

# How does God reveal himself to men?



## PRAY

### My Lord and my God!

You are the life behind all lives. Reveal yourself! Show yourself, so that may take delight in you and praise you forever.  
Amen.



## CONTEMPLATE

One person reads the Bible passage aloud.  
Short silence.

*Exchange: What particularly appealed to you?*



## STUDY

1. Read YOUCAT text sentence-for-sentence. Then one person reads the text aloud in full.
2. Three minutes of silence.
3. Each person reads a word or phrase aloud (without comment) that he or she has noticed.
4. Explain briefly in the next round why you have chosen the sentence (e.g. memories, questions, etc.).



## DISCUSS

**Also discuss your own questions on this topic!**

**Treasure Book:** Take five minutes to write down what you don't want to forget.



## CHALLENGE

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## John 1:18

No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.



Why did God have to show himself in order for us to be able to know what he is like?

**Man can know by reason that God exists, but not what God is really like. Yet because God would very much like to be known, he has revealed himself. [50–53, 68–69]**

God did not have to reveal himself to us. But he did it—out of love. Just as in human love one can know something about the beloved person only if he opens his heart to us, so too we know something about God's inmost thoughts only because the eternal and mysterious God has opened himself to us out of love. From creation on, through the patriarchs and the prophets down to the definitive revelation in his Son Jesus Christ, God has spoken again and again to mankind. In him he has poured out his heart to us and made his inmost being visible for us.

1. What has God's revelation to do with a love story?
2. What have men learned about God from prophets?
3. What did we find out about God through Jesus?
4. What can you know about God if you look at your own life?

This evening, look up what is written in the First Epistle of John about the „true knowledge of God“ : 1 John 2:3-6. How can you feel if you are being close to God or far away from him? Exchange your findings during your next session.

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