

Month One: God & His Word

Introduction

This month lays the foundation for the whole of the catechism. God's word must be elevated to the highest priority in our minds and our hearts so that the Holy Spirit may teach, explain and implement the Words of God in our lives.

Along with respecting the Word of God, we must learn about who God is. We do not worship a God who is hidden but a God who has revealed Himself. This month will introduce us to the doctrine of the Trinity and the Godhead that deserves our worship, honor and glory: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Lessons

Week 1: Psalm 1:1-3

The first psalm focuses on the heart of David. The man devoted to God find God to be his ultimate pleasure. This lesson highlights Catechisms questions #1-#3.

Principal Questions:

- How do we demonstrate that we delight in the word of God?
- How can we better practice meditating on God's word both day and night?
- How can families do this together?

Week 2: Matthew 4:1-4

Jesus demonstrates complete human dependency on God's word. To avoid sin He must be modeled. This lesson highlights Catechisms questions #1-#3.

Principal Questions:

- What things do we need to remove from our lives to focus on God's word?
- What things do we use to satisfy ourselves besides God's word?
- How can families remind each other to place God's word first in their homes?

Week 3: 2 Timothy 3:15-17

The Bible is the full council of God and contains the fullness of His loving correction to us. This lesson highlights Catechisms questions #4 and #5.

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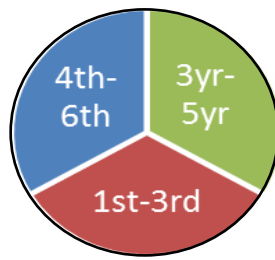
- How do you acquaint yourself with God's word?
- How does God's word equip you for serving Him?
- What teaching does the Bible contain on how families are to treat one another?

Week 4: Matthew 28:19-20






The Great Commission stakes the Trinity at the heart of Christianity. The Gospel must exalt the Trinity. This lesson highlights Catechisms questions #7-#9.

Principal Questions:

- How can we practice proper praise and worship of the Father *and* the Son *and* the Holy Spirit?
- How can we make sure that we teach the world the importance of the Trinity?
- How as families can we practice the submission of the Son and Holy Spirit?



Catechism Questions

-  **Q1.** What is the ultimate purpose of man?
A1. Man's ultimate purpose is to glorify God ¹ and to enjoy Him forever. ²
-  **Q2.** What ultimate standard has God given us to glorify and enjoy Him?
A2. The Word of God is the ultimate standard to direct us how to glorify and enjoy Him. ³
-  **Q3.** What is the Word of God?
A3. The Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testament, are the Word of God, ⁴ the ultimate standard for faith and obedience. ⁵
-  **Q4.** What do the Scriptures principally teach?
A4. The Scriptures principally teach the will of God, everything man must believe for salvation, and the works God requires of man. ⁶
-  **Q5.** What method should be used for interpreting the Scriptures?
A5. The Scriptures interpret the Scriptures. Let the simple interpret the difficult. ⁷

¹ Rom 11:36; 1 Cor 10:36

² Ps 73:24-28; John 17:21-23





³ 1 John 1:3-4

⁴ 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:19-21

⁵ Eph 2:20; Rev 22:18-19; Isa 8:20; Luke 19:29, 31; Gal 1:8-9; 2 Tim 3:15-16

⁶ Eph 2: 10; 2 Tim 1:13; 3:16

⁷ 2 Pet 1:20-21; Acts 15:15

-  **Q6.** Who is God?
A6. God is one in essence or nature, existing infinitely, ⁸ eternally, ⁹ and unchangeably, ¹⁰ in His being, ¹¹ wisdom, ¹² power, ¹³ holiness, ¹⁴ justice, goodness and truth. ¹⁵ He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. ¹⁶
-  **Q7.** Are there more gods than one?
A7. There is only one living and true God; ¹⁷ He exists in three persons.
-  **Q8.** What three persons make up the Godhead?
A8. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
-  **Q9.** Since there is only one divine essence, why do we speak of Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
A9. Because these three are one God equal in power and glory. ¹⁸ These three are revealed in the Scriptures ¹⁹ as distinct persons and yet still the one true and eternal God.

⁸ Job 11:7-9

⁹ Ps 90:2

¹⁰ James 1:17

¹¹ Exod 3:14

¹² Ps 147:5

¹³ Rev 4:8

¹⁴ Rev 15:4

¹⁵ Exod 34:6-7

¹⁶ Heb 11:6

¹⁷ Deut 6:4; 1 Cor 8:4, 6; Jer 10:10

¹⁸ 1 John 5:7; Matt 28:19

¹⁹ Gen 1:26; Isa 61:1; John 14:16-17; 1 John 5:7; John 1:13; Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14