

# CHILDREN'S CATECHISM



# WELCOME

Catechism instruction summarizes essential truths of the Christian faith in question and answer form. At ERRC, we start teaching these truths to our youngest members by using *First Catechism - Teaching Children Bible Truths* and Songs for Saplings music.

We have chosen 57 questions (out of the total of 150 in *First Catechism*) to teach on a 3 year cycle.

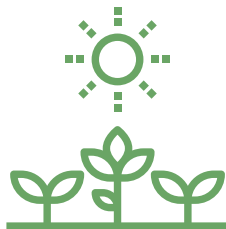
- We chose questions that aren't too complicated in language or nature.
- Almost all questions have a corresponding Songs for Saplings song (see [www.songsforsaplings.com](http://www.songsforsaplings.com)).
- The questions we chose are focused on what seems most important to our children and the questions they ask us: *Who is God? What is the gospel? What happens when someone dies and when Jesus returns?*

For some of the questions we have updated the wording to match the lyrics from Songs for Saplings.

Year One is a great place to start with toddler and preschool age children. As they grow, Years Two and Three will deepen your children's understanding of God and his plan of salvation.

We pray this resource will grow your family in the knowledge and love of God!

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## YEAR ONE

Q1: Who made you?

A: God made me.

Q2: What else did God make?

A: God made all things.

Q3: Why did God make you and all things?

A: For his own glory.

Q4: How can you glorify God?

A: By loving him and doing what he commands.

Q5: Why are you to glorify God?

A: Because he made me and takes care of me.

Q6: Is there more than one true God?

A: No. There is only one true God.

Q7: In how many persons does this one God exist?

A: Three persons.

Q8: Name the three persons.

A: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Q9: What is God?

A: God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.

Q10: Where is God?

A: God is everywhere.



## YEAR ONE

Q11: Can you see God?

A: No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.

Q12: Does God know all things?

A: Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.

Q13: Can God do all things?

A: Yes. God can do all his holy will.

Q14: Who wrote the Bible?

A: Chosen men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Q15: Who were our first parents?

A: Adam and Eve.

Q16: How did God create man?

A: God created man, male and female, after his own image.

Q17: Of what were our first parents made?

A: God made Adam's body out of the ground and Eve's body out of a rib from Adam.

Q18: Do you have a soul as well as a body?

A: Yes. And my soul is going to last forever.

Q19: What were Adam and Eve like when God made them?

A: God made them holy and happy.

## YEAR TWO

Q20: What covenant did God make with Adam?

A: The covenant of works.

Q21: What is a covenant?

A: An agreement God makes with us, in which He guarantees to keep his promise.

Q22: What was Adam's part in the covenant in order to stay in the Garden of Eden?

A: Adam was required to obey God perfectly.

Q23: Did Adam obey God?

A: No, Adam chose to disobey God.

Q24: How did God punish Adam's disobedience?

A: Adam's punishment was death and separation from God.

Q25: What is sin?

A: Sin is disobedience against God's perfect law by failing to do what God commands or doing what God forbids.

Q26: What does every sin deserve?

A: The wrath and curse of God.

Q27: What was the sin of our first parents?

A: Eating the forbidden fruit.

Q28: Who tempted Adam and Eve to sin?

A: Satan tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam, and he ate it.



## YEAR TWO

Q29: How did Adam and Eve change when they sinned?

A: Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.

Q30: What effect did the sin of Adam have on you and all people?

A: We are all born guilty and sinful.

Q31: How sinful are you by nature?

A: I am corrupt in every part of my being.

Q32: Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?

A: No. Our hearts must be changed before we can believe in Jesus and go to heaven.

Q33: Who can change the sinner's heart?

A: Only God can change a sinner's heart.

Q34: Can anyone be saved by his own works?

A: No one can be saved by his own works.

Q35: What is grace?

A: Grace is God's kindness to us when we deserve punishment.

Q36: What work did Christ do to save you?

A: Christ perfectly kept the law of God and suffered the punishment due for my sins.

Q37: Did Jesus ever sin?

A: No. He lived a sinless life.

Q38: For whom did Christ obey and suffer?

A: For all whom God the Father gave to Christ.

## YEAR THREE

Q39: What is meant by atonement?

A: Christ satisfied God's justice by his suffering and death in our place.

Q40: What do we gain from the work of Christ?

A: God regenerates, justifies, and sanctifies those who believe in Christ.

Q41: What is justification?

A: Justification is God forgiving all my sins and declaring me to be righteous.

Q42: What is sanctification?

A: Sanctification is God making me holy in heart and behavior.

Q43: What must I do to be saved?

A: I must repent of my sin and believe in Christ as my Savior.

Q44: What does it mean to repent?

A: To repent is to be sorry for sin, and to hate and forsake it, because it displeases God.

Q45: What is faith in Christ?

A: Faith in Christ is trusting in him alone for salvation.

Q46: Can you repent in Christ by your own power?

A: No. I cannot repent and believe unless the Holy Spirit changes my heart.

Q47: How is Christ your prophet?

A: Christ teaches me the will of God.

Q48: How is Christ your priest?

A: Christ died for me and he prays for me.



## YEAR THREE

Q49: How is Christ your king?

A: Christ rules over me. He defends me. He will establish his Kingdom on earth.

Q50: Did Christ remain in the grave after his crucifixion?

A: No. He rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death.

Q51: Where is Christ now?

A: In heaven, ruling his kingdom and praying for us.

Q52: Will the Lord Jesus come again?

A: Yes! He will return to judge the world on the last day.

Q53: What happens to a man when he dies?

A: The body returns to the dust, and the spirit will go to either heaven or hell.

Q54: What is hell?

A: Hell is an awful place, where unbelievers are separated from God to suffer for their sins.

Q55: What will happen when Christ returns?

A: Our bodies will be raised from the dust, and united again with our spirits.

Q56: What will God do for believers at the last day?

A: He will give them a home with him in the new heaven and the new earth.

Q57: What will the new heaven and the earth be like?

A: A glorious and happy place, where the saved will be with Jesus forever.



# SONGS FOR SAPPLINGS PLAYLISTS



YEAR ONE



YEAR TWO



YEAR THREE



YEAR ONE



YEAR TWO



YEAR THREE