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Introduction

“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise 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 memory program. Bible memory is a very basic element to family discipleship. With each verse, you can use these steps to memorize:

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>

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
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper. (Psalm 1:1-3)**



Question 1

Who made you?

Know that the Lord, He is God;

It is He who has 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?

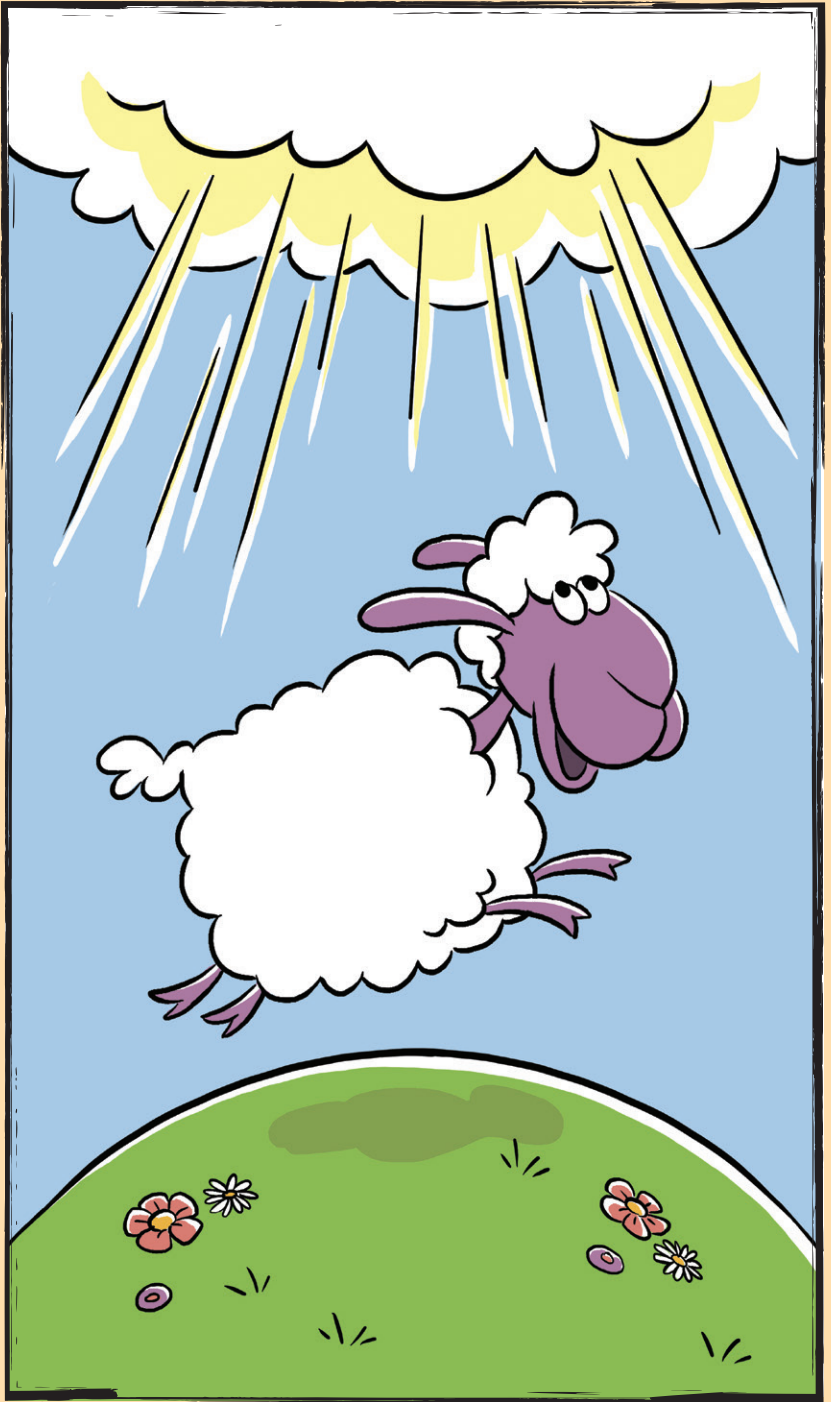
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

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 forever. 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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Question 5

Is there more than one God?

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

Question 6

What is God?

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:24)

Question 7

Is God powerful?

Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. (Jeremiah 32:17)

Question 8

Is God loving?

He who does not love does not know 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 heavens are high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; . . .
As a father pities his children,
So the Lord pities those who fear Him.
(Psalm 103:11, 13)

Question 11

How long has God lived?

Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.
(Psalm 90:2)