

CrossPointe



Family Resource Packet

for use with children up to 5th grade

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Bible Memory

One of the benefits of memorizing Bible verses is that God's Spirit uses Scripture to call us to faith in Christ and Scripture is the primary means by which we are discipled. While some educators and parents may fear that children are merely committing meaningless words to memory, we believe that truth committed to memory provides a firm foundation for growth. Please note that all Bible references are ESV unless otherwise stated. A few verses are taken from the NIV because of ease of reading.

Some Bible verses are stand-alone and others build on each other. The following Bible passages build on each other:

Doctrine	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
God reveals himself	Ps 19:1	Ps 19:1-3	Ps 19:4-6	Ps 19:1-6	
God gives us his law			Ps 1:1-2	Ps 1:1-4	Ps 1:1-6
God loves us	Ps 23:1	Ps 23:1-3	Ps 23:4-6	Ps 23:1-6	
What Jesus did	Isa 53:6	Isa 53:2-3 John 1:1-2	Isa 53:2-5 John 1:1-5	Isa 53:2-9 John 1:1-8	Isa 53:2-12 John 1:1-14
How to become children of God		Read Rom 8	Rom 8:28-30 Rom 3:23	Rom 8:1-4 Rom 3:21-23	Read Rom 8 Rom 3:21-26
How God's children live			Eph 4:29	Eph 4:29-32	Eph 4:25-32
When we pray to God		Phil 4:8	Phil 4:4-6	Phil 4:4-8	
About God's people		Ps 100:1	Ps 100:1-3	Ps 100:1-5	

Suggested Learning Activities for Bible Memory:

- Memorize the verses with your child.
- Discuss the verses with your child as he or she is memorizing them.
- Define the difficult terms. Some of the difficult terms have been defined for you.
- Determine your child's level of understanding by asking your child to put the verse in his or her own words.
- Pray with and for your child.
- Encourage precise memorization of the verses.
- Go at your child's own rate. Older children who have just started should begin at the earliest level before advancing to their grade level.
- Review previous verses. This will facilitate verses becoming part of your child's long-term memory. If you do not review these verses with you child, they will not retain what they have learned.

A Catechism for Children

Revised by Wayne Shealy

A catechism is a summary of Christian doctrine/teaching in the form of questions and answers. Catechizing has been a time-honored and effective practice throughout the history of the church, dating back to the early church and practiced by the Reformers (e.g., John Calvin, Martin Luther), the Puritans, and many present day Christians. The word “catechism” itself comes from a Greek word used in the Bible, *katacheo*, which means “instruction” (Luke 1:4).

There are several good reasons to use a catechism with your children. First, a catechism encourages the unity of essential Christian beliefs. It focuses on the primary teachings of the Bible and equips parents with short, theologically-rich responses to basic questions regarding Christian doctrine. Second, a catechism stimulates and promotes gospel-centered conversations among parents and children. Many of the questions and answers are such that they provoke further and deeper questions in children, providing parents with an opportunity to turn their children’s attention to Jesus. Third, a catechism promotes the usefulness (necessity, authority, sufficiency, clarity) of God’s Word because it connects Bible verses to doctrinal statements. Children begin to value God’s Word as they see how clearly it answers important questions.

The history of this particular catechism can be traced to the Westminster Shorter Catechism, as revised by Baptist Puritans, and then further revised and put into contemporary language by several modern day pastors and theologians. This catechism is broken up into six sections:

1. Questions about God, People, and Sin (Questions 1-35)
2. Questions about the Ten Commandments (Questions 36-62)
3. Questions about Salvation (Questions 63-97)
4. Questions about Prayer (Questions 98-115)
5. Questions about the Bible, the Church and the Ordinances (Questions 116-127)
6. Questions about Last Things (Questions 128-136)

Recommended Resources

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Parenting Books:

- *Give Them Grace: Dazzling Your Kids with the Love of Jesus* by Elyse M. Fitzpatrick and Jessica Thompson (Crossway, 2011)
- *Gospel-Centered Family: Becoming the Parents God Wants You to Be* by Ed Moll and Tim Chester (The Good Book, 2009)
- *Gospel-Powered Parenting: How the Gospel Shapes and Transforms Parenting* by William P. Farley (P&R, 2009)
- *Everyday Talk* by John Younts (Shepherd, 2005)
- *Instructing a Child's Heart* by Tedd and Margy Trip (Shepherd, 2008)
- *Girl Talk: Mother-Daughter Conversations on Biblical Womanhood* by Carolyn Mahaney and Nicole Mahaney Whitacre (Crossway, 2005)
- *Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens* by Paul David Tripp (P&R, 2001)

Bibles and Bible Story Books:

For Birth to age 2:

- *Baby's First Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones (Reader's Digest, 1996)
- *Read-Aloud Bible Stories*, 4 volumes, by Ella Lindvall (Moody, 1982, 1985, 1990, 1995)

For ages 3-10:

- *The Big Picture Story Bible* by David Helm (Crossway, 2004)
- *The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name* by Sally Lloyd-Jones (Zondervan, 2007)

For ages 6-12:

- *ESV Seek and Find Bible* (Crossway, 2010)
- *The Action Bible* (David C. Cook, 2010)

Other Books:

- *Long Story Short: Ten Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God* by Marty Machowski (New Growth, 2010)
- *Old Story New: Ten Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God* by Marty Machowski (New Growth, 2012)
- *Big Truths for Little Hearts: Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God* by Bruce A. Ware (Crossway, 2009)

Music:

- Sovereign Grace Children CDs: *Awesome God, To Be Like Jesus, Walking with the Wise*
- SEED Family Worship CDs: *Seeds of Courage, Seeds of Faith, Seeds of Praise*, etc.
- The Village Church: *Blessed is the Man*

Bible & Catechism Memory for Toddlers (ages 2-3):

Note: Many 2 year-olds are not developmentally ready to begin Bible memory work. Parents may want to delay this work until age 2½ or 3. Most toddlers, however, are developmentally ready to begin catechism work at age 2.

Memory Passages:

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Date completed:_____

Psalms 53:3b

There is none who does good, not even one.

Date completed:_____

Ephesians 6:1

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Date completed:_____

1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

Date completed:_____

James 4:8a

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Date completed:_____

Psalms 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Date completed:_____

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Date completed:_____

Psalms 95:3

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Date completed:_____

Catechism Questions 1-8:

1. Who made you?

God made me.

(Gen 1:26-27; Eccl 12:1; Acts 17:24-29)

Date completed:_____

2. What else did God make?

God made all things.

(Gen 1, esp. verses 1, 31; Acts 14:15; Rom 11:36; Col 1:16)

Date completed:_____

3. Why did God make you and all things?

For his own glory.

(Ps 19:1; Rev 4:11)

Explanation: God's glory is his beauty, goodness, and greatness.

Date completed:_____

4. How can you glorify God?

By loving him and doing what he commands.

(Eccl 12:13; Mark 12:28-31; John 15:8-11; 1 Cor 10:31)

Date completed:_____

5. Why should you glorify God?

Because he made me and takes care of me.

(Rom 11:36; Rev 4:11)

Date completed:_____

6. Are there more gods than one?

No. There is only one God.

(Deut 6:4; Jer 10:10; Mark 12:28-30; Acts 17:22-31)

Date completed:_____

7. In how many persons does this one God exist?

In three persons.

(Matt 3:16-17; John 10:27-30; 14:8-11; 16:13-15; 1 John 5:20)

Date completed:_____

8. Who are they?

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

(Matt 28:19-20; 2 Cor 13:14; 1 Pet 1:1-2; Jude 20-21)

Date completed:_____

Bible & Catechism Memory for Preschoolers (ages 4-5):

General Bible Knowledge:

Know the names of the first and last books of the Bible:
Genesis and Revelation

Date completed:_____

Know the names of the first four books of the New Testament:
Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

Date completed:_____

Memory Passages:

Genesis 1:31a

Date completed:_____

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

Luke 19:10

Date completed:_____

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Matthew 22:37

Date completed:_____

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Matthew 22:39b

Date completed:_____

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Psalms 56:3

Date completed:_____

When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.

Proverbs 30:5

Date completed:_____

Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

John 1:1-2

Date completed:_____

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

Proverbs 1:7

Date completed:_____

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Romans 6:23

Date completed:_____

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Psalms 118:24

Date completed:_____

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Philippians 2:14

Date completed:_____

Do all things without grumbling or questioning.

John 3:16

Date completed: _____

For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 5:8

Date completed: _____

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 14:6

Date completed: _____

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Catechism Questions 9-25:

9. Who created God?

Date completed: _____

No one. God has always existed; he is infinite and eternal.

(Job 36:26; Ps 90:2; 1 Tim 1:17; Rev 1:8)

Explanation: That God is infinite and eternal means that he has no beginning or end. He always was, is, and will be.

10. Where is God?

Date completed: _____

God is everywhere.

(Ps 139:7-12; Jer 23:23-24)

11. Can you see God?

Date completed: _____

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

(Exod 33:18-23; Ps 139:1-5; Prov 5:21; John 1:18; 1 Tim 6:13-16; Heb 4:12-13)

12. Does God know all things?

Date completed: _____

Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.

(1 Chron 28:9; 2 Chron 16:9; Luke 12:6-7; Rom 2:15-16)

13. Can God do all things?

Date completed: _____

Yes. God does all things according to his perfect will.

(Ps 147:5; Jer 32:17; Dan 4:34-35; Eph 1:11-12)

14. Where do you learn how to love and obey God?

Date completed: _____

Only in the Bible.

(Ps 119:104; 2 Tim 3:14-17)

15. Who wrote the Bible?

Date completed: _____

Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.

(2 Tim 3:16-17; 1 Pet 1:10-12)

16. Can we trust the Bible?

Date completed:_____

Yes. The Bible is all-sufficient and without error.

(Num 23:19; Ps 12:6; 2 Tim 3:16-17; Rev 22:18-19)

Explanation: "All-sufficient" means that the Bible teaches us everything that we need to know about God, how to obey Him, our sin, and God's way of salvation.

17. Who were our first parents?

Date completed:_____

Adam and Eve.

(Gen 2:18-25; 3:20; Acts 17:26; 1 Tim 2:13)

18. Of what were our first parents made?

Date completed:_____

God made the body of Adam out of the ground, and formed Eve from the body of Adam.

(Gen 2:7, 21-23; Ps 103:14)

19. What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?

Date completed:_____

He gave them souls that could never die.

(Eccl 12:7; Zech 12:1; 1 Cor 15:42-49)

20. Do you have a soul as well as a body?

Date completed:_____

Yes. The Bible teaches me that I have a soul that can never die.

(Matt 10:28; Mark 8:34-37; 12:30)

21. In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?

Date completed:_____

He made them holy and happy.

(Gen 1:26-31; Ps 8:4-8)

22. Did Adam and Eve stay holy and happy?

Date completed:_____

No. They sinned against God.

(Gen 3:1-7; Eccl 7:29; Hos 6:7)

23. What is sin?

Date completed:_____

Sin is any disobedience or transgression of God's law.

(Rom 3:20; James 2:9-10; 1 John 3:4)

24. What is disobedience?

Date completed:_____

Disobedience is not being or doing what God requires.

(James 4:17)

25. What is transgression?

Date completed:_____

Transgression is doing what God forbids.

(1 Sam 13:8-14; Hos 6:7; Rom 1:18-32)

Bible & Catechism Memory for First Graders:

General Bible Knowledge:

Know the Ten Commandments:

Date completed: _____

(Exod 20:1-17; see also Catechism Questions 36-62)

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
5. Honor your father and mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet . . . anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Explanation: Everyone is your “neighbor”.

Memory Passages:

Numbers 23:19

Date completed: _____

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Proverbs 3:5-6

Date completed: _____

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 15:1

Date completed: _____

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Matthew 6:24

Date completed: _____

No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Psalms 121:1-2

Date completed: _____

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Proverbs 18:10

Date completed: _____

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

Joshua 1:9

Date completed: _____

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Psalm 36:5 Date completed: _____
Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Date completed: _____
Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Psalm 19:1 Date completed: _____
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Psalm 23:1 Date completed: _____
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Isaiah 53:6 (NIV) Date completed: _____
We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
Explanation: Iniquity is sin, which is saying “no” to God.

Catechism Questions 26-43:

26. What was the sin of our first parents? Date completed: _____
Eating the forbidden fruit.
(Gen 2:16-17; 3:1-6)

27. Why did they eat the forbidden fruit? Date completed: _____
Because they did not believe what God had said.
(Gen 3:1-6)

28. Who tempted them to sin? Date completed: _____
The devil tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam.
(Gen 3:1-13; 2 Cor 11:3; 1 Tim 2:13-14)

29. What happened to our first parents when they sinned? Date completed: _____
Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.
(Gen 3:14-24; 4:1-24; James 1:14-15)

30. What effect did the sin of Adam have on all people? Date completed: _____
All people are born in a state of sin and misery.
(Ps 51:5; Rom 5:12-21; 1 Cor 15:21-22; 1 John 5:19)

31. What do we inherit from Adam as a result of this first sin? Date completed: _____
A sinful nature.
(1 Kgs 8:46; Ps 14:2-3; Eccl 9:3; Matt 15:18-20; John 2:24-25; Rom 5:12-21; 8:7)

32. What does every sin deserve? Date completed: _____
The anger and judgment of God.
(Deut 27:26; Rom 1:18; 2:1-2; Gal 3:10; Eph 5:3-6).

33. Do we know what God requires of us? Date completed: _____
Yes. He has given us his law both in the Bible and in our hearts.
(Rom 2:14-16)
34. Can anyone go to heaven with a sinful nature? Date completed: _____
No. Our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven.
(Rom 8:7-8; Jer 31:33-34; Ezek 36:25-27)
35. Who can change a sinner's heart? Date completed: _____
Only the Holy Spirit.
(John 3:1-8; Rom 8:6-11; 2 Thess 2:13-14; Titus 3:4-7)
36. How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai? Date completed: _____
Ten Commandments.
(Exod 20:1-17; Deut 5:1-22)
37. What are the Ten Commandments sometimes called? Date completed: _____
God's law.
(Jer 31:33; Rom 2:12-24; 10:5)
38. What is a summary of the Ten Commandments? Date completed: _____
To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.
(Deut 11:1; Matt 22:34-40; James 2:8).
39. Who is your neighbor? Date completed: _____
Everyone is my neighbor.
(Luke 6:27-36; 10:25-37)
40. What is the first commandment? Date completed: _____
The first commandment is, 'You shall have no other gods before me.'
(Exod 20:3; Deut 5:7)
41. What does the first commandment teach us? Date completed: _____
To worship only God.
(Isa 45:5-6; Matt 4:10; Rev 22:8-9)
42. What is the second commandment? Date completed: _____
The second commandment is, 'You shall not make for yourself an idol.'
(Exod 20:4-6; Deut 5:8-10)
43. What does the second commandment teach us? Date completed: _____
To worship God in the right way, and to treasure Jesus above all things and persons.
(Isa 44:6-20; 46:5-10; John 4:23-24; Acts 17:29-31)
Explanation: Idolatry is treasuring anything or anyone more than Jesus.

Bible & Catechism Memory for Second Graders:

General Bible Knowledge:

Know the Lord's Prayer:

Date completed:_____

(Matthew 6:9-13; see also Catechism Questions 101-115)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Know the names of the Twelve Apostles:

Date completed:_____

(Matt 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:13-16; Acts 1:13)

Simon Peter, James (Son of Zebedee), John (Son of Zebedee),
Andrew (Peter's brother), Phillip, Bartholomew, Thomas,
Matthew the tax collector, James (Son of Alphaeus), Simon the Zealot, Thaddeus, Judas
Iscaiot

Bible Memory:

Hebrews 13:5

Date completed:_____

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Psalms 145:8

Date completed:_____

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Proverbs 1:8-9

Date completed:_____

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.

James 1:17

Date completed:_____

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

John 4:24

Date completed:_____

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

John 6:68

Date completed:_____

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

John 11:25-26

Date completed:_____

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Psalm 19:1-3

Date completed:_____

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

Psalm 23:1-3

Date completed:_____

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Isaiah 53:2-3

Date completed:_____

For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

John 1:1-2

Date completed:_____

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

Read Romans 8:1-39 several times

Date completed:_____

Philippians 4:8

Date completed:_____

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Psalm 100:1

Date completed:_____

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Catechism Questions 44-62:

44. What is the third commandment?

Date completed:_____

The third commandment is, 'You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.'

(Exod 20:7; Deut 5:11)

45. What does the third commandment teach us?

Date completed:_____

To respect God's name, words, and works.

(Ps 29:2; 138:2; Isa 8:13; Rev 15:3-4)

46. What is the fourth commandment?

Date completed:_____

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

(Exod 20:8-11; 23:12; Deut 5:12-15)

47. What does the fourth commandment teach us?

Date completed:_____

To rest knowing that God has finished his work and kept his promises in Jesus Christ.

(Gen 2:1-3; 2 Cor 1:20; Heb 4:1-16)

48. How do we rest? Date completed: _____
In prayer and praise, in hearing and reading God's Word, in doing good to our neighbor, in repenting from sin, and in trusting the Lord.
(Isa 58:13-14; 66:23; Matt 12:10-13)
49. What is the fifth commandment? Date completed: _____
The fifth commandment is, 'Honor your father and mother.'
(Exod 20:12; Deut 5:16)
50. What does the fifth commandment teach us? Date completed: _____
To love and obey our parents.
(Matt 15:3-6; Eph 6:1-4; Col 3:20)
51. What is the sixth commandment? Date completed: _____
The sixth commandment is, 'You shall not murder.'
(Exod 20:13; Deut 5:17)
52. What does the sixth commandment teach us? Date completed: _____
To avoid hatred and anger.
(Matt 5:21-24; James 4:1-3; 1 John 3:15)
53. What is the seventh commandment? Date completed: _____
The seventh commandment is, 'You shall not commit adultery.'
(Exod 20:14; Deut 5:18)
54. What does the seventh commandment teach us? Date completed: _____
To be pure in heart, language, and conduct.
(Matt 5:27-28; Eph 5:3-5; Phil 4:8-9)
55. What is the eighth commandment? Date completed: _____
The eighth commandment is, 'You shall not steal.'
(Exod 20:15; Deut 5:19)
56. What does the eighth commandment teach us? Date completed: _____
To be honest and not to take things which belong to others.
(Exod 23:4; Eph 4:28).
57. What is the ninth commandment? Date completed: _____
The ninth commandment is, 'You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.'
(Exod 20:16; Deut 5:20)
58. What does the ninth commandment teach us? Date completed: _____
To tell the truth and not to speak evil about others.
(Ps 15:1-3; Zech 8:16-17; 1 Cor 13:4-6; James 4:11)

59. What is the tenth commandment?

Date completed: _____

The tenth commandment is, 'You shall not covet . . . anything that belongs to your neighbor.'

(Exod 20:17; Deut 5:21; Rom 7:7-8)

60. What does the tenth commandment teach us?

Date completed: _____

To be content with what we have.

(Phil 4:11-12; 1 Tim 6:6-10; Heb 13:5-6)

61. Can anyone keep the Ten Commandments?

Date completed: _____

No one except Jesus ever did or can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly.

(Prov 20:9; Eccl 7:20; Rom 3:19-20; James 2:10; 1 John 1:8-10)

62. Of what use are the Ten Commandments to us?

Date completed: _____

They teach us our duty, make clear our guilt, and show us our need of Jesus.

(Rom 3:19-20; Gal 3:24-26; 1 Tim 1:8-11)

Note: The first four commandments teach us our duty to God and the last six commandments teach us our duty to our neighbor.

Bible & Catechism Memory for Third Graders:

General Bible Knowledge:

Know the books of the New Testament:

Date completed:_____

Memory Clue—

The New Testament has 27 books: New (3 letters) Testament (9 letters) $3 \times 9 = 27$

Matthew	Ephesians	Hebrews
Mark	Philippians	James
Luke	Colossians	1 Peter
John	1 Thessalonians	2 Peter
Acts	2 Thessalonians	1 John
Romans	1 Timothy	2 John
1 Corinthians	2 Timothy	3 John
2 Corinthians	Titus	Jude
Galatians	Philemon	Revelation

Memory Passages:

Psalm 29:2

Date completed:_____

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Isaiah 41:10

Date completed:_____

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Matthew 1:21

Date completed:_____

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

Romans 5:6

Date completed:_____

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 6:23

Date completed:_____

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8-10

Date completed:_____

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Psalm 19:4-6

Date completed:_____

Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Psalms 1:1-2

Date completed: _____

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psalms 23:4-6

Date completed: _____

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Isaiah 53:2-5

Date completed: _____

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

John 1:1-5

Date completed: _____

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Romans 8:28-30

Date completed: _____

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Romans 3:23

Date completed: _____

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Ephesians 4:29

Date completed: _____

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Philippians 4:4-6

Date completed: _____

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Psalms 100:1-3

Date completed: _____

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Catechism Questions 63-86:

63. Does God condemn all people?

Date completed: _____

No. Though he could have condemned all people justly, he has graciously promised to save many.
(Isa 53:11; Rom 3:19-26)

64. What is the Old Covenant?

Date completed: _____

An agreement between God and the Israelites established at Mount Sinai when God gave them his laws.

(Exod 20; Deut 6; Rom 9:4; 7:7-12)

65. Did the Israelites keep the Old Covenant?

Date completed: _____

No. The Israelites repeatedly disobeyed God's laws, broke the covenant, and brought God's wrath on themselves.

(Ps 78; Rom 7:7-12; Gal 3:19-29)

66. What is the New Covenant?

Date completed: _____

A covenant that does not depend on man, but solely on God's promise to save his elect people from their sins and the world from its curse.

(Jer 31:31-34; Ezek 36:25-28; Rom 11:26-27; Heb 10:16-17)

67. What did Jesus do to fulfill the New Covenant?

Date completed: _____

Jesus kept the whole law for his people, suffered on the cross the punishment due them because of their sins, was raised from the dead so that they might share in his life, and has ascended to heaven where he speaks to the Father on their behalf.

(Rom 4:23-25; 8:3-4; Gal 4:4-7; 1 Tim 3:16; Heb 6:17-20; 7:22-23; 9:13-15; 13:20-21; 1 Jn 2:1-2)

68. What is Jesus' fulfillment of the New Covenant called?

Date completed: _____

The gospel.

(Rom 1:15-17; 1 Cor 15:1-8; Gal 2:11-14)

69. Why did the Son of God become a man?

Date completed: _____

He took on flesh and blood and became a human being so that he might be the substitute for sinful people.

(John 1:14; Rom 8:3; Gal 4:4-5; Phil 2:5-8; Heb 2:14-18; 4:15)

70. What is the atonement?

Date completed: _____

It was when Jesus satisfied God's justice by his suffering and death as a substitute for sinners.

(Mark 10:45; Acts 13:38-39; Rom 3:21-26; 5:6-9; 2 Cor 5:18-21; Gal 3:13; 1 Pet 3:18)

71. What kind of life did Jesus live on earth? Date completed: _____
Jesus lived a life of perfect obedience to God's law.
(Matt 5:17-20; Rom 10:4; 1 Pet 2:21-23)
72. Did Jesus ever sin? Date completed: _____
No. He was holy and obeyed God perfectly.
(Phil 2:8; Heb 4:15; 7:26; 1 Pet 2:22-23; 1 John 3:5)
73. What kind of death did Jesus die? Date completed: _____
A painful and shameful death on a cross.
(Ps 22; Isa 52:13-53:12; Matt 27:27-56; Mark 15:16-41; Luke 23:26-49; John 19:16-37)
74. For whom did Jesus die? Date completed: _____
For the whole world but especially for those whom the Father had given him.
(Isa 53:8, 12; John 3:16; 10:11-16, 25-30; 17:9; Rom 3:21-25; 1 Tim 4:10; Heb 2:13-15; 1 Jn 2:1-2)
75. Who will be saved? Date completed: _____
Only those who repent from sin and believe in Jesus will be saved.
(Mark 1:14-15; Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:37-41; 16:30-31; 20:18-21; 26:19-20)
76. What does it mean to repent? Date completed: _____
To be sorry for sin, to hate and reject it because it is displeasing to God, and to turn away from sin and serve Jesus.
(Luke 19:8-10; Rom 6:1-2; 2 Cor 7:9-11; 1 Thess 1:9-10)
77. What does it mean to believe or have faith in Jesus? Date completed: _____
To trust only in Jesus for salvation because he is our only hope.
(John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim 2:5-6; 1 John 5:11-12)
78. Can you repent and believe in Jesus by your own power? Date completed: _____
No. Only God by his Spirit gives repentance and faith.
(Rom 5:1-5; 1 Cor 2:13-14; Eph 2:1-6)
79. How were godly persons saved before Jesus came? Date completed: _____
They believed in the Savior to come.
(John 8:56; Gal 3:8-9; 1 Cor 10:1-4; Heb 9:15; 11:13-14)
80. What three offices does Jesus fulfill for his people? Date completed: _____
He does the work of a prophet, priest, and king.
(Matt 13:57; John 18:37; Heb 1:1-4; 5:5-10; Rev 1:5)
81. How is Jesus a prophet? Date completed: _____
He reveals God to us and teaches us God's will.
(Deut 18:15-19; John 1:18; 4:25-26; 14:23-24; 1 John 5:20)

82. Why do you need Jesus as a prophet?

Date completed:_____

Because I don't know God's ways.

(Job 11:7-8; Matt 11:25-27; John 17:25-26; 1 Cor 2:14-16; 2 Cor 4:3-6)

83. How is Jesus a priest?

Date completed:_____

He died for our sins and prays to God for us.

(Ps 110:4; 1 Tim 2:5-6; Heb 4:14-16; 7:24-25; 1 John 2:1-2)

84. Why do you need Jesus as a priest?

Date completed:_____

Because I am guilty.

(Prov 20:9; Eccl 7:20; Rom 3:19-25; 1 John 1:8-9)

85. How is Jesus a king?

Date completed:_____

He rules over us and defends us.

(Ps 2:6-12; Matt 28:18; Eph 1:16-23; Col 1:13-20; Rev 15:3-4)

86. Why do you need Jesus as a king?

Date completed:_____

Because I am weak and helpless.

(John 15:4-5; 2 Cor 12:9; Phil 4:13; Col 1:11-12)

Bible & Catechism Memory for Fourth Graders:

General Bible Knowledge:

Know the books of the Old Testament:

Date completed: _____

Memory Clue—The Old Testament has 39 books: Old (3 letters) Testament (9 letters)

Genesis	1 Kings	Ecclesiastes	Obadiah
Exodus	2 Kings	Song of Songs	Jonah
Leviticus	1 Chronicles	Isaiah	Micah
Numbers	2 Chronicles	Jeremiah	Nahum
Deuteronomy	Ezra	Lamentations	Habakkuk
Joshua	Nehemiah	Ezekiel	Zephaniah
Judges	Esther	Daniel	Haggai
Ruth	Job	Hosea	Zechariah
1 Samuel	Psalms	Joel	Malachi
2 Samuel	Proverbs	Amos	

Memory Passages:

Philippians 2:13

Date completed: _____

For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Date completed: _____

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

1 John 3:18

Date completed: _____

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

John 14:21

Date completed: _____

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

Explanation: "Manifest" means "show" or "reveal."

Psalms 19:1-6

Date completed: _____

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Psalm 1:1-4

Date completed: _____

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Psalm 23:1-6

Date completed: _____

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Isaiah 53:2-9

Date completed: _____

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

John 1:1-8

Date completed: _____

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Romans 8:1-4

Date completed: _____

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 3:21-23

Date completed: _____

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Ephesians 4:29-32

Date completed: _____

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Philippians 4:4-8

Date completed: _____

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Psalms 100:1-5

Date completed: _____

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Catechism Questions 87-115:

87. What does God the Father do for his people?

Date completed: _____

God the Father elected, justified, adopted, and sanctified in Jesus Christ those sinners whom he purposed to save.

(Rom 8:29-33; Gal 4:4-7; Eph 1:3-5; Phil 1:6; 1 Thess 5:23-24).

88. What is election?

Date completed: _____

God's good and gracious choice of certain sinners for salvation.

(Eph 1:3-6; 1 Thess 1:4-5; 1 Pet 1:1-2)

89. What is justification? Date completed: _____
When God regards sinners as if they had never sinned and gives them the righteousness of Christ.
(Rom 3:21-26; 4:5; 5:17-19; 8:33; 2 Cor 5:21; Phil 3:8-9)
90. Can anyone be saved by his own righteousness? Date completed: _____
No. No one is good before God.
(Prov 20:9; Eccl 7:20; Rom 3:19-23)
91. What is adoption? Date completed: _____
Adoption is God's good and gracious reception of sinners into His family as beloved children.
(John 1:12-13; Rom 8:12-17; Gal 4:4-7; Eph 1:5; 1 John 3:1-2)
92. What is sanctification? Date completed: _____
When God frees sinners from slavery to sin so that they may live for God by faith.
(John 17:17; Rom 6:1-14; 8:1-4; 1 Cor 1:30; Eph 2:10; 4:20-24; 1 Thess 5:23)
93. What keeps the Christian from being totally free from sin in this life? Date completed: _____
The remaining sinful nature. Though a growing love for God by faith is certain, freedom from sin is complete only in heaven.
(Gal 5:17; Phil 3:12-15; 1 John 3:2)
94. What does the Holy Spirit do in the salvation of sinners? Date completed: _____
He regenerates, baptizes, and seals sinners in Christ for salvation.
(1 Cor 12:13; 2 Cor 1:21-22; Gal 3:13-14; Eph 1:13-14; 2:1-8; 4:30)
95. What is regeneration? Date completed: _____
It means "new birth" and is a change of heart that leads to true repentance and faith.
(Gal 5:22-23; Eph 2:4-9; 2 Thess 2:13; Titus 3:4-7)
96. How does the Holy Spirit baptize believers? Date completed: _____
He puts them into the body of Christ and makes them a living part God's family, the church.
(1 Cor 12:13)
97. How does the Holy Spirit seal believers? Date completed: _____
He comes to live within them to guarantee that they will receive all of God's promises.
(Rom 8:9-11; 2 Cor 1:21-22; Eph 1:13-14; 4:30)
98. What is prayer? Date completed: _____
Prayer is talking with God.
(Neh 1:4-11; Matt 6:6-8; Rom 8:26-27)
99. What does prayer teach us? Date completed: _____
Our complete dependence on God.
(Heb 4:14-16; Eph 6:16-18; Phil 4:6)

100. In whose name should we pray?
We should pray in the name of Jesus.
(John 14:13-14; 16:23-24; Heb 4:14-16)

Date completed:_____

101. What has Jesus given to teach us how to pray?
The Lord's Prayer.
(Matt 6:5-15; Luke 11:1-13)

Date completed:_____

102. What is the Lord's Prayer?
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Date completed:_____

103. How many petitions are there in the Lord's Prayer?
Six.

Date completed:_____

104. What is the first petition?
Make your name holy.
(Matt 6:9; Luke 11:2)

Date completed:_____

Explanation: "Hallowed be your name" means "let your name be kept holy."

105. What do we pray for in the first petition?
That God's name will be honored by us and all people.
(Ps 72:17-19; 113:1-3; 145:21; Isa 8:13)

Date completed:_____

106. What is the second petition?
Your kingdom come.
(Matt 6:10; Luke 11:2)

Date completed:_____

107. What do we pray for in the second petition?
That the gospel will be preached in the entire world, and believed and obeyed by all people.
(Matt 28:18-20; John 17:20-21; Acts 8:12; 28:30-31; 2 Thess 3:1)

Date completed:_____

108. What is the third petition?
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
(Matt 6:10; Luke 11:2)

Date completed:_____

109. What do we pray for in the third petition?
That people on earth will serve God as the angels do in heaven.
(Ps 67; 103:19-22)

Date completed:_____

110. What is the fourth petition?
Give us this day our daily bread.
(Matt 6:11; Luke 11:3)

Date completed:_____

111. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?
That God will give us everything we need for our bodies.
(Ps 145:15-16; Prov 30:8-9; 1 Tim 4:3-5)

Date completed:_____

112. What is the fifth petition?
Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.
(Matt 6:12; Luke 11:4)

Date completed:_____

113. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?
That God will forgive our sins just as we, with the Lord's help, forgive those who have sinned against us.
(Ps 51; Matt 18:21-35; 1 John 1:9)

Date completed:_____

114. What is the sixth petition?
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
(Matt 6:13; Luke 11:4)
Explanation: "Evil" may also refer to "the evil one," Satan.

Date completed:_____

115. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?
That God will keep us from sin.
(Ps 119:11; Matt 26:41)

Date completed:_____

Bible & Catechism Memory for Fifth Graders:

General Bible Knowledge:

Know The Beatitudes:
(Matthew 5:3-12)

Date completed:_____

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Know the Apostle's Creed:

Date completed:_____

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary; He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
Explanation: "Catholic" means "universal" or "worldwide"; it does not refer here to the Roman Catholic Church.

Memory Passages:

Psalms 119:9-11

Date completed:_____

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Date completed:_____

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 John 1:8-9

Date completed: _____

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Matthew 5:16

Date completed: _____

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Romans 1:16-17

Date completed: _____

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Romans 10:9-10

Date completed: _____

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Titus 3:4-5a

Date completed: _____

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.

Psalms 1:1-6

Date completed: _____

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Isaiah 53:2-12

Date completed: _____

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was

the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

John 1:1-14

Date completed: _____

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Read Romans 8:1-39 several times and discuss.

Date completed: _____

Consider memorizing this chapter with your child at the end of his fifth grade year or as he enters sixth grade.

Romans 3:21-26

Date completed: _____

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Ephesians 4:25-32

Date completed: _____

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Catechism Questions 116-136:

116. How does the Holy Spirit bring us to salvation?

Date completed:_____

He uses the Bible, which is God's Word.

(1 Thess 1:5-6; 2:13; 2 Tim 3:14-16; James 1:18; 1 Pet 1:22-23)

117. How can we know God's Word?

Date completed:_____

We hear, read, and study the Bible.

(Matt 21:42; 22:29; 2 Tim 3:14-17; 1 Pet 2:2-3; Rev 3:22)

118. What is a church?

Date completed:_____

An assembly of believers who celebrate the ordinances and who meet together under the preaching of God's Word following the care, leadership, and discipline of elders.

(Matt 18:20; Acts 2:42)

119. What two ordinances did Jesus give to his church?

Date completed:_____

Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

(Matt 28:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26)

120. Why did Jesus give these ordinances?

Date completed:_____

To show that his disciples belong to him, and to remind them of what he did for them.

(Matt 28:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26)

121. What is baptism?

Date completed:_____

The immersing of believers under water, as a sign of their union with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection.

(John 3:23; Acts 2:41; 8:12, 35-39; Col 2:11-12)

122. What is the purpose of baptism?

Date completed:_____

To signify God's cleansing from sin through Jesus Christ.

(Acts 22:16; Col 2:11-14)

123. Who should be baptized?

Date completed:_____

Only those who repent from their sins and believe in Christ for salvation.

(Acts 2:37-41; 8:12; 18:8; 19:4-5)

124. What is the Lord's Supper?

Date completed:_____

The eating of bread and drinking of wine to remember and celebrate the death of Jesus for sinners.

(Mark 14:22-25; 1 Cor 11:23-29)

125. What does the bread represent?

Date completed:_____

The bread represents the body of Jesus, broken for our sins.

(Matt 26:26; 1 Cor 11:23-24)

126. What does the wine represent? Date completed: _____
The wine represents the blood of Jesus, poured out for our salvation.
(Matt 26:27-28; 1 Cor 11:25)
127. Who should partake of the Lord's Supper? Date completed: _____
Believers who repent of their sins and love one another.
(1 Cor 10:16-17; 11:18-34)
128. Did Jesus remain in the tomb after his crucifixion? Date completed: _____
No. He rose from the tomb on the third day after his death.
(Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:45-47; 1 Cor 15:3-8)
129. Where is Jesus now? Date completed: _____
Jesus is in heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father.
(Rom 8:34; Col 3:1; Heb 1:3-4; 10:12-14; 12:1-2)
130. Will Jesus come again? Date completed: _____
Yes. At the last day he will come to judge the world.
(Matt 25:31-46; 2 Thess 1:5-11; 2 Tim 4:1)
131. What happens to people when they die? Date completed: _____
Their body returns to the ground, and their soul goes to be with God or to a place of suffering where they wait for judgment.
(Gen 3:19; Eccl 12:6-7; Rom 2:5; 2 Cor 5:1-6; Phil 1:23; Heb 12:22-24; 2 Pet 2:4-10)
132. Will the bodies of the dead be raised to life again? Date completed: _____
Yes. The Bible says, "There will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust."
(Acts 24:14-15; John 5:28-29; Dan 12:2)
133. What will happen to the wicked in the Day of Judgment? Date completed: _____
They will be cast into hell.
(Ps 9:16-17; Luke 12:5; Rom 2:8-12; 2 Thess 1:5-10; Rev 20:11-15)
134. What is hell? Date completed: _____
Hell is a place of dreadful and endless punishment.
(Matt 25:46; Mark 9:43-49; Luke 16:19-31)
135. What will happen to the righteous in the Day of Judgment? Date completed: _____
They will live with Jesus forever in the new heavens and the new earth.
(Isa 66:22; 1 Thess 4:16-17; 2 Pet 3:10-13; Rev 21:1-4)
136. In light of these truths, what should you do? Date completed: _____
I should ask God to help me repent of sin and believe in Jesus.
(Luke 13:23-24; John 6:27; Acts 16:31)