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Introduction

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

A recent survey found that 72% of adult evangelical Christians came to their beliefs before they reached the age of 18. And 51% attribute parents as the most important or significant influence in their becoming Christians. Only 3% of evangelical Christians count Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and other church ministries as an important influence in their spiritual journey.¹ Indeed, God has uniquely called and equipped parents to this important task. It is the most important mission in the world. It is God's preassigned means to the conversion of children, the perpetuation of the faith, and the ongoing development of the Christian church generation by generation. The Generations ministry is dedicated to providing parents with resources for home-based discipleship.

Taking note of what God commands in Deuteronomy 6. Bible memory must be just as important for parents as for their children. First, the words are to be internalized in our own hearts before we teach them to our children. Thus, we would recommend a family-integrated Bible

1 "The Spiritual Journey: How Evangelicals Came to Faith," Infinity Concepts, <https://www.infinityconcepts.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/The-Spiritual-Journey-Downloadable.pdf>

memory program. Bible memory is a very basic element to family discipleship. With each verse, you can use these steps to memorize:

1. Ask the question in the catechism.
2. Then, read the answer clearly out loud.
3. Each family member then recites the verse, with the parent correcting any error along the way.
4. Then, the entire family recites the verse together.

The Uniqueness of this Systematic Approach

Too often, Bible memory and instruction in the Bible lacks a comprehensiveness. Children get snippets of truth, a few encouraging “meme-like” Bible verses, but they don’t quite get the full picture of God’s truth even at a simple level. This tool is meant to convey a systematic, comprehensive understanding of Scripture in 67 carefully selected verses.

We have also designed this tool in a catechism-format. Biblical instruction of children often is presented in a catechetical format, as in Exodus 12:26. But also, throughout Christian history, teaching tools known as catechisms have been used to train children and young disciples in the basics of Christian faith and life. During the Reformation period, numerous valuable catechisms were written including the Heidelberg Catechism and the Westminster Shorter Catechism. These classic catechisms provide a comprehensive introduction to the Christian faith with simplicity and clarity. This catechism is not intended to replace these time-tested standards.

This catechism is unique in its design. It uses only the words of Scripture to answer each question. We believe that Scripture is the exemplary foundation for our children to learn, memorize, and understand basic Christian truths. May the Lord use this discipleship tool to root and ground your children in the faith!

**Blessed is the man
That walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
But his delight is in the law of the Lord;
And in his law doth he meditate day and night.
And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
That bringeth forth his fruit in his season;
His leaf also shall not wither;
And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. (Psalm 1:1-3)**



Question 1

Who made you?

Know ye that the Lord he is God:

It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

(Psalm 100:3)

Question 2

Who made all things?

In the beginning God created the heaven

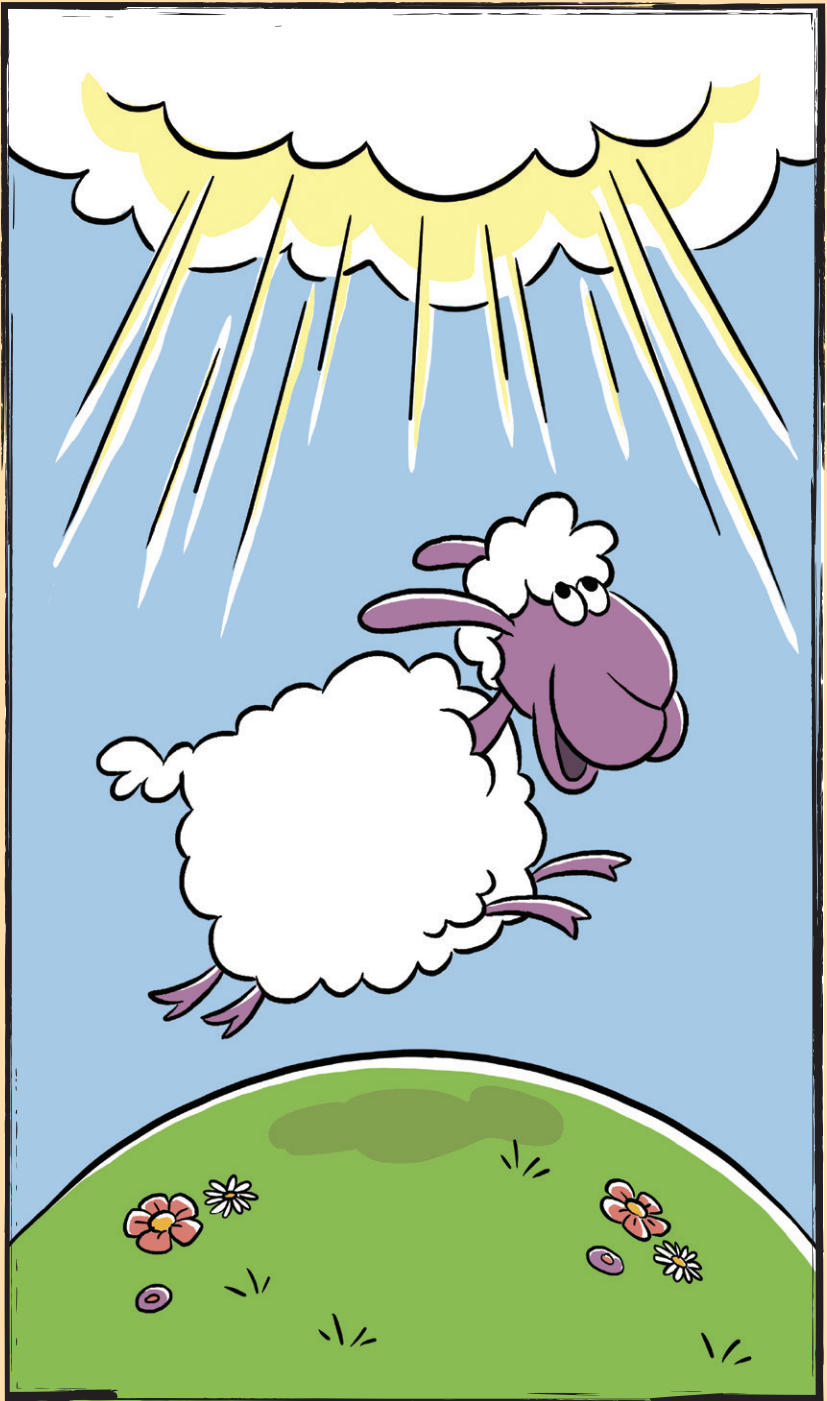
and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

Question 3

Why did God make you and all things?

For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

(Romans 11:36)





Question 4

Where do we learn how to glorify God?

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Question 5

Is there more than one God?

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord. (Deuteronomy 6:4)

Question 6

What is God?

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24)

Question 7

Is God powerful?

Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee. (Jeremiah 32:17)

Question 8

Is God loving?

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. (1 John 4:8)

Question 9

Is God holy?

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts:
The whole earth is full of his glory. (Isaiah 6:3)





Question 10

Is God merciful?

For as the heaven is high above the earth,
so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. . .

Like as a father pitieth his children,
so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

(Psalm 103:11, 13)

Question 11

How long has God lived?

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,
even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
(Psalm 90:2)