

## **A Catechism For Young Children**

Who made you?  
God made me.

What else did God make?  
God made everything.

Why did God make you and everything else?  
God made me and everything else for His own glory.

How can you glorify God?  
I can glorify God by loving Him and doing what He says.

Why should you glorify God?  
I should glorify God because He made me and takes care of me.

Is there more than one god?  
There is only one god.

In how many persons does this one God exist?  
God exists in three persons.

Who are they?  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

What is God?  
God is a Spirit and does not have a body like a human.

Where is God?  
God is everywhere.

Can you see God?  
I cannot see God but He always sees me.

Does God know everything?  
God knows everything.

Can God do everything?  
God can do anything that He wants to.

Where do you learn how to love and obey God?  
We learn how to love and obey God from the Bible.

Who wrote the Bible?  
God let holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit write the Bible.

Who were our first parents?  
Adam and Eve were our first parents.

Of what were our first parents made?  
God made the body of Adam out of the ground and formed Eve from the body of Adam.

What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?  
God gave Adam and Eve souls that could never die.

Do you have a soul as well as a body?  
I have a soul that can never die.

What were Adam and Eve like when God made them?  
God made Adam and Eve holy and happy.

What is a covenant?  
A covenant is an agreement between two or more people.

What covenant did God make with Adam?  
The covenant of works.

What did God ask Adam to do in the covenant of works?  
To obey Him perfectly.

What did God promise in the covenant of works?  
To reward Adam with life if he obeyed Him.

What did God threaten in the covenant of works?  
To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed him.

Did Adam keep the covenant of works?  
No, he sinned against God.

What is sin?

Sin is disobeying the law of God.

In what ways do we sin?  
We sin in thought, word and deed.

What is one way our deeds can be sinful?  
By not doing what God wants me to

What is another way our deeds can be sinful?  
By doing what God says not to do.

What was the sin of our first parents?  
They sinned against God by eating the forbidden fruit. This was an act of rebellion.

Who tempted them to rebel against God?  
Satan tempted Eve and she gave some of the fruit to Adam.

What happened to our parents when they sinned?  
Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.

Did Adam act for himself alone in the covenant of works?  
No, he represented all those to come after him.

What effect did the sin of Adam have on all of mankind?  
All of mankind afterward was born into sin and misery.

What is the sinful nature that you inherited from Adam called?  
Original sin.

What does every sin deserve?  
Punishment

Can anyone with this sinful nature go to heaven?  
No, our hearts must be changed before one can be fit for heaven.

What is this change of heart called?  
It is called being "born again". (Regeneration)

Who can change a sinner's heart?  
Only the Holy Spirit can change a sinner's heart.

Can anyone be saved through the covenant of works?  
No one can be saved through the covenant of works.

Why can no one be saved through the covenant of works?  
Because all have broken it and are condemned by it.

With whom did God the Father make the covenant of grace?  
With Christ, His eternal son.

In this covenant of grace, whom did Christ represent?  
His chosen (elect) people.

What did Christ undertake in the covenant of grace?  
To keep the whole law for his people and to suffer the punishment due for their sins.

Did Jesus ever commit a sin?  
No, he was holy and without sin.

How could the Son of God suffer the wrath and curse of god?  
Christ, the Son of God, became a man.

What is meant by the Atonement?  
Christ's satisfying divine justice, by his suffering and death, in the place of sinners.

What did God the Father undertake in the covenant of grace?  
To justify and sanctify those for whom Christ should die.

What is justification?  
It is God's forgiving sinners and treating them as if they had never sinned.

What is sanctification?  
It is God's making sinner's holy in heart and conduct.

For whom did Christ obey the law and suffer the wrath and curse of God?  
For those whom the Father had given Him.

What kind of life did Christ live on earth?  
A life of poverty and suffering.

What kind of death did Christ die?  
The painful and shameful death of the cross.

Who will be saved?  
Only those who repent of sin, believe in Christ and lead holy lives.

What does it mean to repent?

To be sorry for sin and to hate and forsake it because it is displeasing to God.

What is it to believe or have faith in Christ?

To trust in Christ alone for salvation.

Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power?

No, I can do nothing good without the help of God's Holy Spirit.

How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit?

God has told me that I must pray to Him for the Holy spirit.

How long ago did Christ die?

Almost two thousand years ago.

How were pious persons saved before the coming of Christ?

By believing in a Savior to come.

How did they show their faith?

By offering sacrifices on God's altar.

What did these sacrifices represent?

Christ, the Lamb of God, who was to die for sinners.

How many offices does Christ hold?

He holds three offices.

What are the offices?

The offices of prophet, priest and king,

How is Christ a prophet?

Because He teaches me the will of God.

How is Christ a priest?

Because he died for my sins and pleads with God for me.

How is Christ a king?

Because he rules over me and defends me.

Why do you need Christ as a prophet?

Because I lack understanding.

Why do you need Christ as a priest?

Because I am guilty.

Why do you need Christ as a king?  
Because I am weak and helpless.

How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai?  
Ten Commandments.

What do the first four commandments teach?  
Our duty to God.

What do the last six commandments teach?  
My duty to my fellow men?

What is the sum of the ten commandments?  
To love God with all my heart and my neighbor as myself.

Who is your neighbor?  
Everyone is my neighbor.

Is God pleased with those who love and obey him?  
Yes, he loves those that love and obey Him.

Is God displeased with those who do not love and obey Him?  
Yes, God is displeased with those who do not love and obey Him.

What is the first commandment?  
You shall have no other gods before me.

What does the first commandment teach you?  
To worship only God.

What is the second commandment?  
Do not make any idols or worship them.

What does the second commandment teach you?  
To worship God in a proper way and don't worship idols.

What is the third commandment?  
Do not use the name of God carelessly.

What does the third commandment teach you?  
To honor God's name, word and works.

What is the fourth commandment?  
Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

What does the fourth commandment teach you?  
To keep the Sabbath holy.

What day of the week is the Christian Sabbath?  
The first day of the week, called the Lord's day.

Why is it called the Lord's day?  
Because on that day Christ rose from the dead.

How should the Sabbath be spent?  
In prayer and praise, in hearing and reading God's Word,  
and in doing good to my neighbors

What is the fifth commandment?  
Honor your father and mother

What does the fifth commandment teach you?  
To love and obey my parents

What is the sixth commandment?  
Do not murder.

What does the sixth commandment teach you?  
To avoid sinful anger.

What is the seventh commandment?  
Do not commit adultery.

What does the seventh commandment teach you?  
To be sexually pure in thought, word and deed.

What is the eighth commandment?  
Do not steal.

What does the eighth commandment teach you?  
To respect other people's things.

What is the ninth commandment?  
Do not lie.

What does the ninth commandment teach you?  
To tell the truth.

What is the tenth commandment?  
Do not covet.

What does the tenth commandment teach you?  
To be content with my own things.

Can any man keep these ten commandments perfectly?  
No mere human, since the fall of Adam, has ever kept the Ten Commandments perfectly.

Of what use are the Ten Commandments to you?  
They teach me my duty and show me my need for a Savior.

In whose name should you pray?  
Only in the name of Christ.

What has Christ given you to teach you how to pray?  
The Lord's Prayer.

Repeat the Lord's Prayer.  
Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

How many requests are there in the Lord's Prayer?  
Six

What is the first request?  
"Hallowed be thy name"

What do you pray for in the first request?  
That God's name may be honored by me and everyone else.

What is the second request?  
"Thy kingdom come"



What do you pray for in the second request?

That the gospel may be preached in the entire world, and believed and obeyed by me and everyone else.

What is the third request?

“Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

What do you pray for in the third request?

That people on earth may serve God as the angels do in heaven.

What is the fourth request?

“Give us this day our daily bread.”

What do you pray for in the fourth request?

That God would give me all things needful for my body and soul.

What is the fifth request?

“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”

What do you pray for in the fifth request?

That God would pardon my sins for Christ’s sake, and enable me to forgive those who have injured me.

What is the sixth request?

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

What do you pray for in the sixth request?

That God would keep me from sin.

How many ordinances are there?

Two.

What are they?

Baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

Who appointed these ordinances?

The Lord Jesus Christ.