



# family discipleship and worship guide

for use with children up to age 10



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# introduction

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Every Christian parent wants to raise children who will grow up to love and trust Jesus. Parents deliberately search for the church that provides the most opportunities for their kids to grow up in the Lord. We want Metro East to be that church! Yet, as we continue to build our children's ministry, we must not neglect our homes—where children see our faith on real-time display every day.

According to the Bible, we parents have the primary responsibility for teaching our children about God. His word must be prominent in our conversation and daily life with our kids. Training our children in godliness is not something that we can put off until they're older. In Deuteronomy 6:4-9, we read:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

The call to training our children in godliness is comprehensive. You could easily summarize the Deuteronomy 6 passage by saying we have responsibility to teach our children during mealtime, drive time, bedtime, and hangtime.

Metro East's leadership recognizes that we have a responsibility as a church to walk alongside parents as they train their children in godliness. We want to equip parents to pray and plan for the spiritual development of their kids. One goal of this booklet is to introduce you to some of the best resources available for teaching your kids about Jesus. In other words, if you only have fifty dollars per year to spend on teaching your children about God, we'll tell you what we think you should buy. The second purpose is to introduce the concept of family worship.

## What is Family Worship?

Christian writer Patrick Kavanaugh compares family worship to a family meal. Just as a "family meal" is the time when all family members come together to eat, so "family worship" is the time when all family members come together for spiritual encouragement.<sup>1</sup> A good family meal requires intentional planning and preparation. Family worship requires

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<sup>1</sup> Patrick Kavanaugh, *Raising Children Who Adore God*, (Grand Rapids: Chosen, 2003), 75.

<sup>2</sup> *Truth and Grace Memory Books 1-3* edited by Thomas K. Ascol (Founders Press, 2000) were

planning as well, and this little booklet is intended as a catalyst for planning. It contains a list of age-appropriate resources to train your child to know God's Word: a felt board resource, children's Bibles, a catechism (simple questions and answers for teaching Bible truth), audio CDs, and more. The guide also contains some ideas about how you can use these tools with your family, and we even suggest specific learning goals for you and your children. The concept of family worship is not new with us. This booklet is modeled after two very similar resources.<sup>2</sup>

Like a great meal, family worship should also have color and variety. We hope this guide will be a great starting point, but be creative. Don't get stuck in the rut of simply reading stories. Act them out. Draw and paint. Let a sock puppet tell the story. Adding variety to our times of family worship helps them become times of discovery, and it helps keep our kids' interest as well.

Moreover, we encourage you to ask other parents to share what they are doing to teach the Bible to their kids. Consider asking someone to pray for you and hold you accountable. Find another parent with whom you can share ideas. We can learn a lot from each other and be encouraged by one another's faithfulness.

## When? Consistency is Key

Some parents pray and teach the Scriptures to their kids each night before bedtime. Others supplement nighttime stories and prayers with more structured worship services that include singing. Some have family worship around the table—during the family meal. Family schedules are as different as the families that set them. But times for family worship should be planned regularly. Young children respond best to a planned routine—something they expect. Consistency is key. And *regularity* is more important than *frequency*. It would be better to gather the family once each week without fail than to exasperate one's family with failed attempts to meet every day.

Know this as well: Creatively teaching the Bible to kids is not limited to an intentional time of family worship. As parents, we must make God's word prominent throughout our lives and conversations. Children learn as much from what we do as from what we say. And kids have lots of questions that present us with opportunities to teach the truth. A parent could use the example of a broken toy as an opportunity to teach about how Adam and Eve "broke the world." Such "teachable moments" arise more often than we realize.

## God speaks. We respond.

Family worship, like all worship, has two key components: (1) God speaks, and (2) we answer him.

### God Speaks through His Word

Being a good listener means paying careful attention. And when we are listening to God, we shouldn't be more haphazard than when we are listening to a friend. Here are some ideas for how to listen to God's word in a systematic way:

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<sup>2</sup> *Truth and Grace Memory Books* 1-3 edited by Thomas K. Ascol (Founders Press, 2000) were designed for the Grace Baptist Church in Cape Coral, Florida.

**(1) If you are just starting a time of family worship, you should begin by finding a good Bible.** Read a chapter from the Bible at each family worship time. Read through one of the Gospels or read one chapter from the Old Testament and one from the New. We suggest the following of Children’s Bibles because they use simple language and include resources that help to explain difficult concepts:



- *My First Holy Bible*, New Living Translation, (Tyndale, 2005)—with a blue or pink cover.



- *The Adventure Bible for Early Readers*, New International Reader’s Version, (Zonderkidz, 2000, 2008).



- *ESV Children’s Bible*, English Standard Version, (Crossway, 2005, 2008).

An excellent guide for family Bible reading that focuses on the stories in the Bible can be found in *The Family Worship Resource Book*, edited by Terry L. Johnson (Christian Focus, 2003), pages 49-60.

**(2) Find a good Bible storybook, and read through it with your children.** Many Bible resources for young children accurately summarize the facts of a Bible story from Scripture, but then draw a lesson from the story that the Biblical author did not intend. There is a tendency to draw moral lessons (“do this” or “don’t do that”) rather than seeing God’s actions in history to save humanity. We’re grateful to report that we’ve found a few resources that are more careful.



*Our top picks in Bible storybooks are listed by recommended age in the “recommendations” section below. Look for the open Bible icon.*

**(3) Use the “take home” papers given to each child age two years and older during our Sunday Bible classes at Metro East.** Metro East Kids (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) uses the *Gospel Project curriculum by Lifeway* in our Sunday School classes. Our preschool uses *First Look curriculum by 252 Basics* in their Sunday School classes. This curriculum puts the gospel first in every lesson, and these papers are excellent springboards for times of family worship.

(4) Use a felt board and illustrated felt characters to tell Bible stories. The resource we like is pricey, but is worth the effort.



- *Through the Bible in Felt, The Basic Bible Set (Small)*, (Betty Lukens, Inc.).

(5) Listen to an audio Bible. As our toddlers have begun to give up their daily nap, we've still encouraged them to have a daily "rest" time. Your kids may enjoy listening to the Scriptures while they rest. Our top pick in audio Bibles is:



- *Inspired by the Bible Experience: Old and New Testament*, Audio CDs (Zondervan, 2006)—Dramatic reading of the entire New Testament in a modern version by a cast of African-American actors and pastors. A free Bible Experience podcast is available for iTunes at Zondervan's website.

## We Answer God by Learning the Truth

One of the ways that we respond to God is by meditating on the truths in his word—repeating these truths over and over in our minds so that we remember them. Of course, one danger of having children memorize is that they will learn what is taught in a mechanical, abstract manner, “by rote,” as if it were some sort of a drill. Teaching children should not be done in a negative, repressive, or manipulative manner.<sup>3</sup> This violates both the child's personality and God's way of salvation. Rather the truths of God should be taught in an atmosphere of love, and special care should be taken to ensure that the child's understanding of what he learns grows over time:

*Discuss* the material being memorized with your child. This should be done during the actual memorization as well as at other opportune times in the day. Daily experiences and observations provide a world of opportunities to *illustrate* and *apply* God's Word. For example, the inevitable “night frights” which young children occasionally have, become wonderful occasions to comfortingly remind them that, though we cannot see God, He always sees us. Take time to *define* difficult terms. *Question* your child in order to discover the level of his [or her] understanding. When you feel that understanding is being achieved, *pray* with and for the child, including in your prayer some of the concepts just discussed.

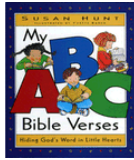
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<sup>3</sup> Adapted from, David Martin Lloyd-Jones, “Nurture and Admonition,” Free Grace Broadcaster 204 (Summer 2008), 7-9.

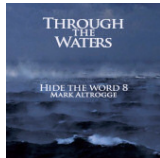
Expect your child to learn, and rejoice with him [or her] over his growth in knowledge and understanding of God's Word.<sup>4</sup>

Here are some ideas for how to learn Bible truth in a systematic way:

**(1) Memorize Bible verses and passages.** Two good resources are:



- *My ABC Bible Verses: Hiding God's Word in Little Hearts* by Susan Hunt. (Crossway, 1998)—Bible verses for each letter of the alphabet. Each verse is related to life situations with an easy-to-read children's story.



- *Hide the Word: Scripture Memory Songs, Volumes 1-8*, by Mark Altrogge (Forever Grateful Music)—This set of CDs puts scripture to rock tunes. This isn't necessarily just for kids. Adults will enjoy it too.
- Memory verses can sometimes be found on the “take home” papers sent home with kids weekly after Metro East Kids Sunday School classes



*Suggested Bible verses and passages for memory are keyed to the “expectations” section of this guide below. Look for the brain icon.*

**(2) Learn Bible doctrines and themes with your children by memorizing simple questions and answers that teach Bible truth.** The questions listed below are simple enough to begin with a toddler, but the depth of the questions will grow with the child.



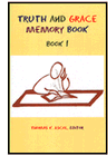
- *Big Truths for Little Kids: Teaching Your Children to Live for God* by Susan and Richie Hunt (Crossway, 1999)

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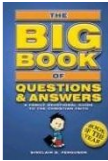
<sup>4</sup> Thomas K. Ascol, *Truth and Grace Memory Book*, Book 1 (Founders Press, 2000), iii.



- *My 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Questions and Answers* by Carine MacKenzie (Christian Focus, 2001).



- *Truth and Grace Memory Books*, volumes 1-3, by Thomas K. Ascol (Founders Press, 2005)—questions and scripture memory for ages 2 -18.



- *The Big Book of Questions and Answers: A Family Devotional Guide to the Christian Faith* by Sinclair B. Ferguson (Christian Focus, 1997.)



*Questions from the book Teaching Truth, Training Hearts by Thomas J. Nettles (Calvary Press, 1998) is adapted for Metro East and listed in sections by recommended age in the “expectations” section below. Look for the question mark icon.*

### (3) Read books that teach basic truths about the Christian faith to children.



You may want to check out Dr. Ray Van Neste’s “Children’s Hour Books” blog ([childrenshourbooks.blogspot.com](http://childrenshourbooks.blogspot.com)), where he reviews all of the books that he reads to his sons.



*Some good books that teach basic Christian truth are keyed by age to the “recommendations” section of the guide below. Look for the handprint icon.*

## We Answer God in Prayer

Another way that we respond to God’s Word is by answering him in prayer:

**(1) Pray for your children.** We can teach and model the Christian faith all day long, but only God can convict our children of their sins and give them new life in Christ. It is

imperative that we pray for our children – not only that God would convict them of their sins and enable them to trust in Christ, but that they would be guarded from evil influences and the devastating effects of sin.

Pray with your children. By modeling prayers for our kids, we model for them our spiritual priorities and values, and we teach them to pray. In prayer, we show our children that we depend upon God, His mercy and His protection. Pray that your children will grow up to love Jesus and trust in Jesus. Pray that they will have godly friends and godly spouses one day. Pray that they will be protected from Satan and his schemes. Teach them to adore God in prayer. Teach them to confess their sins. Teach them to ask God to meet their needs.

We've found the following prayer guides to help us to pray in ways that are modeled after prayers in the Bible:



- *I Can Say to God, I Love You* by Carine MacKenzie, Prayer Board Books series (Christian Focus, 2001)—A prayer book with prayer responses for young children that teaches them to praise God for his love and care. Other titles in this series include: *I Can Say to God, Thank You*; *I Can Say to God, Please*; *I Can Say to God, I'm Sorry*.



- *My Thankful Heart* by Sally Lloyd-Jones, (Tyndale, 2004)—An illustrated board book that teaches prayers of gratitude to children.



- *My 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Bible Prayers* by Philip Ross (Christian Focus, 2004)—Model prayers for children based on Bible verses.



*Model Scripture prayers are keyed by age to the “expectations” section of the guide below. Look for the praying hands icon.*

## We Answer God in Song

Music is the language of children. It is often what a person sings about God that he or she really believes and takes to heart. Here are a few ideas for making God's truth a primary

musical influence for your family:

(1) Sing your favorite hymns or songs about Jesus to your children when you rock them to sleep at night. Sing and dance to Christian songs with your children.

(2) Incorporate a time of structured singing into your regular family worship.



*A few audio CDs that we've found to be helpful are keyed by age to the "expectations" section of the guide below. They are a great to use at home and in the car. Look for the music note icon.*

# for infants and toddlers (ages 0-3)

## Recommendations



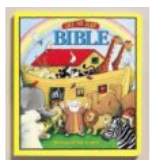
### Bible Storybooks for Infants (under age 2):



- *Baby's First Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones, The First Bible Collection, (Reader's Digest, 1996).

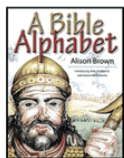


- Christian Focus' Shaped Board Books series by Hazel Scrimshire, (Christian Focus, 1998)—Titles include *Safe at Sea*, *The Special Baby—Jesus*, *Big Picnic*, *Safe with the Lions*, *The Kind Man*, *Big Crash*, *Amazing Jar of Oil*, *Little Rich Man*, and *The Singing Shepherd*.



- *Lift-the-flap Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones (Standard/Reader's Digest, 2001).

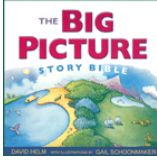
### Bible Storybooks for Toddlers (age 2-3):



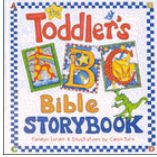
- *A Bible Alphabet* and *A Bible Alphabet Activity Book* by Alison Brown, (The Banner of Truth Trust, 2007).



- *Read-Aloud Bible Stories*, 4 volumes, by Ella K Lindvall (Moody Press, 1982, 1985, 1990, 1995).



- *The Big Picture Story Bible* by David Helm (Crossway, 2004).



- *The Toddler's ABC Bible Storybook and 123 Bible Storybook* by Carolyn Larsen (Crossway, 2007).



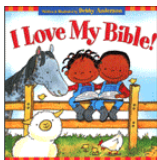
- *Little Hands Life of Jesus* by Carine Mackenzie (Christian Focus, 2008).



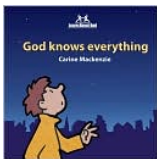
### Books for Teaching Christian Truths (age 2-3):



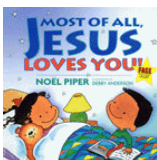
- *I Can Say to God, I Love You* by Carine MacKenzie, Prayer Board Books series (Christian Focus, 2001)—A prayer book with prayer responses for young children that teaches them to praise God for his love and care. Other titles in this series include: *I Can Say to God, Thank You*; *I Can Say to God, Please*; *I Can Say to God, I'm Sorry*.



- *I Love My Bible!* by Debby Anderson, (Crossway, 2005, 2008).



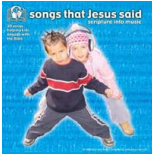
- *God Knows Everything* by Carine MacKenzie, Learn About God series (Christian Focus, 1999)—basic scriptures about God's knowledge in a board book format for our youngest kids. The "Learn About God" board books also include the titles *God Is Faithful*, *God Never Changes*, *God Is Everywhere*, *God Has Power*, and *God Is Kind*. Some of the titles are available as coloring books.



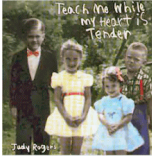
- *Most of All, Jesus Loves You!* by Noel Piper, (Crossway, 2004).



### Suggested Music for Toddlers (age 2-3):



- *Songs that Jesus Said: Scripture Into Music*, by Keith and Kristyn Getty (Getty Music, 2005).



- *Teach Me While My Heart is Tender* by Judy Rogers (Judy Rogers, 1995)—A delightful CD with songs written to help young children memorize basic biblical truths.

## Expectations



### Scripture Memory for Toddlers (age 2-3):

#### Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

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

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Psalms 53:3b (NIV)

There is no one who does good, not even one.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Matthew 22:37 (NIV)

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Matthew 22:39b (NIV)

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### John 17:17b (NIV)

Your word is truth.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 16:31a (NIV)**

Believe in the Lord Jesus.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 6:1 (NIV)**

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

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 4:19 (NIV)**

We love because he first loved us.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_



**Questions for Boys and Girls:**

**Section 1: Questions about God, Humanity, and Sin**

**Questions 1-8 (for ages 2-3):**

1. Who made you? *God made me.*

(Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7; Ecclesiastes 12:1; Acts 17:24-29)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What else did God make? *God made all things.*

(Genesis 1, especially verses 1, 31; Acts 14:15; Romans 11:36; Colossians 1:16)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why did God make you and all things? *For his own glory.*

(Psalm 19:1; Jeremiah 9:23, 24; Revelation 4:11,15)

Explanation: God's glory is his goodness and his greatness

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

4. How can you glorify God? *By loving him and doing what he commands.*

(Ecclesiastes 12:13; Mark 12:29-31; John 15:8-10; 1 Corinthians 10:31)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Why should you glorify God? *Because he made me and takes care of me.*

(Daniel 4:39; Romans 11:36; Revelation 4:11)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are there more gods than one? *No, there is only one true God.*

(Deuteronomy 6:4; Jeremiah 10:10; Mark 12:29; Acts 17:22-31)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Matthew 3:16-17; John 5:23; 10:30; 14:9-10; 15:26; 16:13-15; 1 John 5:20, 2 John 9; Revelation 1:4, 5)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Who are they? *God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.*  
(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2; Jude 20-21)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_



**A Bible Prayer for Toddlers (age 2-3):**

**Numbers 6:24a (NIV)**

The LORD bless you and keep you.

Explanation: This prayer is a benediction (“blessing for the road”) to speak when saying good-bye to friends.

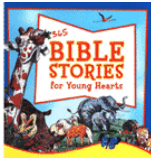
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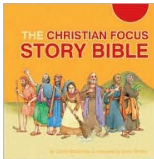
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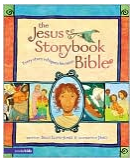
Bible Storybooks for Preschoolers (age 4-5):



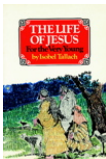
- *365 Bible Stories for Young Hearts*, (Crossway, 2006).



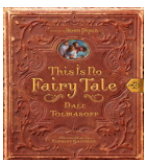
- *The Christian Focus Story Bible* by Carine MacKenzie (Christian Focus, 2004).



- *The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every story whispers his name*, by Sally Lloyd-Jones (Zondervan, 2007).



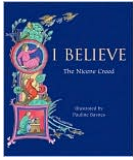
- *The Life of Jesus for the Very Young* by Isobel Tallach (The Banner of Truth Trust, 1982).



- *This Is No Fairy Tale* by Dale Tolmasoff (Crossway, 2005).



### Books for Teaching Christian Truths (age 4-5):



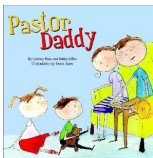
- *I Believe: The Nicene Creed* illustrated by Pauline Baynes, (Eerdmans, 2003).



- *My Thankful Heart* by Sally Lloyd-Jones, (Tyndale, 2004)—An illustrated board book that teaches prayers of gratitude to children.



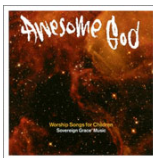
- *My 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Bible Prayers* by Philip Ross (Christian Focus, 2004)—Model prayers for children based on Bible verses.



- *Pastor Daddy* by Lindsey Blair and Bobby Gilles; illustrated by Tessa Janes, (Metro East Community Church, 2008)—a book about the Christian doctrine of the home as a “little church” where the father leads his family to worship the one true God.



### Suggested Music for Preschoolers (age 4-5):



- *Awesome God* by Sovereign Grace Kids (Sovereign Grace Music, 2004)—A biblically faithful CD of worship music for kids.

## Expectations



### Bible Reading for Preschoolers (age 4-5):

Read the *Gospel of Mark*, and have your child draw a picture of something he or she learned.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_



## Bible Memory for Preschoolers (age 4-5):

### General Bible Knowledge:

1. Know the name of the first book of the Old Testament—Genesis.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Know the names of the first four books of the New Testament  
—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Memory Passages:

#### Genesis 1:31a (NIV)

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Psalms 23 (NLT)

The LORD is my shepherd, I have all that I need.

He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.

Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.

You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life,

and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Psalms 100:3 (NIV)

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Proverbs 3:5a (NIV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Isaiah 53:6 (NIV)

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.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 3:17 (NIV)**

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 16:16 (NIV)**

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 2:11 (NIV)**

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 2:52 (NIV)**

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**John 1:1 (NIV)**

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

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**John 1:14 (NIV)**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**John 3:16 (NIV)**

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

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**John 20:31 (NIV)**

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 1:11b (NIV)**

"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 16:31 (NIV)**

So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 5:8 (NIV)**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 1:18a (NIV)**

[Jesus said,] "I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!"

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_



**Questions for Boys and Girls:**

**Questions 9-25 (for ages 4-5):**

9. Who is God? *God is a Spirit, and does not have a body like us.*

(John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 3:17; 1 Timothy 1:17)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Where is God? *God is everywhere.*

(Psalm 139:7-12; Jeremiah 23:23-24; Acts 17:27-28)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Can you see God? *No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.*

(Genesis 16:13; Exodus 33:20; John 1:18; 1 Timothy 6:16; Psalm 139 especially verses 1-5; Proverbs 5:21; Hebrews 4:12-13).

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Does God know all things? *Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.*

(1 Chronicles 28:9; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Luke 12:6-7; Romans 2:16)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Can God do all things? *Yes. God can do all his holy will.*

(Psalm 147:5; Jeremiah 32:17; Daniel 4:34-35; Ephesians 1:11)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Where do you learn how to love and obey God? *Only in the Bible.*

(Job 11:7; Psalm 119:104; Isaiah 8:20; Matthew 22:29; 2 Timothy 3:15-17)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Who wrote the Bible? *Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.*

(1 Peter 1:20-21; Acts 1:16; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 1:10-11)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Can we trust the Bible? *Yes. The Bible is all-sufficient and without error.*  
(2 Timothy 3:16-17; Revelation 22:18-19; Psalm 12:6; Numbers 23:19)  
Explanation: "All-sufficient" means that the Bible teaches us all we need to know about God,  
how to obey Him, our sin, and God's way of salvation.<sup>5</sup>

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Who were our first parents? *Adam and Eve.*  
(Genesis 2:18-25; 3:20; 5:1-2; Acts 17:26; 1 Timothy 2:13)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Of what were our first parents made?  
*God made the body of Adam out of the ground, and formed Eve from the body of Adam.*  
(Genesis 2:7, 21-23; 3:19; Psalm 103:14)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

19. What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?  
*He gave them souls that could never die.*  
(1 Corinthians 15:45; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Zechariah 12:1)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Have you a soul as well as a body?  
*Yes. The Bible teaches me that I have a soul that can never die.*  
(Matthew 10:28; Mark 8:34-38; 12:30)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

21. In what condition did God make Adam and Eve? *He made them holy and happy.*  
(Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 8:4-8)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did Adam and Eve stay holy and happy? *No. They sinned against God.*  
(Genesis 3:1-7; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Hosea 6:7)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

23. What is sin? *Sin is any disobedience or transgression of God's law.*  
(Romans 3:20; James 2:9-10; 1 John 3:4)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

24. What is disobedience? *Disobedience is not being or doing what God requires.*  
(James 4:17)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

25. What is transgression? *Transgression is doing what God forbids.*  
(1 Samuel 13:8-14; 15:22-23; Hosea 6:7; Romans 1:21-32)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>5</sup> This explanation was adapted from "A Brief Catechism" by James P. Boyce, section 1, question 8.



## A Bible Prayer for Preschoolers (age 4-5):

### Psalm 9:1-2 (NIV)

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;

I will tell of all your wonders.

I will be glad and rejoice in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Explanation: This prayer is a song of praise to the Lord.

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# for grades 1-2 (ages 6-7)

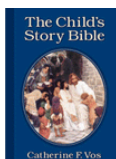
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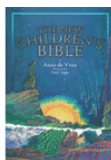
### Bible Storybooks for Grades 1-2 (age 6-7):



- Carine Mackenzie's *Bibletime* (illustrated by Duncan Maclaren), *Bible Wise* (illustrated by Fred Apps), and *Bible Alive* (illustrated by Jeff Anderson) series (Christian Focus Publications) contain close to forty biblically faithful and inexpensive titles including *Jesus: The Promised Child*.



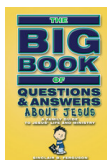
- *The Child's Story Bible* by Catherine Vos (6<sup>th</sup> edition, Eerdmans, 2004).



- *The New Children's Bible* by Anne de Vries, Illustrated by Fred Apps (Christian Focus, 2004).



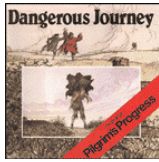
- *The ESV Illustrated Family Bible* (Crossway, 2008)—selected passages from the ESV. This is a good bridge between a bible storybook and a children's Bible.



- *The Big Book of Questions & Answers About Jesus: A Family Guide to Jesus Life and Ministry* by Sinclair B. Ferguson (Christian Focus, 2008).



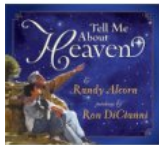
## Books for Teaching Christian Truths (age 6-7):



- *Dangerous Journey* by Oliver Hunkin, (Eerdmans, 1985)—retelling of John Bunyan’s Pilgrim’s Progress in a chapter book on a 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading level. This allegory of the Christian life is appropriate for parents to read chapter by chapter to children as young as four. A DVD version is now available as well (Vision Video).



- *Queen Victoria’s Request: A Story of Grace and Mercy* by Charles Haddon Spurgeon, (Christian Focus, 2008).



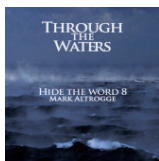
- *Tell Me About Heaven* by Randy Alcorn (Crossway, 2007).



- *The King Without a Shadow* by R. C. Sproul (P & R, 1996).



## Suggested Music for Grades 1-2 (age 6-7):



- *Hide the Word: Scripture Memory Songs, Volumes 1-8*, by Mark Altrogge (Forever Grateful Music)—This set of CDs puts scripture to rock tunes. This isn’t necessarily just for kids. Adults will enjoy it too.

## Expectations



### Bible Reading for Grades 1-2 (age 6-7):

Read *Genesis* and the four gospels (*Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_



## Bible Memory for Grades 1-2 (age 6-7):

### General Bible Knowledge:

#### Know the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20:3-5a, 7-8, 12-17 (NIV):

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them and worship them.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
5. Honor your father and mother so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.
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 your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Memory Passages:

#### Numbers 23:19 (NLT)

God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NIV)

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! Love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength."

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 119:9-11(NIV)**

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.  
I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.  
I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Date completed:\_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 119:105 (NIV)**

You word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Date completed:\_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 121 (NIV)**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;  
indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.  
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.

Date completed:\_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 145:8 (NIV)**

The LORD is gracious and compassionate,  
slow in anger and rich in love.

Date completed:\_\_\_\_\_

**Proverbs 1:8-9 (NIV)**

Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction  
And do not forsake your mother’s teaching.  
They will be a garland to grace your head  
and a chain to adorn your neck.

Date completed:\_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)**

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

Date completed:\_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 1:21 (NIV)**

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save  
his people from their sins.

Date completed:\_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 4:19 (NIV)**

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their  
nets and followed him.

Date completed:\_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 5:16 (NIV)**

In the same way, let your light shine before me, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 18:16 (NIV)**

But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 19:10 (NIV)**

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**John 3:30 (NIV)**

He must become greater; I must become less.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**John 4:24 (NIV)**

God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and truth.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**John 6:68 (NIV)**

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

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**John 11:25-26 (NIV)**

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**John 14:6 (NIV)**

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

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**John 14:21 (NIV)**

"Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 3:22-24 (NLT)**

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sin.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 5:6 (NLT)**

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 6:23 (NIV)**

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

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_



**Questions for Boys and Girls:**

**Questions 26-47 (for first grade):**

26. What was the sin of our first parents? *Eating the forbidden fruit.*  
(Genesis 2:16-17; 3:6)

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27. Why did they eat the forbidden fruit? *Because they did not believe what God had said.*  
(Genesis 3:1-6; Hebrews 11:6)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

28. Who tempted them to this sin? *The devil tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam.*  
(Genesis 3:1-13; 2 Corinthians 11:3; 1 Timothy 2:13-14; Revelation 12:9)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

30. What effect did the sin of Adam have on all humanity?  
*All humanity is born in a state of sin and misery.*  
(Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:12, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; 1 John 5:19)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

31. What do we inherit from Adam as a result of this original sin? *A sinful nature.*  
(1 Kings 8:46; Psalm 14:2-3; 58:3; Ecclesiastes 9:3; Matthew 15:18-20; John 2:24-25; Romans 8:7)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

32. What does every sin deserve? *The anger and judgment of God.*  
(Deuteronomy 27:26; Romans 1:18; 2:2; Galatians 3:10; Ephesians 5:6).

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

33. Do we know what God requires of us?  
*Yes. He has given us his law both in our hearts and in writing.*  
(Romans 2:14-15)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

34. Can anyone go to heaven with a sinful nature?  
*No. Our hearts must be changed before we can be ready for heaven.*  
(Romans 8:7; Jeremiah 31:33-34; Ezekiel 36: 25-27; John 1:12-13; 3:1-10; 1 John 5:1, 4, 18)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

35. What is a change of heart called? *Regeneration.*  
(Titus 3:5-6)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

36. Who can change a sinner's heart? *Only the Holy Spirit.*  
(John 3:3; Romans 8:6-11; 1 Corinthians 2:9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; Titus 3:5-6)

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## Section 2: Questions about the Ten Commandments

37. How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai? *Ten Commandments.*  
(Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:1-22)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

38. What are the Ten Commandments sometimes called? *God's law.*  
(Jeremiah 31:33; Romans 2:14-15; 10:5)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

39. Why should we obey the Ten Commandments?  
*Because God is our Creator, Savior, and King.* (Exodus 20:1-2, 11; Deuteronomy 5:1-6)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

40. What do the first four commandments teach? *Our duty to God.*  
(Deuteronomy 6:5-6; 10:12-13)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

41. What do the last six commandments teach? *Our duty to our neighbor.*  
(Deuteronomy 10:19; Micah 6:8; Galatians 6:10)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

42. What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?  
*To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.*  
(Deuteronomy 6:1-15; 11:1; Matthew 22:35-40; James 2:8).

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

43. Who is your neighbor? *Everyone is my neighbor.*  
(Luke 6:35; 10:25-37)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

44. Is God pleased with those who love and obey him?  
*Yes. He says, 'I love them that love me.'*  
(Proverbs 8:17; Exodus 20:6; 1 John 4:7-16)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

45. Is God pleased with those who do not love and obey him?  
*No. 'God is angry with the wicked every day.'*  
(Psalm 7:11; Malachi 2:17; Proverbs 6:16-19; 1 Corinthians 16:22)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

46. What is the first commandment?  
*The first commandment is, 'You shall have no other gods before me.'*  
(Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 5:7).

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

47. What does the first commandment teach us? *To worship only God.*  
(Isaiah 45:5-6; Matthew 4:10; Revelation 22:8-9)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions 48-69 (for second grade):**

48. What is the second commandment?  
*The second commandment is, 'You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them and worship them.'*  
(Exodus 20:4-6; Deuteronomy 5:8-10)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

49. What does the second commandment teach us?  
*To worship God in the right way, and to avoid idolatry.*  
(Isaiah 44:9-20; 46:5-9; John 4:23-24; Acts 17:29)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

50. What is the third commandment?

*The third commandment is, 'You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.'*

(Exodus 20:7; Deuteronomy 5:11)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

51. What does the third commandment teach us?

*To respect God's name, Word, and works.*

(Isaiah 8:13; Psalm 29:2; 138:2; Revelation 15:3-4)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

52. What is the fourth commandment?

*Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.*

(Exodus 20:8-11; 23:12; Deuteronomy 5:12-15)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

53. What does the fourth commandment teach us?

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

(Genesis 2:2-3; 2 Corinthians 1:20; Hebrews 4:1-16)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

54. How do we rest?

*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. In this way of life, we begin to enter eternal rest.<sup>6</sup>*

(Isaiah 58:13-14; 66:23; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Luke 4:16; Matthew 12:10-13)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

55. What is the fifth commandment?

*The fifth commandment is, 'Honor your father and mother so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.'* (Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

56. What does the fifth commandment teach us? *To love and obey our parents.*

(Matthew 15:3-6; Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:20)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

57. What is the sixth commandment? *The sixth commandment is, 'You shall not murder.'*

(Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

58. What does the sixth commandment teach us? *To avoid hatred and anger.*

(Matthew 5:21-24; 1 John 3:15; James 4:1-3)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>6</sup> This question and answer is adapted from "The Heidelberg Catechism, " Lord's Day 39, question 104.

59. What is the seventh commandment?

*The seventh commandment is, 'You shall not commit adultery.'*

(Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

60. What does the seventh commandment teach us?

*To be pure in heart, language and conduct.*

(Matthew 5:27-28; Ephesians 5:3-5; Philippians 4:8-9)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

61. What is the eighth commandment?

*The eighth commandment is, 'You shall not steal.'*

(Exodus 20:15; Deuteronomy 5:19)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

62. What does the eighth commandment teach us?

*To be honest and not to take things which belong to others.*

(Exodus 23:4; Proverbs 21:6-7; Ephesians 4:28).

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

63. What is the ninth commandment?

*The ninth commandment is, 'You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.'*

(Exodus 20:16; Deuteronomy 5:20)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

64. What does the ninth commandment teach us?

*To tell the truth and not to speak evil about others.*

(Psalm 15:1-3; Zechariah 8:16; 1 Corinthians 13:6; James 4:11)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

65. What is the tenth commandment?

*The tenth commandment is, 'You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.'*

(Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21; Romans 7:7)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

66. What does the tenth commandment teach us? *To be content with what we have.*

(Philippians 4:11; 1 Timothy 6:6-8; Hebrews 13:5)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

67. Can anyone keep these Ten Commandments?

*No one since the fall of Adam, except our Lord Jesus, ever did or can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly.* (Proverbs 20:9; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:19-20; James

2:10; 1 John 1:8, 10)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*They teach us our duty, make clear our guilt, and show us our need for the Savior.*

(1 Timothy 1:8-11; Romans 3:20; Galatians 3:24)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

69. Does God condemn all men?

*No. Though he could justly have done so he has graciously promised to save many.*

(Romans 3:19-20, 23-25; John 17:11-12; Isaiah 53:11)

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_



### **A Bible Prayer for Grades 1-2 (age 6-7):**

#### **The Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6:9b-13 (NLT):**

Our Father in heaven,  
May your name be kept holy.  
May your Kingdom come soon.  
May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us today the food we need,  
And forgive us our sins,  
As we have forgiven those who sin against us.  
And don't let us yield to temptation,  
But rescue us from the evil one.  
Amen.

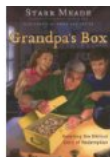
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# for grades 3-5 (ages 8-10)

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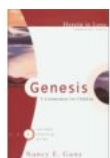
### Bible Studies for Grades 3-5 (age 8-10):



- *Grandpa's Box* by Starr Meade, (P & R, 2005).



- *Gumtree Gully: A 'Two Ways to Live' Bush Yarn* by Kel Richards, (Matthias Media, 2005).



- *Herein is Love: A Commentary Series for Children, From Paradise to Promise Land: Genesis- Joshua*, volumes 1-6, by Nancy E. Ganz, (Shepherd Press, 2002-2006).



### Suggested Music for Grades 3-5 (age 8-10):

- *Hide the Word: Scripture Memory Songs*, Volumes 1-8, by Mark Altrogge (Forever Grateful Music)—This set of CDs puts scripture to rock tunes. This isn't necessarily just for kids. Adults will enjoy it too.

## Expectations



### Bible Reading for Grades 3-5 (age 8-10):

Read Exodus, Psalms, Proverbs, Acts, and Ephesians.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_



## Bible Memory for Grades 3-5 (age 8-10):

### General Bible Knowledge:

**Third Grade:** Know the names of the Twelve Apostles:  
(Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:13-16; Acts 1:13)

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

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**Fourth Grade:** Know the books of the Old and New Testament:

### Old Testament

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

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### New Testament

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

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**Fifth Grade:** Know the Apostle's Creed:

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead:  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
One holy church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body  
And the life everlasting.  
Amen.

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**Memory Passages:**

**Psalms 29:2 (NIV)**

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

**Psalms 100 (NIV)**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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**Romans 1:16-17 (NIV)**

I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

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**Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)**

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

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**Philippians 2:13 (NIV)**

For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

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**Titus 3:4-5a (NIV)**

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

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**1 John 1:8-9 (NIV)**

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.

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**1 John 2:1-2 (NIV)**

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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**1 John 3:18 (NIV)**

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

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**1 John 4:7-10 (NIV)**

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

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**1 John 4:14 (NIV)**

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

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## Questions for Boys and Girls:

### Questions 70-94 (for third grade):

#### Section 3: Questions about Salvation

70. What is the Old Covenant? *An agreement between God and the Israelites established at Mount Sinai in the giving of God's laws. The Israelites repeatedly disobeyed God's laws, breaking the covenant and bringing God's wrath on them.*

(Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 6; Psalm 78; Romans 9:4; 3:1; 7:12; Galatians 3:19-29)

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71. What is the New Covenant? *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.*

(Genesis 17:1-8; Romans 11:27; Galatians 2:8; Hebrews 10:16-17; 13:20-21; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:25-28)

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72. What did Christ do to fulfill the New Covenant?

*Christ kept the whole law for his people, suffered on the cross the punishment due to 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.*

(Romans 4:25; 8:3-4; Galatians 4:4-5; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 6:17-20; 7:22; 9:14-15; 13:20-21; 1 John 2:1-2)

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73. What is Christ's fulfillment of the New Covenant called? *The gospel.*

(Romans 1:9, 15-18; Galatians 2:8-14; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8)

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74. Did our Lord Jesus Christ ever sin?

*No. He was holy and clean and obeyed God perfectly.*

(Luke 23: 47; Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 4:15; 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5)

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75. How could the Son of God suffer?

*Christ, the Son of God, took flesh and blood and became a human being so that he might be the substitute for sinful humanity.*

(John 1:14; Romans 8:3; Galatians 4:4; Philippians 2:7-8; Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:15)

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76. What is the atonement?

*Christ satisfied God's justice by his suffering and death as a substitute for sinners.*

(Mark 10:45; Acts 13:38-39; Romans 3:24-26; 5:8-9; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 3:18)

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77. What kind of life did Christ live on earth?

*Christ lived a life of perfect obedience to God's law.*

(Matthew 5:17; Romans 10:4; 1 Peter 2:21-22)

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78. What kind of death did Christ die? *The painful and shameful death of the cross.*  
(Psalm 22; Isaiah 53; Matthew 27:27-56; Mark 15:16-41; Luke 23:26-49; John 19:17-30)  
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79. For whom did Christ die?  
*For the whole world but especially for those whom the Father had given him.*  
(John 3:16; Romans 3:23-24; 1 John 2:1-2; 1 Timothy 4:10; Isaiah 53:8, 12; John 10:11, 15-16, 26-29; 17:9; Hebrews 2:13).  
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80. Who will be saved? *Only those who repent from sin and believe in Christ will be saved.* (Mark 1:15; Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:37-41; 16:30-31; 20:21; 26:20)  
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81. What does it mean to repent?  
*To be sorry for sin, to hate and reject it because it is displeasing to God, and to turn away from sin to serve Christ.*  
(Luke 19:8-10; Romans 6:1- 2; 2 Corinthians 7:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)  
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82. What does it mean to believe or have faith in Christ?  
*To know that your only hope is Christ and trust only in Christ for salvation.*  
(John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 5:11-12)  
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83. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power?  
*No. Only God by his Spirit gives repentance.*  
(Ephesians 2:1, 4-5; 1 Corinthians 2:13-14; 12:3; Romans 5:5)  
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84. How do you receive the Holy Spirit?  
*God has told us that we must pray to him for the Holy Spirit.*  
(Luke 11:9-13; John 7:37-39)  
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85. How were godly persons saved before Christ came?  
*They believed in the Savior to come.*  
(John 8:56; Galatians 3:8-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4; Hebrews 9:15; 11:13)  
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86. How did they show their faith? *By offering sacrifices on God's altar.*  
(Exodus 24:3-8; 1 Chronicles 29:20-25; Hebrews 9:19-23; 10:1; 11:28)  
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87. What did these sacrifices represent?  
*Christ, the Lamb of God, who would die for sinners.*  
(Exodus 12:46; John 19:36; Hebrews 9-10; John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:19).  
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88. What three offices does Christ fulfill for his people?  
*He does the work of a prophet, a priest, and a king.*  
(Hebrews 1:1-3; 5:5-10; Revelation 1:5; Matthew 13:57; John 18:37)  
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89. How is Christ a prophet? *He reveals God to us and teaches us His will.*  
(Deuteronomy 18:15,18; John 1:18; 4:25; 14:23-24; 1 John 5:20)

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90. Why do you need Christ as a prophet? *Because I am ignorant.*  
(Job 11:7; Matthew 11:25-27; John 6:67-69; 17:25-26; 1 Corinthians 2:14-16; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6)

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91. How is Christ a priest? *He died for our sins and prays to God for us.*  
(Psalm 110:4; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:24-25; 1 John 2:1-2)

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92. Why do you need Christ as a priest? *Because I am guilty.*  
(Proverbs 20:9; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:19-23; Hebrews 10:14, 27-28; 1 John 1:8-9)

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93. How is Christ a king? *He rules over us and defends us.*  
(Psalm 2:6-9; Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 1:19-23; Colossians 1:13, 18; Revelation 15:3-4)

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94. Why do you need Christ as a king? *Because I am weak and helpless.*  
(John 15:4-5; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 4:13; Colossians 1:11; Jude 24-25)

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#### **Questions 95-125 (for fourth grade):**

95. What did God the Father do to fulfill the covenants of promise?  
*God the Father elected, justified, adopted, and sanctified in Christ Jesus those sinners whom he purposed to save.*

(Exodus 33:18-19; Ephesians 1:3-5; Romans 8:29-33; Galatians 4:4-7; Hebrews 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 1:8-9; Philippians 1:6; 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 7; 5:23-24).

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96. What is election? *God's good and gracious choice of certain sinners for salvation.*  
(Ephesians 1:3-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:1-2)

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97. What is justification?

*God's regarding sinners as if they had never sinned and giving them righteousness in Christ.*  
(Zechariah 3:1-5; Romans 3:24-26; 4:5; 5:17-19; 8:33; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 8:12; Philippians 3:9)

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98. What is righteousness? *It is God's goodness.*  
(Exodus 33:19; 34:6; Psalm 33:5; Hosea 3:5; Romans 11:22)

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99. Can anyone be saved by his own righteousness?  
*No. No one is good enough for God.*

(Proverbs 20:9; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:10-23)

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100. What is adoption?

*God's good and gracious reception of sinners into His family as beloved children.*

(John 1:12; Romans 8:12-17; Ephesians 1:5; Galatians 4:7, 31; 1 John 3:1-3)

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101. What is sanctification?

*God's freeing sinners in Christ Jesus from slavery to sin so that they may live for God by faith with a love for God in heart and life.*

(John 17:17; Romans 6:1-14; 8:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 2:10; 4:22-24; 1 Thessalonians 5:23)

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102. Will the Christian be totally free from sin in this life?

*No. A growing love for God by faith are certain and continual, but freedom from sin is complete only in heaven.*

(Philippians 3:12-15; 2 Peter 1:3-8; 1 John 3:2)

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103. What keeps the Christian from being totally free from sin in this life?

*The remaining sinful nature. The Bible says, "For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit... so you do not do what you want."*

(Galatians 5:17; see Philippians 3:12-15; 1 John 3:1-3)

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104. What does the Holy Spirit do to fulfill the covenants of promise?

*He regenerates, baptizes, and seals sinners in Christ for salvation.*

(Galatians 3:14; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:13-14; 2:1-8; 4:30; 2 Corinthians 1:22).

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105. What is regeneration?

*A change of heart that leads to true repentance and faith.*

(Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 2:5-8; 2 Thessalonians 2:13)

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106. How does the Holy Spirit baptize believers?

*He puts them into the body of Christ and makes them a living part God's family, the church.*

(1 Corinthians 12)

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107. How does the Holy Spirit seal believers?

*He comes to live within them to guarantee that they will receive the wonders God has promised those who love Him.*

(Romans 8:9-11; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Timothy 1:9; 2 Corinthians 1:22)

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#### **Section 4: Questions about Prayer**

108. What is prayer? *Prayer is talking with God.*

(Genesis 17:22; 18:33; Nehemiah 1:4-11; 2:4; Matthew 6:6; Romans 8:26-27)

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

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110. What has Christ given to teach us how to pray? *The Lord's Prayer.*  
(Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 11:1-13)

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111. Can you repeat the Lord's Prayer?  
*Our Father, who is in heaven, make your name holy. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

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

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

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

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115. What is the second petition? *Your kingdom come.* (Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2)

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116. What do we pray for in the second petition?  
*That the gospel may be preached in the entire world, and believed and obeyed by all people.*  
(Matthew 28:19-20; John 17:20-21; Acts 8:12; 28:30-31; 2 Thessalonians 3:1)

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

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118. What do we pray for in the third petition?  
*That people on earth may serve God as the angels do in heaven.*  
(Psalm 67; 103:19-22; John 9:31; Revelation 4:11)

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119. What is the fourth petition? *Give us today our daily bread.* (Matthew 6:11; Luke 11:3)

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120. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?  
*That God will give us everything we need for our bodies.*  
(Psalm 145:15-16; Proverbs 30:8-9; 1 Timothy 4:4-5)

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121. What is the fifth petition?  
*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.* (Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4)

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122. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

*That God will forgive our sins, and enable us to forgive those who have sinned against us.* (Psalm 51; Matthew 5:23-24; 18:21-35; 1 John 1:9; 4:20-21)

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123. What is the sixth petition? *And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.*

(Matthew 6:13; Luke 11:4)

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124. What do we pray for in the sixth petition? *That God will keep us from sin.*

(1 Chronicles 4:10; Psalm 119:11; Matthew 26:41)

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125. What does prayer teach us? *Our complete dependence on God.*

(Hebrews 4:16; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6)

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### Questions 126-147 (for fifth grade):

#### Section 5: Questions about the Word, the Church, and the Ordinances

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

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

(1 Thessalonians 1:5-6; 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:15-16; James 1:18; 1 Pet 1:22-23)

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127. How can we know God's Word?

*We are commanded to hear, read and study the Scriptures.*

(1 Peter 2:2; Revelation 3:22; Matthew 21:42; 22:29; 2 Timothy 3:14-17)

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128. What is a church?

*An assembly of baptized believers who meet together under the preaching of God's Word.*

(Matthew 18:20; Acts 2:42)

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129. What two ordinances did Christ give to his Church? *Baptism and the Lord's Supper.* (Matthew

28:19; 1 Corinthians 11:24-26)

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130. Why Did Christ give these ordinances?

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

(Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 11:24-26)

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131. What is baptism?

*The dipping of believers into water, as a sign of their union with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection.*

(John 3:23; Acts 2:41; 8:12, 35-38; Colossians 2:12)

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132. What is the purpose of baptism?

*To signify God's cleansing from sin through Jesus Christ.*  
(Acts 22:16; Colossians 2:11-14)

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133. Who should be baptized?

*Only those who repent from their sins and believe in Christ for salvation.*  
(Acts 2:37-41; 8:12; 18:8; 19:4-5).

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134. Should babies be baptized?

*No, because the Bible neither commands it, nor gives any example of it.*

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135. What is the Lord's Supper?

*The eating of bread and drinking of wine(grape juice) to remember the sufferings and death of Christ.*  
(Mark 14:22-24; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29)

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136. What does the bread represent? *The bread represents the body of Christ, broken for our sins.*  
(Matthew 26:26; 1 Corinthians 11:24)

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137. What does the wine(grape juice) represent? *The wine(grape juice) represents the blood of Christ, poured out for our salvation.* (Matthew 26:27-28; 1 Corinthians 11:25)

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138. Who should partake of the Lord's Supper? *Baptized believers who repent of their sins and love one another.* (Matthew 5:21-24; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:18, 20, 27-33; 1 John 3:24-27; 4:9-11)

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## **Section 6: Questions about Last Things**

139. Did Christ remain in the tomb after his crucifixion? *No. He rose from the tomb on the third day after his death.* (Luke 24:45-47; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

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140. Where is Christ now? *Christ is in heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father.* (Romans 8:34; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3; 10:12; 12:2)

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141. Will Christ come again? *Yes. At the last day he will come to judge the world.*  
(Matthew 25:31-43; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; 2 Timothy 4:1)

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142. What happens to men when they die?

*The body returns to dust, and the soul goes to be with God or to a place of suffering and waiting for judgment.* (Genesis 3:19; Ecclesiastes 12:7; 2 Corinthians 5:1-6; Hebrews 12:22-23; Philippians 1:23; 2 Peter 2:9; Romans 2:5)

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143. Will the bodies of the dead be raised to life again? *Yes. The Bible says, "There will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked."* (Acts 24:15b; see John 5:28-29; Daniel 12:2)

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144. What will happen to the wicked in the Day of Judgment? *They will be cast into hell.* (Psalm 9:16-17; Luke 12:5; Romans 2:8-9,12; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; Revelation 20:12-15)

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145. What is hell? *Hell is a place of dreadful and endless punishment.* (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-31)

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146. What will happen to the righteous in the Day of Judgment?  
*They will live with Christ forever in a new heaven and a new earth.* (Isaiah 66:22; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 2 Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 21:1-4)

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147. In light of these truths, what should you do?  
*I should strive with all my energy to repent of sin and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.* (Luke 13:23-24; John 6:27; Acts 16:31)

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### A Bible Prayer for Grades 3-5 (age 8-10):

#### A Psalm of Praise in three parts, Psalm 145 (NIV):

##### Third Grade (verses 1-7):

I will exalt you, my God the King;  
I will praise your name forever and ever.

Every day I will praise you  
and extol your name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;  
they will tell of your mighty acts.

They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

They will tell of the power of your awesome works,  
and I will proclaim your great deeds.

They will celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

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**Fourth Grade (verses 8-14):**

The LORD is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.

The LORD is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.

All you have made will praise you, O LORD;  
your saints will extol you.

They will tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,

so that all men may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.  
The LORD is faithful to all his promises  
and loving toward all he has made.

The LORD upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

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**Fifth Grade (verses 15-21)**

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.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways  
and loving toward all he has made.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.

The LORD watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever. Amen.

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