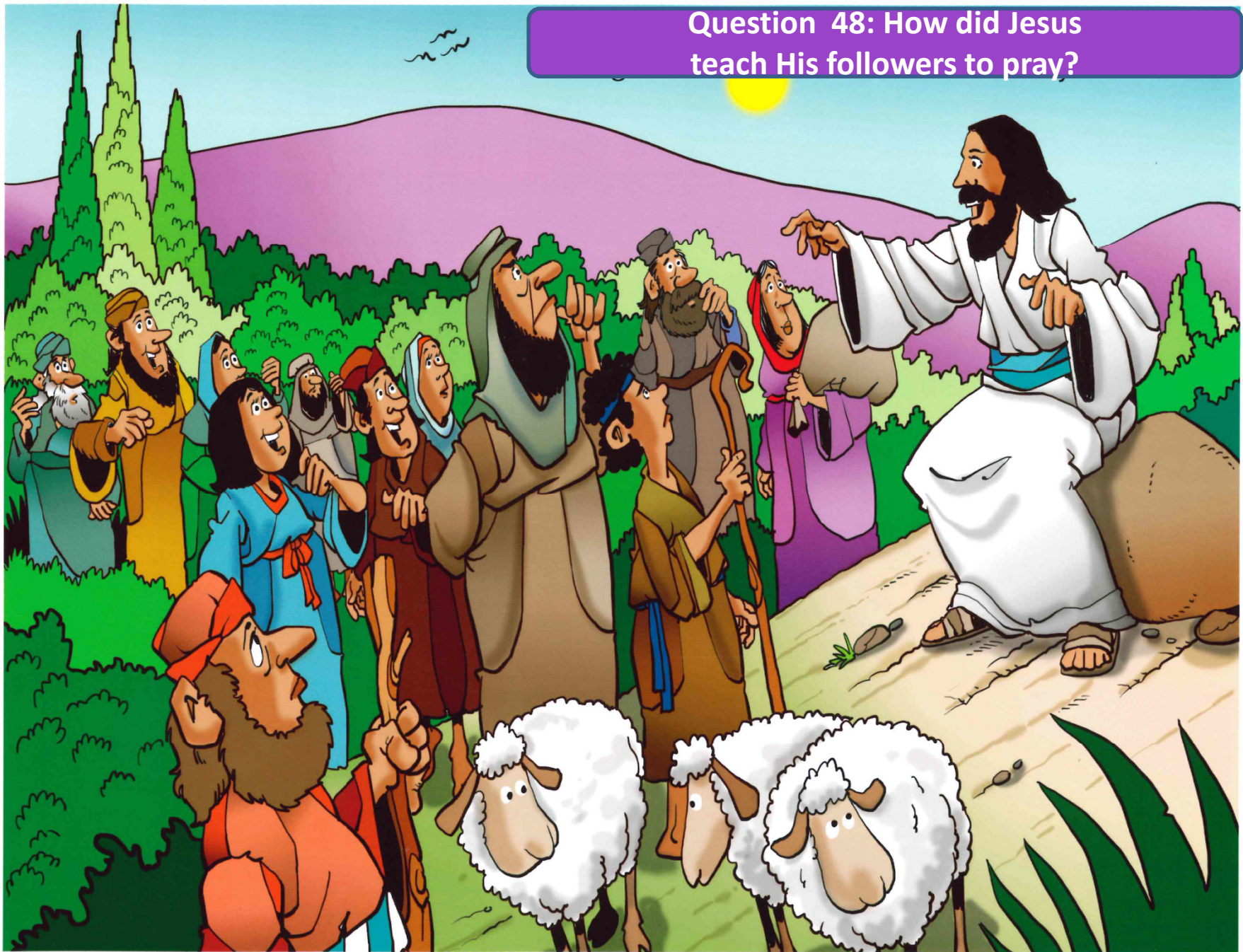


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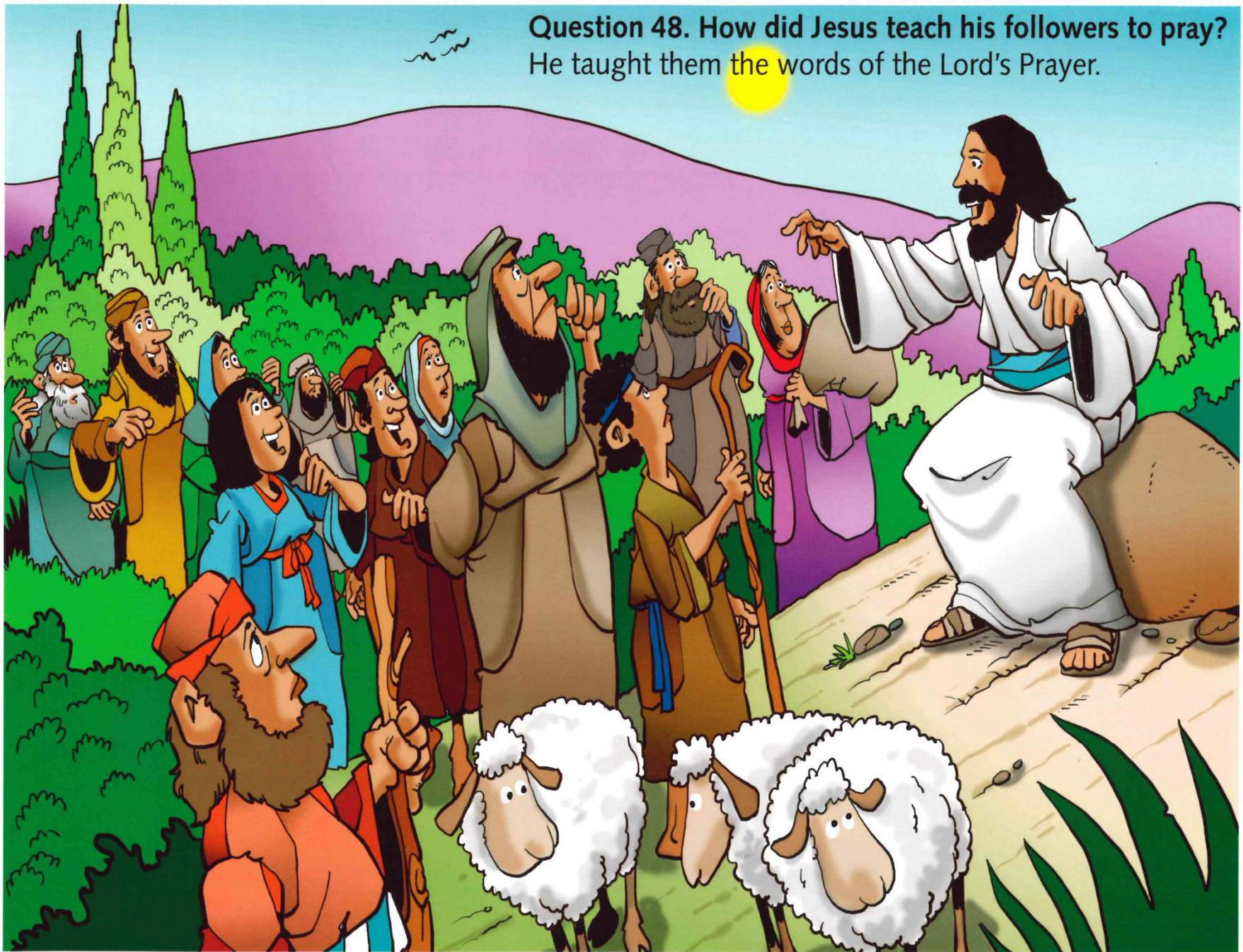


Question 47. What do we do when we pray?
When we pray, we adore God, we confess our sins, we give God thanks, and we pray for the needs of others and ourselves.

Question 48: How did Jesus teach His followers to pray?



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He taught them the words of the Lord's Prayer.



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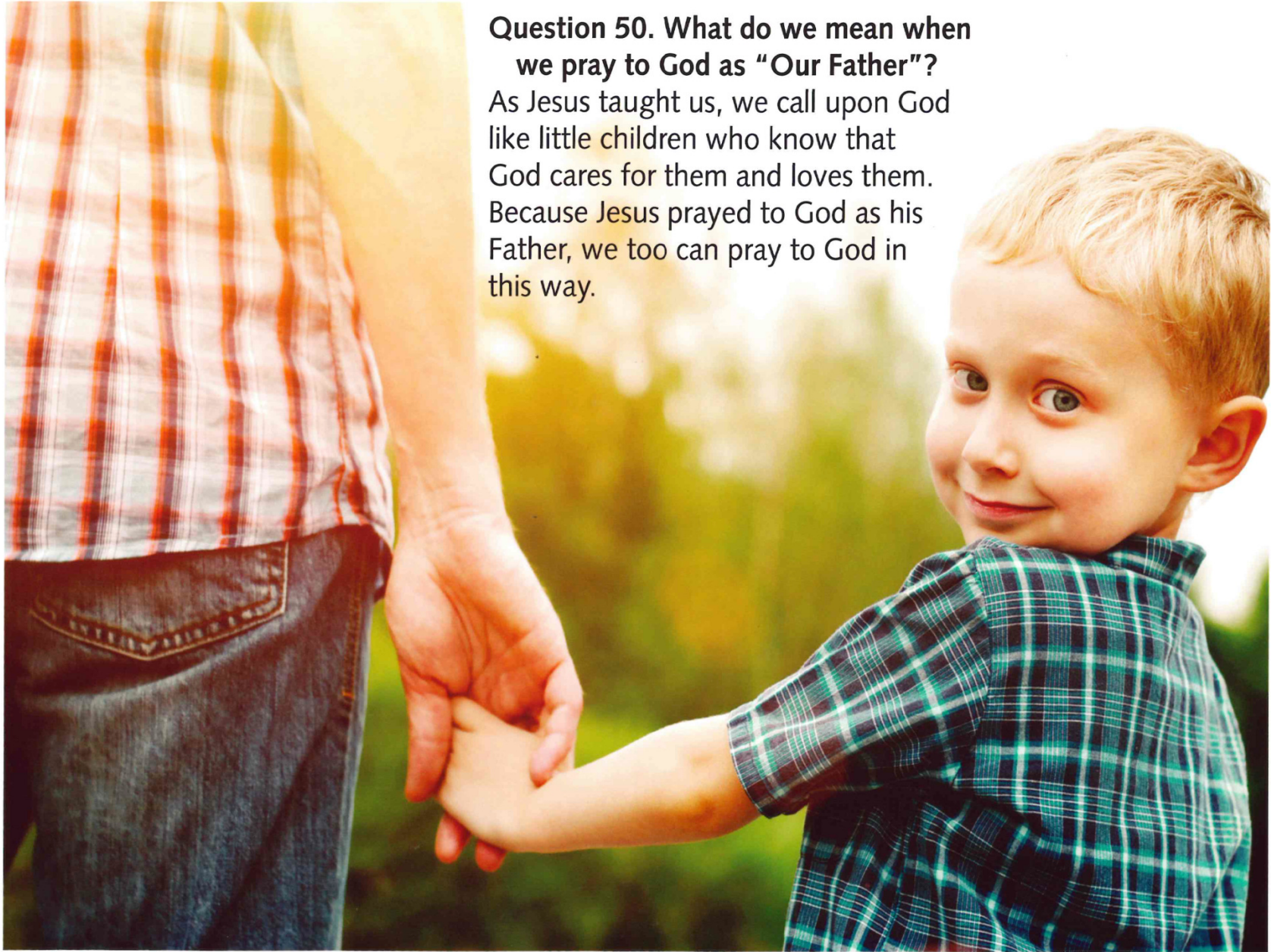
Question 49. What is the Lord's Prayer?

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.



**Question 50:
What do we mean when we
pray to God as
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Question 50. What do we mean when we pray to God as “Our Father”?

As Jesus taught us, we call upon God like little children who know that God cares for them and loves them. Because Jesus prayed to God as his Father, we too can pray to God in this way.



Question 51. When we pray to God as our Father, do we mean that God is male?



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Question 51. When we pray to God as our Father, do we mean that God is male?


No. Only creatures who have bodies can be male or female. But God is Spirit and has no body.





Question 52. What do we mean when we pray to God "in heaven"?





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We mean that God draws near to us from beyond this world, and hears our prayers.





Question 53:
What do we ask when we say “Hallowed be your name”?



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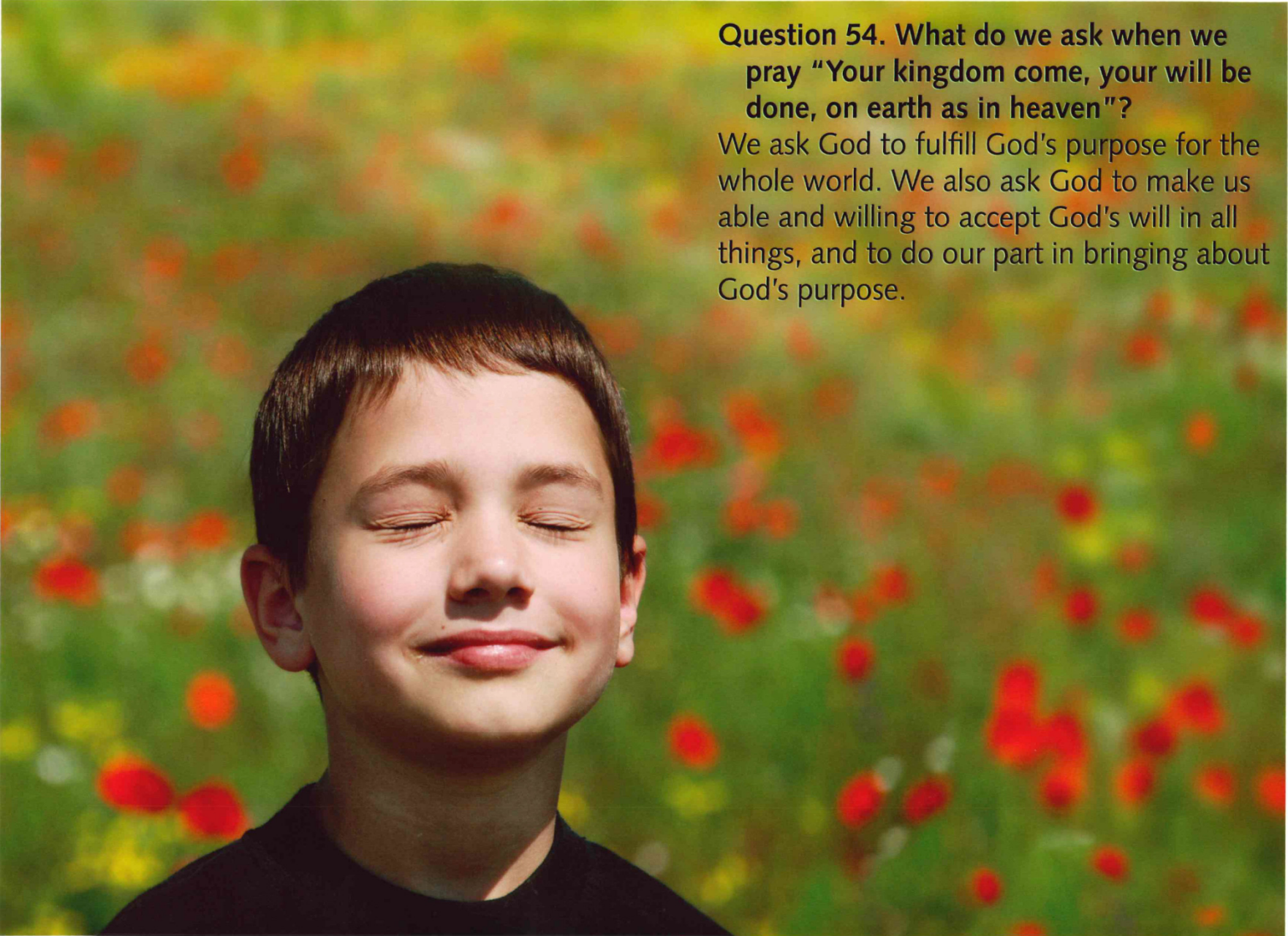
We pray that God’s name will be honored in all the world and everywhere treated as holy, because God’s name really stands for God.





Question 54:
What do we ask when we pray
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be done, on earth as in heaven”?

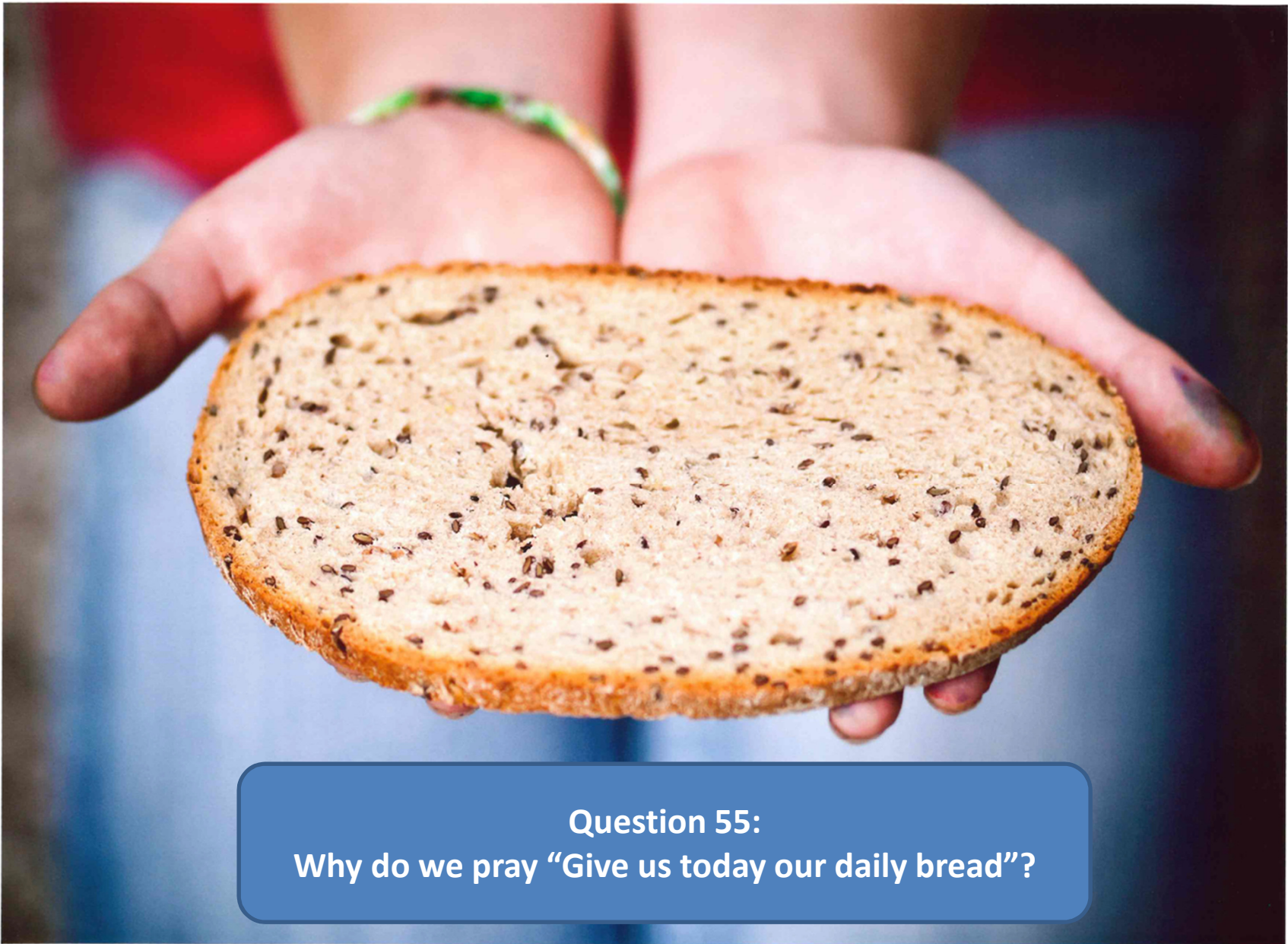




Question 54. What do we ask when we pray “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven”?

We ask God to fulfill God’s purpose for the whole world. We also ask God to make us able and willing to accept God’s will in all things, and to do our part in bringing about God’s purpose.





Question 55:
Why do we pray “Give us today our daily bread”?

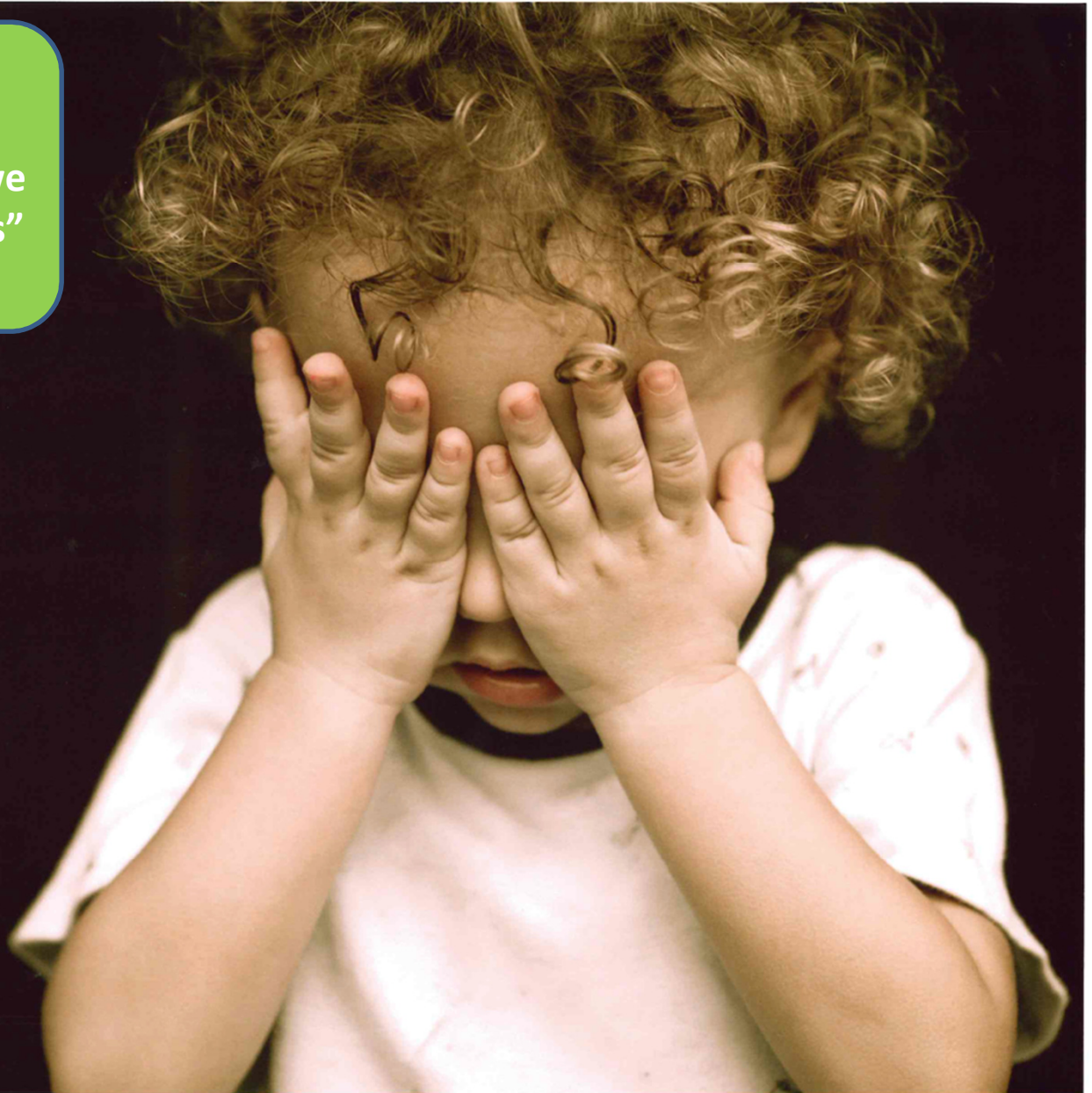




Question 55. Why do we pray “Give us today our daily bread”?
Because all good things come from God. Even in our most ordinary needs, God cares for us completely.



Question 56:
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when we pray "Forgive us
our sins"?

Telling God we are sorry, we
ask God not to hold our sins
against us, but to accept us
again by grace.

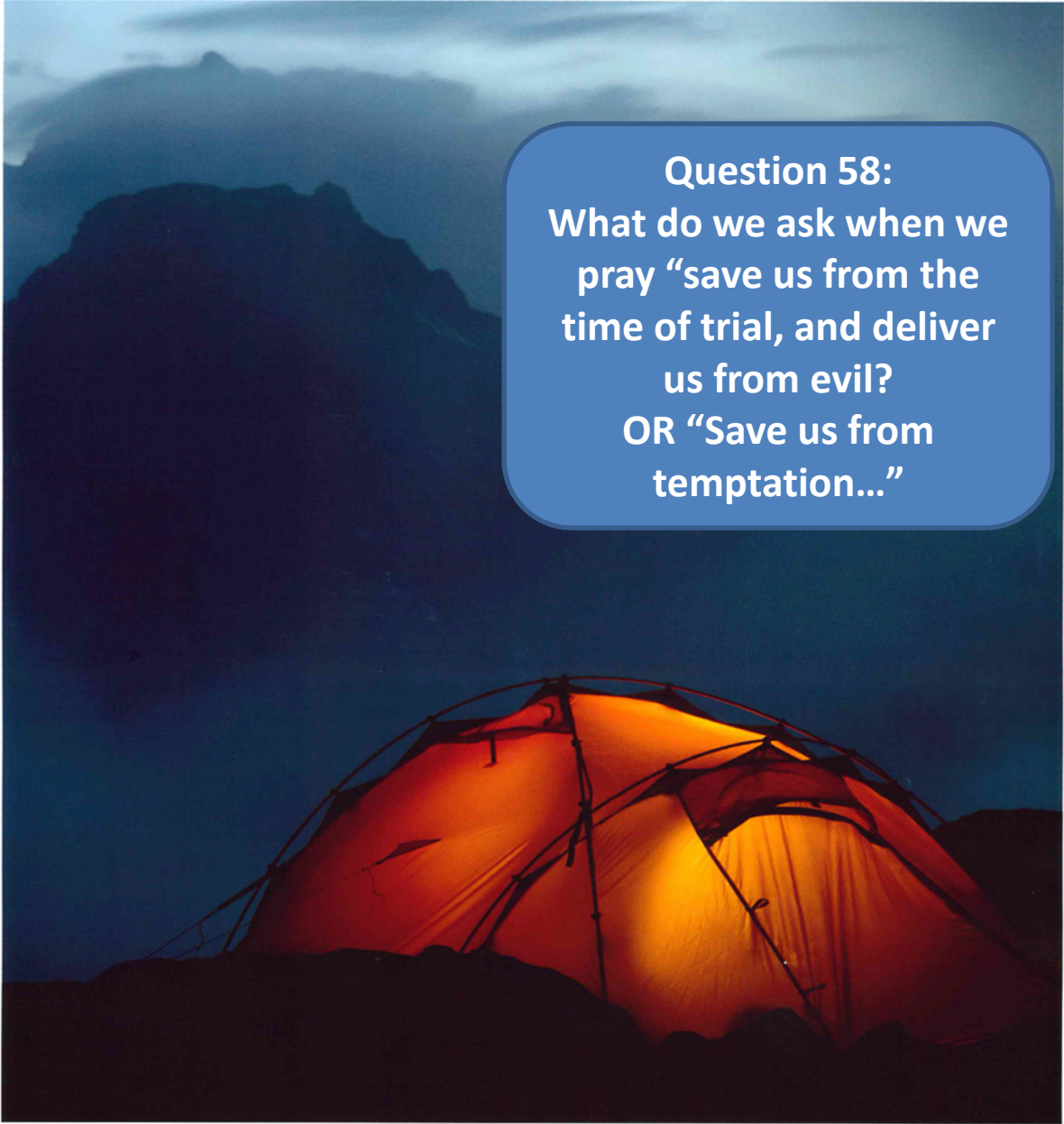


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Why do we continue with “as we forgive those who sin against us”?
OR “as we forgive our debtors”?



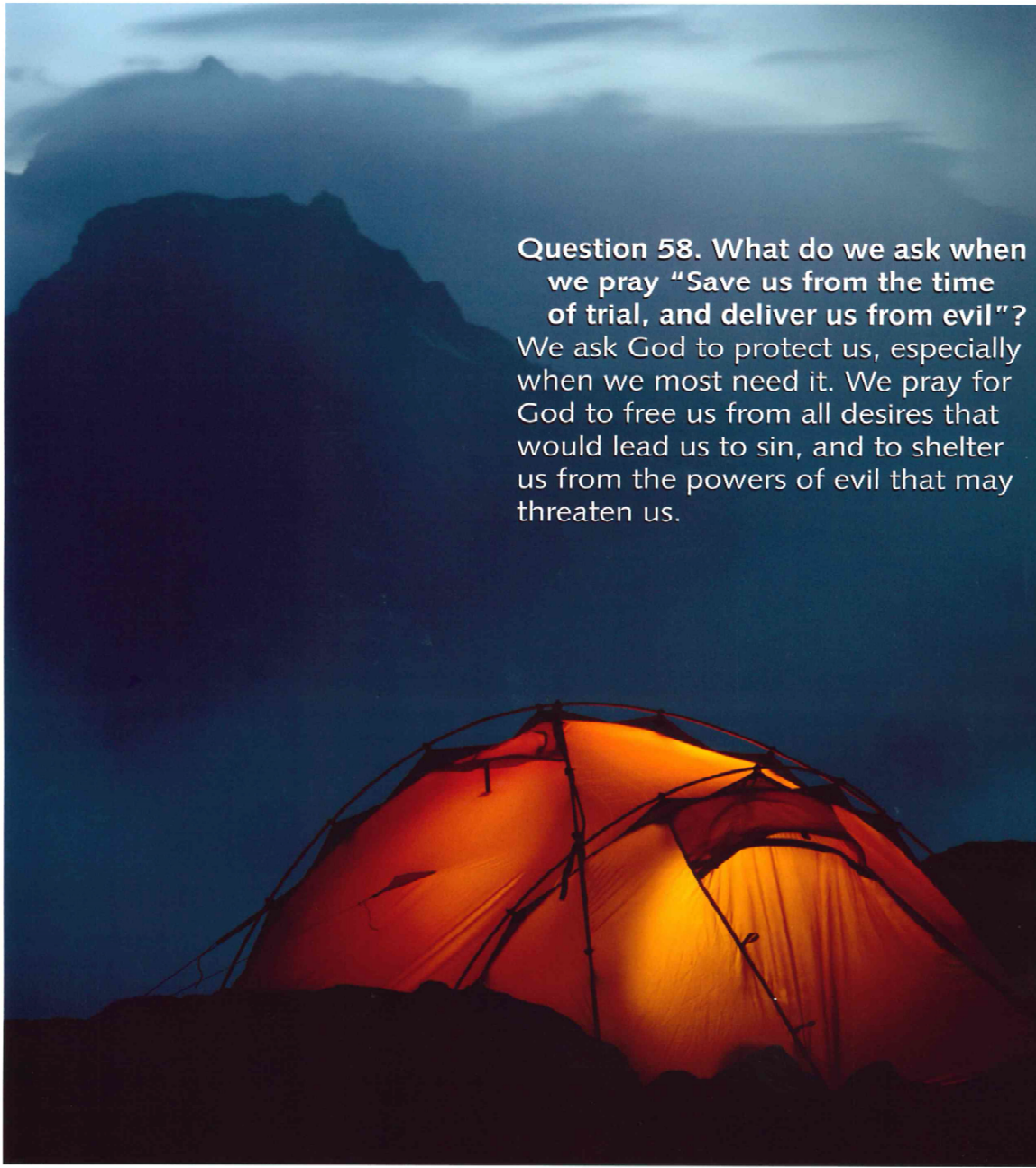
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Because we are to forgive others, just as God has forgiven us.



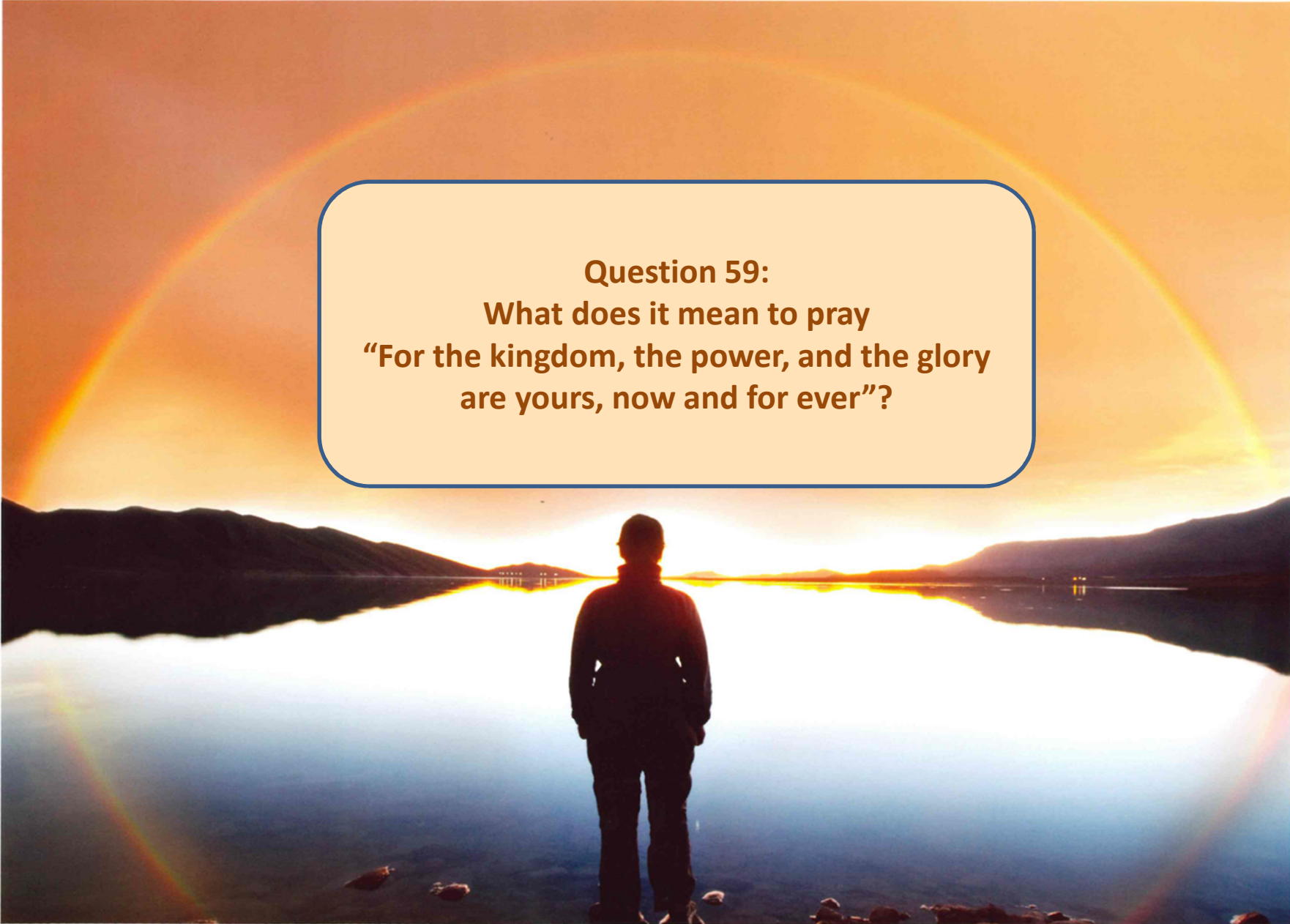


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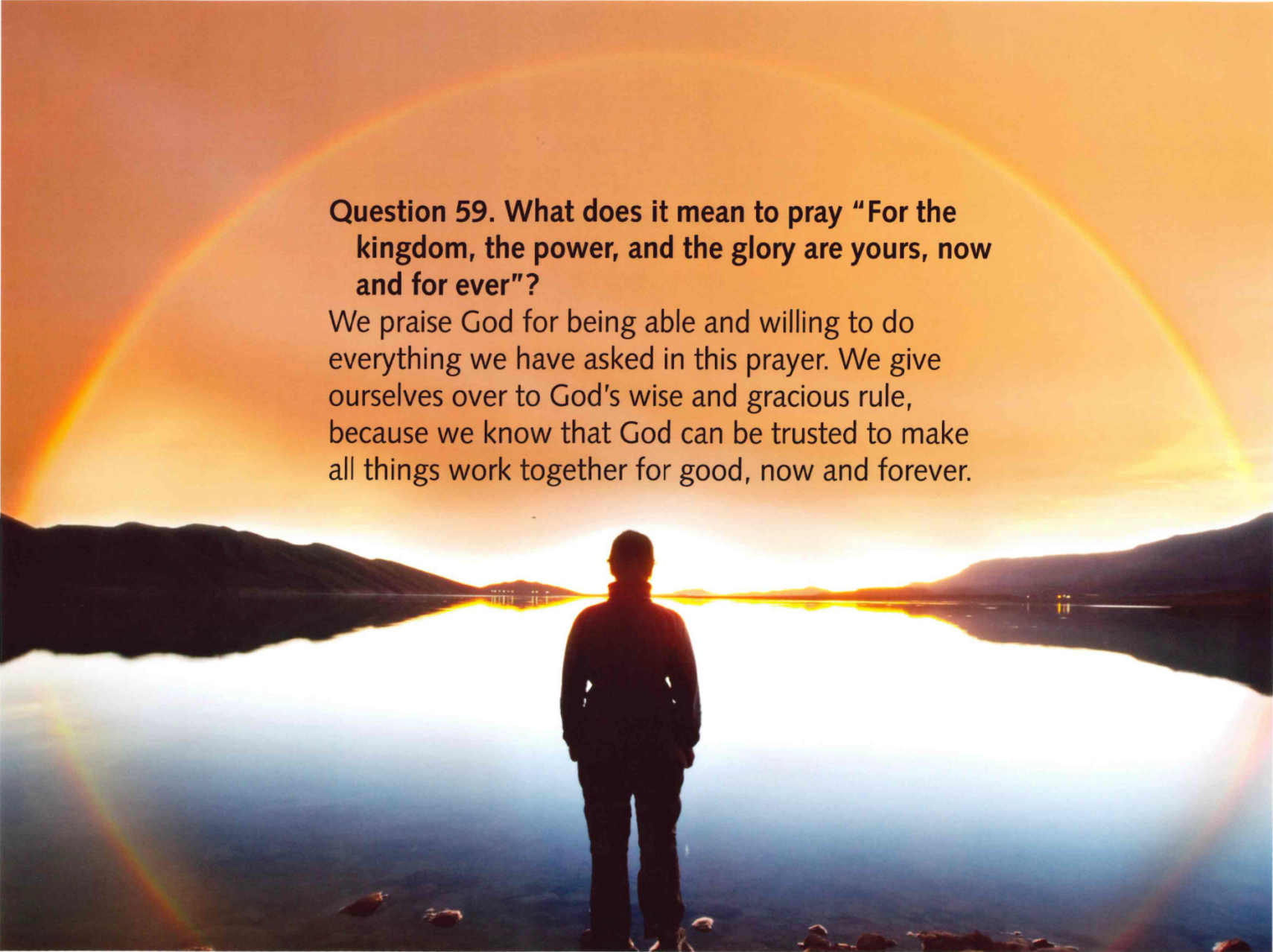


Question 58. What do we ask when we pray “Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil”?
We ask God to protect us, especially when we most need it. We pray for God to free us from all desires that would lead us to sin, and to shelter us from the powers of evil that may threaten us.



Question 59:
What does it mean to pray
“For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
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We praise God for being able and willing to do everything we have asked in this prayer. We give ourselves over to God’s wise and gracious rule, because we know that God can be trusted to make all things work together for good, now and forever.



Question 60:
Why does our prayer end with “Amen”?



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"Amen" means "so be it" or "let it be so." It expresses our complete confidence in God, who makes no promise that will not be kept and whose love endures forever.

