

Children's Catechism

This catechism is a primer for children. Questions 1–43 are for all ages; 44–88 are for older children, revisiting the same themes in more depth. This sheet can be folded into columns to hide answers while studying.

1	Who made you?	God made me and all things.
2	Who is God?	God is Spirit, eternal and almighty.
3	Where is God?	God is everywhere and knows all things.
4	Why did God make all things?	For His own glory.
5	How do we glorify God?	By loving Him and His word.
6	What is His word?	The Holy Bible.
7	What is the nature of God?	He is one God in three Persons.
8	Who are the three Persons?	The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
9	Who is the Son of God?	The Lord Jesus Christ.
10	Is Christ His last name?	No. Christ means anointed one.
11	Is Jesus Christ God?	Yes. He is both God and man.
12	Is the Father also a man?	No.
13	Is the Holy Spirit God?	Yes.
14	Are there then three Gods?	No, there is only one God.
15	How do you know this?	By hearing and reading God's word, the Bible.
16	Where did we get the Bible?	Men wrote it as the Holy Spirit led them.
17	What is heaven?	That good place where we will enjoy God forever.
18	Did God create all things good?	Yes, but we are fallen.
19	What does it mean that man fell?	All men sinned against God.
20	What is sin?	Not obeying God's law.
21	What is God's law?	All that He commands us to do.
22	Does God hate sin?	Yes.

23	Do all people sin?	Yes. All men from Adam sin but not Jesus.
24	What do men in Adam deserve?	The anger and punishment of God.
25	Can they go to heaven?	No, their sins must first be taken away.
26	What if their sins are not taken away?	They go to hell.
27	What is hell?	That bad place where people are punished forever.
28	What is the gospel?	The good news that God saves sinners.
29	What happens when we are saved?	Our sins are taken away.
30	Who saved us from our sins?	Jesus Christ, when He died on the cross.
31	Is Jesus dead?	No. He came back to life on the third day.
32	What also happens when we are saved?	With hearts of faith, we believe.
33	What is faith?	God's gift of trusting Jesus Christ alone for salvation.
34	Why did He give us faith?	Because He loved us before the world began.
35	Do we deserve His love?	No. We were born in sin, hating God.
36	How do you give thanks to God?	By praying and keeping His commands.
37	Why are you thankful?	Because Christ loves me and died for me.
38	Does God still love us even if we sin?	Yes, He will never leave us.
39	How do you know you belong to God?	Because I was baptized.
40	What is baptism?	His mark upon me by the washing of water.
41	Why are we baptized?	Because God has called us into His church.
42	What does baptism show you?	Christ washing away my sins by His blood.
43	Who should be baptized?	Only believers and their children.

44	How many sacraments are there?	Two, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
45	What is the Lord's Supper?	A sign and seal of the new covenant.
46	What is Christ's command in it?	That we eat His flesh and drink His blood.
47	How do we do this?	By the eating of bread and drinking of wine.
48	What are we doing in this?	We remember the sacrifice of Christ.
49	Is Christ present in the sacraments?	Yes, He is present to build our faith.
50	Is He in the bread and the wine?	No, He is bodily with the Father in heaven.
51	Do we really eat and drink His body and blood?	Yes, our souls do heavenly.
52	Who should come to the Lord's Supper?	Only professing believers.
53	What is good about Jesus' birth?	He was born of a virgin.
54	What does this mean?	His Father is not a son of Adam.
55	Why is this good?	Jesus is the Son of God, born without original sin.
56	What is special about His life?	He always did the good and never sinned.
57	Did Jesus really have to die for sins?	Yes, only His death could save us.
58	Why was our Lord buried?	To show that He really was dead.
59	Why was He resurrected?	To prove He truly is Christ, without sin.
60	How are you saved?	By grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.
61	Can you also be saved by doing good works?	No. It is by grace alone.
62	What is grace?	God calling me to Himself even though I don't deserve it.
63	What is God's calling?	Being born again by the working of the Holy Spirit.
64	Why is this good?	He gives me new life and makes me able to believe.
65	What do you believe?	Christ died for me and rose bodily from the dead.
66	What is justification?	To be declared righteous because of His life and death.
67	What is righteousness?	To have a right and perfect standing before God.

68	What is sanctification?	Becoming more and more like Christ everyday.
69	How?	The Holy Spirit helps me to live for my Lord and die to sin.
70	Do the people of God still sin?	Yes, we fight daily against our own sin.
71	What is Christ's promise therein?	If we confess our sins, He will forgive us.
72	What is confession of sins?	When we admit our sins to God in prayer.
73	Can we ever lose our salvation?	No. I am justified by the Father.
74	Why do we pray?	To thank Him for grace and call on Him in our distress.
75	How should we pray?	We must pray for all we need, according to His will.
76	What is His will?	The Ten Commandments and all His moral law.
77	What is the chief part of holiness?	Giving thanks to God for saving us.
78	Can you love God by yourself?	No. I must be a member of the local church.
79	What is the church?	The one, covenant people of God in Christ.
80	Who are they?	Believers and their children, starting with Abraham.
81	What is election?	That God chose us in Christ before the world began.
82	Why did God elect you?	Not for any good in me, but for His own purpose.
83	Did God choose every person in the world?	No, only His bride, the church.
84	Is everyone in the church elect?	No. Some, very few, do not have true faith.
85	Did He elect those who would believe?	No. He chose us in order to believe.
86	Does Christ shun the non-elect?	No. All people in Adam shun Christ.
87	When will we see our Lord Jesus Christ?	When we die or when He returns.
88	Why do we die?	To stop sinning, go to our Lord, and enjoy Him forever.

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