

How To Use This Book:

This book contains the memory work assignments for the academic year for the Catechesis series. This series is designed to help improve basic Bible knowledge in our Christian families.

Each week, a section of Luther's Small Catechism and a portion of the Scriptures from which Luther derived his explanations are divided among the various grade levels. Students are to memorize the portions which are assigned to their grade level. Students are also to review (and rememorize, if necessary) all those sections assigned to grade levels lower than their own. For example, on page one of this booklet, we find the First Commandment. All those at the Primary level are to memorize the commandment itself. Those at the Junior level are to memorize Deuteronomy 6:4 as well as the review their memorization of the First Commandment. By the time a student reaches Level IV, s/he should have the entire sheet memorized.

Since various congregations may structure their confirmation programs differently, we do not use the same grade level numbers that a school would use. A rough guide to remember would be:

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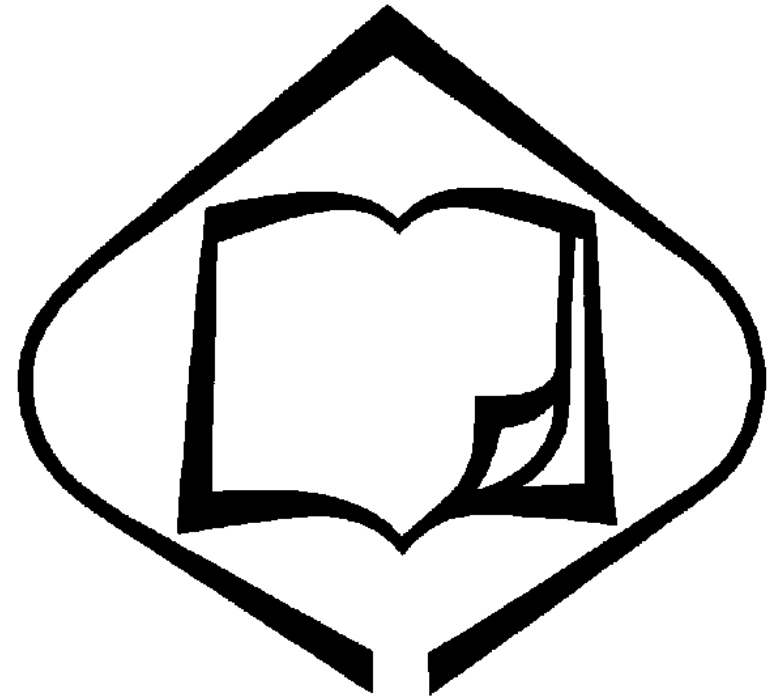
Junior - Grades 3 & 4

Level I - Grade 5

Level II - Grade 6

Level III - Grade 7

Level IV - Grade 8.



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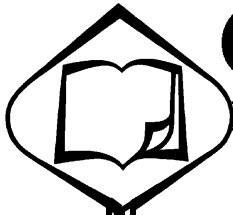
Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

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Evening Prayer

Level III
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Level IV

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Bible Passages

Primary

Where morning dawns and evening fades You call forth songs of joy. -P salm 65:8b

Junior

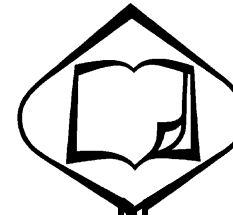
May my prayer be set before You like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice. -Psalms 141:2

Level I

By day the LORD directs His love, at night His song is with me— a prayer to the God of my life. -P salm 42:8

Level II

It is good to praise the LORD and make music to Your name, O Most High, to proclaim Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness at night. -Psalms 92:1-2



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The First Commandment

Primary

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

Level I

We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

Bible Passages

Junior

Hear O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. -Deut. 6:4

Level II

There is no God but one. -1 Cor. 8:4

Level III

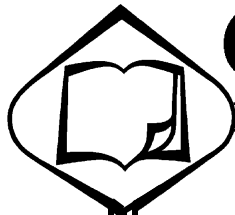
I am the LORD; that is My Name! I will not give My glory to another or My praise to idols. -Is. 42:8

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. -Ps. 14:1

Level IV

To fear the LORD is to hate evil. -Prov. 8:13

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. -Ps. 118:8



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The Second Commandment

Primary

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

Level I

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Bible Passages

Junior

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me. –Psalm 50:15

Level II

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” This is what you are to say to the Israelites: “I AM has sent me to you.” –Exodus 3:14

Level III

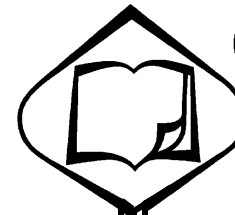
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise. –Psalm 111:10

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities. –Romans 13:1

Level IV

Do not swear falsely by My name and so profane the name of your God. I am the Lord. –Leviticus 19:12

Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God. –Leviticus 19:31



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Morning Prayer

Level II

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Bible Passages

Primary

Pray continually. –1 Thess. 5:17

Junior

Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. –Psalm 124:8

Level I

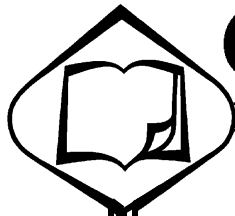
May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. –Ps. 19:14

Level III

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Level IV

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. –Rom. 8:26



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The Sacrament of the Altar (IV)

Level II

Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Bible Passages

Primary

I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief! –Mark 9:24

Junior

Be faithful, even to the point of death,
and I will give you the crown of life. –Rev. 2:10

Level I

A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread or drinks of the cup. –1 Cor. 11:28

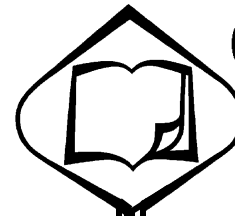
Level III

The sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons. –1 Cor. 10:20-21

Level IV

I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. –Rom. 16:17-18

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. –1 Cor. 10:17



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The Third Commandment

Primary

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

Level I

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Bible Passages

Junior

Blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God and obey it. –Luke 11:28

Level II

He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.
–John 8:47

Level III

He who listens to you listens to Me; he who rejects you rejects Me; but he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me. –Luke 10:16

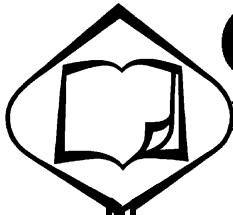
Level IV

I love the house where You live, O Lord, the place where Your glory dwells. –Psalms 26:8

This is the one I esteem; he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at My Word. –Isaiah 66:2

Do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath Day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

–Colossians 2:16-17



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The Fourth Commandment

Primary

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

Level I

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Bible Passages

Junior

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. –Colossians 3:20

Level II

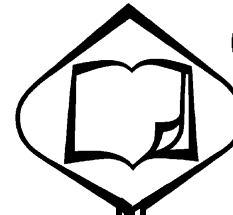
These should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God. –1 Timothy 5:4

Level III

We must obey God rather than men.–Acts 5:29
The eye that mocks a father, that scorns obedience to a mother, will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley, will be eaten by the vultures. –Proverbs 30:17

Level IV

Love your neighbor as yourself. –Matthew 22:39
“Honor your father and your mother”–which is the first commandment with a promise– “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” –Eph. 6:2-3



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The Sacrament of the Altar (III)

Level II

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “Forgiveness of sins.”

Bible Passages

Primary

Whoever comes to Me, I will never drive away. –John 6:37

Junior

He who stands firm to the end will be saved. –Matt. 24:13

Level I

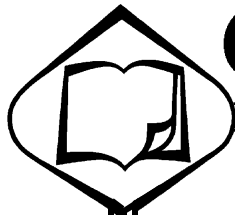
Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished. –Luke 1:45

Level III

“Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.”
[Jesus] replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it. –Luke 11:27-28

Level IV

My sheep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand. –John 10:27-8



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The Sacrament of the Altar (II)

Level II

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Bible Passages

Primary

The blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. -1 John 1:7

Junior

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. -Matt. 26:28

Level I

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all-how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?
-Rom. 8:31-32

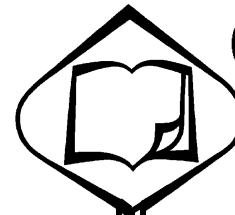
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You know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a Lamb without blemish or defect. -1 Peter 1:18-9

Level IV

He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation. -Col. 1:22

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed. -1 Peter 2:24



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The Fifth Commandment

Primary

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

Level I

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every bodily need.

Bible Passages

Junior

Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer. -1 John 3:15

Level II

Whosoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man. -Gen. 9:6

Level III

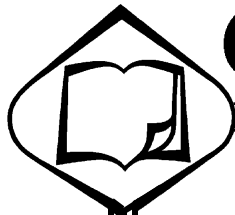
Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. -Matt. 5:44

Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. -Rom. 12:19

Level IV

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy..Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. -Matt. 5:7, 9

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. -Eph. 4:32



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The Sixth Commandment

Primary

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

Level I

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Bible Passages

Junior

Keep yourself pure. -1 Tim. 5:22

Level II

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace. -2 Tim. 2:22

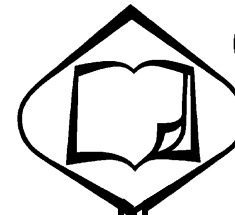
Level III

What God has joined together, let man not separate. -Matt. 19:6

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. -Eph. 4:29

Level IV

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. -1 Cor. 6:18-20



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The Sacrament of the Altar (I)

Junior

What is Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

Level II

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Bible Passages

Primary

[Jesus said,] "This is My Body...This is My Blood." -Matt. 26:26, 28

Level I

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. -1 Cor. 11:26

Level III

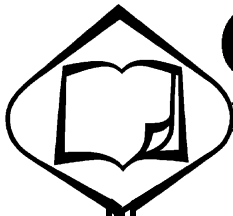
I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you. -1 Cor. 11:23

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. -1 Cor. 11:27

Level IV

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. -Acts 2:42

By one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. -Heb. 10:14



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The Office of the Keys

Junior

What is the Office of the Keys? The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Level I

Where is this written? This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22b-23)

Level II

What do you believe according to these words? I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Bible Passages

Primary

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out. -Acts 3:19

Level III

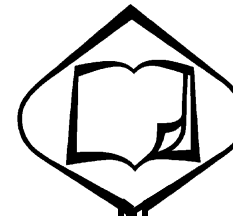
I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. -Matt. 16:19

I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. -Matt. 18:18

Level IV

If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

-Matt. 18:15-17



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The Seventh Commandment

Primary

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

Level I

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Bible Passages

Junior

In everything, do to others what you would have them do to YOU. -Matt. 7:12

Level II

He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. -Eph. 4:28

Level III

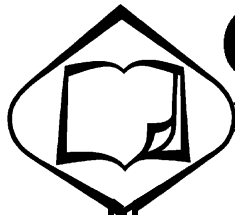
If a man will not work, he shall not eat. -2 Thess. 3:10

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? -1 John 3:17

Level IV

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. -Phil. 2:4

Do not forget to do good, and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. -Heb. 13:16



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The Eighth Commandment

Primary You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

Level I We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

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Junior Brothers, do not slander one another. –James 4:11

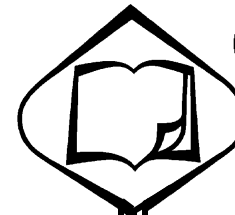
Level II “Do not plot evil against your neighbor, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this,” declares the Lord. –Zech. 8:17

Level III A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will not go free. –Prov. 19:5

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. –Eph. 4:25

Level IV A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret. –Prov. 11:13

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. –Prov. 31:8-9



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Confession

Junior *What is confession?* Confession has two parts. First, we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Level I *What sins should we confess?* Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Level II *Which are these?* Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Bible Passages

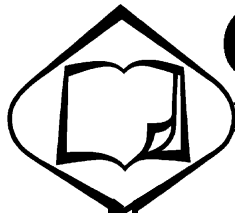
Primary Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him. –Ps. 32:2

Level III “Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” –Is. 1:18

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. –Ps. 103:12

Level IV If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. –1 John 1:8-9

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. –James 5:16



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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (IV)

Level I

What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Level II

Where is this written? St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom. 6:4)

Bible Passages

Primary

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. -2 Cor. 5:17

Junior

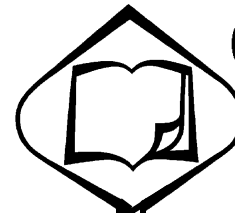
Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. -Gal. 5:24

Level III

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. -Eph. 4:22-24

Level IV

But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. -Col. 3:8-10



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The Ninth Commandment

Primary

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

Level I

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

Bible Passages

Junior

You, my brothers, were called to be free. Do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. -Gal. 5:13

Level II

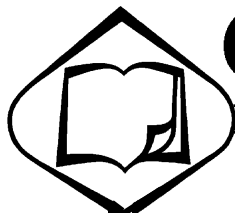
Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you." -Heb. 13:5

Level III

But godliness with contentment is great gain. -1 Tim. 6:6
Woe to those who plan iniquity...They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them. They defraud a man of his home, a fellowman of his inheritance. -Micah 2:1-2

Level IV

But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. -1 Tim. 6:8-10



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Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The Tenth Commandment

Primary

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

Level I

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Bible Passages

Junior

Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. –Ps. 37:4

Level II

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry. –Col. 3:5

Level III

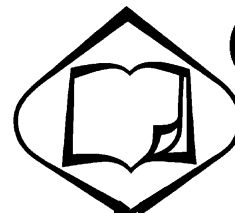
Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. –Luke 12:15

Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire is conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. –James 1:14-15

Level IV

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. –Phil. 4:8

Direct me in the path of Your commands, for there I find delight. Turn my heart toward Your statutes and not toward selfish gain. –Ps. 119:35-36



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Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (III)

Level II

How can water do such great things? Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is just plain water and no baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5-8)

Level III

Bible Passages

Primary

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. –Mark 16:16a

Junior

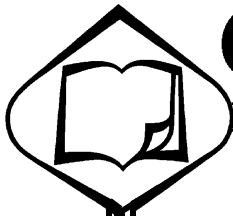
Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word. –Eph. 5:25-6

Level I

This water [of Noah's flood] symbolizes baptism that now saves you also....It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. –1 Peter 3:21

Level IV

For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. –Romans 6:6-7



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Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (II)

Level I

What benefits does Baptism give? It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Level II

Which are these words and promises of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mk. 16:16)

Bible Passages

Primary

One Lord, one faith, one baptism. –Eph. 4:5

Junior

Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away. –Acts 22:16

Level III

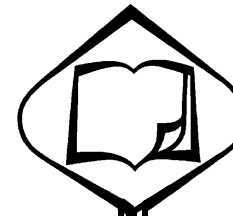
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Level IV

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. –Gal. 3:26-27

Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. –Acts 2:38

You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. –1 Cor. 6:11



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Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The Close of the Commandments

Level I

What does God say about all these commandments? He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Exodus 20:5-6)

Level II

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Primary

Bible Passages

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags. –Isaiah 64:6

Junior

There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins. –Ecclesiastes 7:20

Level III

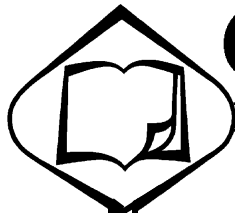
For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. –James 2:10

Clearly no one is justified before God by the Law, because, "The righteous will live by faith." –Galatians 3:11

Level IV

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us. –Galatians 3:13

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell –Matthew 10:28



Catechesis

Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The First Article of the Apostles Creed

Level I I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

Level II I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all that I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

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All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Bible Passages

Primary Nothing is impossible with God. –Luke 1:37

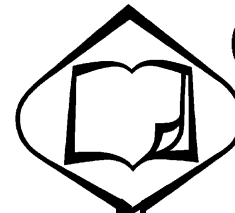
Junior [He] sustain[s] all things by His powerful Word. –Hebrews 1:3

Level III He is not far from each one of us. For in Him we live and move and have our own being. –Acts 17:27-8

God is love. –1 John 4:8

Level IV The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made. –Ps. 145:9

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. –Romans 8:28



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Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (I)

Level I *What is Baptism?* Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Level II *Which is that word of God?* Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt. 28:19)

Bible Passages

Primary [Jesus] said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." –Mark 10:14

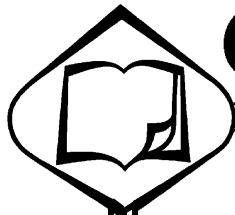
Junior The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call. –Acts 2:39

Level III No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. –John 3:5-6

Like the rest, we are by nature objects of wrath. –Eph. 2:3

Level IV From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. –Eph. 4:16

If anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea. –Matt. 18:6



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Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The Conclusion of the Lord's Prayer

Primary

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean?

Level I

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

Bible Passages

Junior

Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. -Isaiah 65:24

Level II

This is the confidence that we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

-1 John 5:14

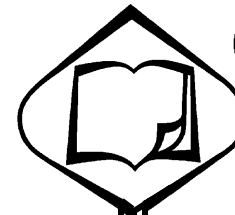
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The LORD is far from the wicked but He hears the prayer of the righteous. -Proverbs 15:29

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. -James 1:17

Level IV

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. -Matthew 7:7-8



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Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The First Article of the Apostles Creed

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He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all that I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

Level II

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Bible Passages

Primary

Give thanks to the LORD for He is good; His love endures forever. -Ps. 118:1

Junior

My times are in Your hands. -Psalm 31:15

Level I

For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible. -Colossians 1:16

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. -Gal. 3:26

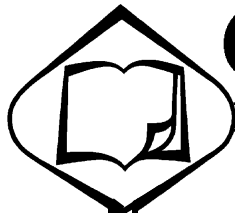
Level III

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? -Heb. 1:14

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. -Jer. 1:5

Level IV

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, Your justice like the great deep. O LORD, You preserve both man and beast. How priceless is Your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of Your wings. -Ps. 36:6-7



Catechesis

Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The 2nd Article of the Apostles Creed

Level I

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. *He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

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What does this mean?

Level II

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, *that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.*

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Bible Passages

Primary

We know that this man really is the Savior of the world.—John 4:42b

Junior

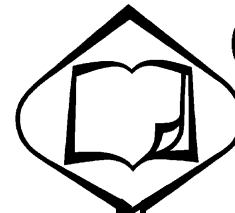
Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.—1 Cor. 15:3

Level III

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.—Isaiah 53:3

Level IV

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!—Phil. 2:5-8



Catechesis

Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Primary

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

Level I

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Bible Passages

Junior

I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far.—Phil. 1:23

Level II

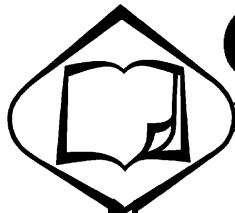
We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.—Acts 14:22

Level III

And I—in righteousness I will see Your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing Your likeness.—Psalm 17:15
The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom.—2 Timothy 4:18

Level IV

The LORD will keep you from all harm—He will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.—Ps. 121:7-8
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.—Revelation 14:13



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Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Primary

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

Level II

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Bible Passages

Junior

If sinners entice you, do not give in to them. --Proverbs 1:10

Level I

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them. --Psalm 34:7

Level III

God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. --1 Cor. 10:13

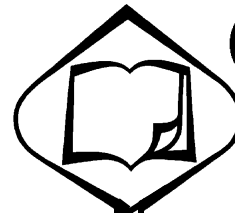
Be self controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

--1 Peter 5:8-9

Level IV

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. --2 Cor. 4:8-9

Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! --Matthew 18:7



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Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The 2nd Article of the Apostles Creed

Level I

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What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

Level II

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Bible Passages

Primary

Because I live, you also will live. --John 14:19

Junior

If anybody does sin, we have One who speaks to the Father in our defense -- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. --1 John 2:1

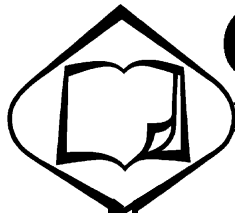
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Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

--Isaiah 53:4-5

Level IV

Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. --Phil. 2:9-11



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Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The Third Article of the Apostles Creed

Level I

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

Level II

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

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In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Bible Passages

Primary

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. –Ps. 51:10

Junior

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. –Rom. 10:17

Level III

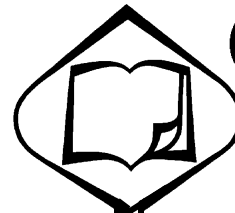
Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. –1 Cor. 12:3

Without faith, it is impossible to please God. –Heb. 11:6

Level IV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. –Gal. 5:22-23

Serve one another in love. –Gal. 5:13b



Catechesis

Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The Fifth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer

Primary

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

Level II

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Bible Passages

Junior

God, have mercy on me, a sinner. –Luke 18:13

Level I

Do not bring Your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before You. –Psalm 143:2

Level III

Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

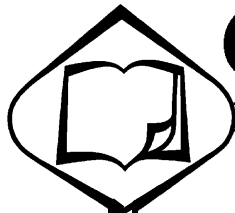
–P salm 19:12

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. –Mark 11:25

Level IV

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. –Proverbs 28:13

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. –Col. 3:13



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Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Give us this day our daily bread.

Primary

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Junior

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Level II

Bible Passages

Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.
—1 Peter 5:7

Level I

He makes the grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate— bringing forth food from the earth.
—Psalm 104:14

Level III

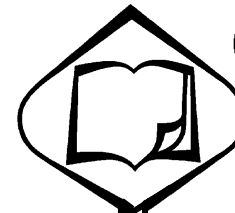
Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. —Matthew 6:33

Level IV

The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. —Psalm 145:15-6

Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.
—Matthew 6:34

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Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The Third Article of the Apostles Creed

I believe in the Holy...

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Level II

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Bible Passages

Primary

God wants all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. —1 Tim. 2:4

Junior

If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. —Rom. 8:9

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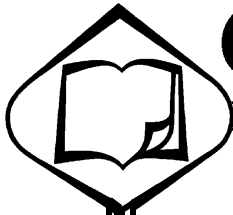
God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. —2 Cor. 5:19

Level III

Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. —Matt. 7:15-16
[Christ] will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body. —Phil. 3:21

Level IV

I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Rom. 8:38-39



Catechesis

Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

Prayer at Meals Asking a Blessing

Level I The eyes of all look to You, [O Lord,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Ps. 145:15-16)

[Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:]

Junior Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

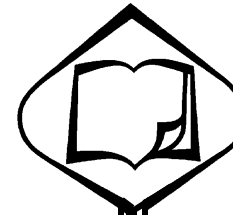
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Level II I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness You have shown Your servant. -Gen. 32:10

Level III As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. -Ps. 103:13

Level IV Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown You and say, 'Who is the LORD?' -Prov. 30:8-9

Primary [No assignment for this week.]



Catechesis

Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Primary Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

Junior The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

Level II God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Bible Passages

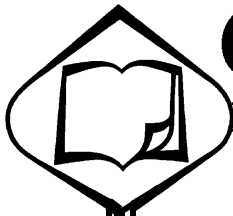
Level I Direct me in the path of Your commands, for there I find delight. -Ps. 119:35

Level III It is God's will that you should be sanctified. -1 Thess. 4:3a

Send forth Your light and Your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to Your holy mountain, to the place where You dwell. -Psalm 43:3

Level IV [You] through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. -1 Peter 1:5

For to me, to live is Christ, to die is gain. -Philippians 1:21



Catechesis

Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Primary Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

Junior The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come?

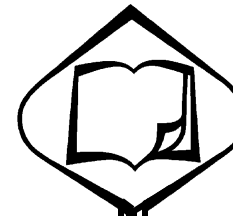
Level II God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Bible Passages

Level I The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
-Romans 14:17

Level III Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. -Phil. 3:20
Your faith has saved you; go in peace. -Luke 7:50

Level IV Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us. -1 Peter 2:12
So is My Word that goes out from My mouth: it will not return to Me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. -Isaiah 55:11



Catechesis

Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

Prayer at Meals Returning Thanks

Primary Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever.

Level I [He] gives food to every creature. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor is His delight in the legs of a man; the Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.

(Ps. 136:1, 25; 147:9-11)

[Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following.]

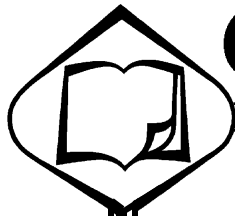
Junior We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all Your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.
Amen.

Bible Passages

Level II He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. -Romans 14:6

Level III How can I repay the LORD for all His goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD....I will sacrifice a thank offering to You and call on the name of the LORD. -Psalms 116:12-3, 17

Level IV Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men, for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. -Psalms 107:8-9



Catechesis

Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

Primary

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

Level II

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

Bible Passages

Junior

O You who hear prayer, to You all men will come. -Psalm 65:2

Level I

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

-Mark 11:24

Level III

I tell you the truth, My Father will give you whatever you ask in My Name. -John 16:23

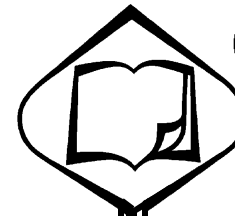
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. -Phil. 4:7

Level IV

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

-1 Thess. 5:16-18

The LORD is near to all who call on Him; He hears their cry and saves them. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them. -Psalm 145:18-9



Catechesis

Basic Bible Knowledge for the Family

The First Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Primary

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

Junior

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

Level II

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Bible Passages

Level I

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. -Psalm 103:1

Level III

Let the one who has My Word speak it faithfully. -Jeremiah 23:28
Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. -Matthew 5:16

Level IV

"Yes," declares the LORD, "I am against the prophets who wag their own tongues and yet declare, 'The LORD declares.'" -Jeremiah 23:31

Sanctify them by the truth; Your Word is truth. -John 17:17