

Discussion Questions

Do you love Jesus? What are some of the ways you show Jesus you love him?

What are some of the things that Jesus did while he was here on earth?

Why did Jesus die on the cross?

Could Mommy or Daddy have died for you on the cross? Why not?

What happened to Jesus after he died?

Where is Jesus now?

Will Jesus always stay in heaven?

Is Jesus God or man or both?

What is sin? Do you sin?

What should you do when you sin?

How would you tell one of your friends how to go to heaven?

What is the other place called? Who goes there?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

What is worship? Why do we worship?

Why do we have the Lord's Supper?

What do the bread and wine represent?

How does the Lord's Supper strengthen us in our faith?

Do you pray?

What sorts of things do you say to God?

How does God talk to you?

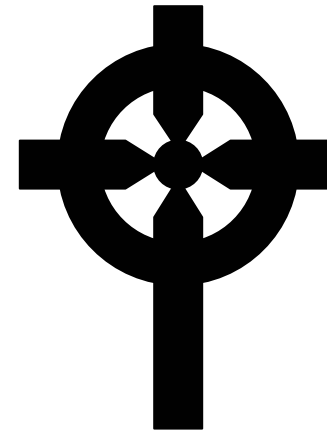
Where do we learn how to love and obey God?

What are some of your favorite Bible stories?

TRAINING YOUNG CHILDREN

A collection of catechism and discussion questions from various sources

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Basic Questions

- Q1.** Who made you?
A1. God.
- Q2.** What else did God make?
A2. [God made] All things.
- Q3.** Who is God?
A3. [God is] Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Q4.** Who saved you?
A4. God's Son (alternate: Jesus).
- Q5.** Who is God's Son (alternate: Who is Jesus)?
A5. Jesus is God's Son (alternate: God's Son is Jesus).
- Q6.** From what were you saved?
A6. Sin and death.
- Q7.** Who gives you life?
A7. God's Spirit [gives me life].
- Q8.** Who is God's family?
A8. The Church.
- Q9.** How does God speak to the Church?
A9. The Bible.
- Q10.** What is the Bible?
A10. God's book.
- Q11.** Who wrote the Bible?
A11. God's Spirit (alternate: God's Spirit working through men).
- Q12.** What does the Bible teach us about God?
A12. God is love.
- Q13.** What does the Bible say about children in regard to their parents?
A13. Children obey your parents in the Lord.

Questions on the Church & Sacraments

- Q57.** What are some important things used by God to save us, comfort us, and strengthen us in our faith?
A57. The Word of God, the sacraments, and prayer.
- Q58.** How many sacraments are there?
A58. Two.
- Q59.** What are they?
A59. Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- Q60.** What is baptism?
A60. The washing with water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Q61.** How does God use baptism?
A61. To bring people into the Church, the place of salvation.
- Q62.** Who are to be baptized?
A62. Believers and their children.
- Q63.** To what does your baptism bind you?
A63. To be a follower of Jesus who responds in faith to His grace.
- Q64.** What is the Lord's Supper?
A64. The Church together eating bread and drinking wine.
- Q65.** What does the bread represent?
A65. The body of Christ, broken for our sins.
- Q66.** What does the wine represent?
A66. The blood of Christ, shed for our salvation.
- Q67.** What warning does the Bible give regarding the Lord's Supper?
A67. That we should never use this time of unity and fellowship in Christ as a means of division and strife.

- Q48.** Did Christ remain in the tomb after his crucifixion?
A48. No; he rose from the tomb on the third day after his death.
- Q49.** Where is Christ now?
A49. In heaven.
- Q50.** What is heaven?
A50. A glorious and happy place.
- Q51.** Will Jesus come again?
A51. Yes; at the last day Christ will come to judge the world.
- Q52.** What happens to Christians at death?
A52. Their bodies return to dust, and their souls go to be with Jesus as they await the last day.
- Q53.** Will the bodies of the dead be raised to life again?
A53. Yes; "The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised."
- Q54.** What will become of the wicked in the day of judgment?
A54. They will be cast into hell.
- Q55.** What is hell?
A55. A place of dreadful judgment.
- Q56.** What will become of the righteous?
A56. They will live happy and holy lives with Jesus forever in the new heavens and new earth.

Questions on God

- Q14.** Why did God make you and all things?
A14. For His own glory.
- Q15.** How can you glorify God?
A15. By loving him and doing what he commands.
- Q16.** Why ought you to glorify God?
A16. Because he made me and takes care of me.
- Q17.** Are there more gods than one?
A17. There is only one God.
- Q18.** In how many persons does this one God exist?
A18. In three persons.
- Q19.** Who are they?
A19. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Q20.** What is God?
A20. God is a spirit and has not a body like man.
- Q21.** Where is God?
A21. God is everywhere.
- Q22.** Can you see God?
A22. No; I cannot see God, but he always sees me.
- Q23.** Does God know all things?
A23. Yes; nothing can be hid from God.
- Q24.** Can God do all things?
A24. Yes; God can do all his holy will.
- Q25.** Where do you learn how to love and obey God?
A25. In the Bible alone.

Questions on Adam & Eve

- Q26.** Who were our first parents?
A26. Adam and Eve.
- Q27.** Of what were our first parents made?
A27. God made the body of Adam out of the ground, and formed Eve from the body of Adam.
- Q28.** What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?
A28. He gave them souls.
- Q29.** Have you a soul as well as a body?
A29. Yes.
- Q30.** How do you know that you have a soul?
A30. Because the Bible tells me so.
- Q31.** In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?
A31. He made them holy and happy.
- Q32.** What was the sin of our first parents?
A32. Eating the forbidden fruit.
- Q33.** What befell our first parents when they had sinned?
A33. Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.
- Q34.** Did Adam act for himself alone?
A34. No; he represented all his posterity.
- Q35.** What effect had the sin of Adam on all mankind?
A35. All mankind are born in a state of sin and misery.
- Q36.** What is that sinful nature which we inherit from Adam called?
A36. Original sin.

Questions on Sin & Salvation

- Q37.** What is sin?
A37. Not loving, trusting, or obeying God.
- Q38.** What is an important command of God?
A38. To love my neighbor.
- Q39.** Who is your neighbor?
A39. Everybody I meet.
- Q40.** What does every sin deserve?
A40. The wrath and curse of God.
- Q41.** Does everybody sin? Do you sin?
A41. Yes.
- Q42.** What did Jesus do to make salvation possible?
A42. He led a sinless life, fully trusting God. He died on the cross, paying the penalty for our sin. He rose again, so that we too might have newness of life.
- Q43.** How can we sinners be saved from sin and death?
A43. By repenting of sin, placing our faith in Jesus, and leading holy lives.
- Q44.** What is "repenting of sin"?
A44. To be sorry for sin, and to hate and forsake it because it is displeasing to God.
- Q45.** What is "placing our faith in Jesus"?
A45. To trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.
- Q46.** What is "leading holy lives"?
A46. It is the good fruit of repentance and faith. If we believe God, we will obey Him.
- Q47.** Can you repent and believe in Christ on your own?
A47. No; I can do nothing good without the help of God's Holy Spirit.