

The Child's Scripture Catechism

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Questions for Fathers

1. What did the Lord expect from Abraham?

... he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD ...

— *Genesis 18:19*

2. How does one know if he is a true child of Abraham?

Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

— *Galatians 3:7*

3. What does the Lord Jesus expect from a true child of Abraham?

... If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

— *John 8:39*

4. What, then, is our duty as fathers toward our children?

... bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

— *Ephesians 6:4*

5. What advantage then do we give to our children?

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

— *Second Timothy 3:15*

Questions for Children

• Creation

1. Who made us?

... the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground ...

— *Genesis 2:7*

2. How are we made?

... I am fearfully and wonderfully made ...

— *Psalms 139:14*

3. For what are we made?

... glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's ...

— *First Corinthians 6:20*

• God

4. What is God?

God is a Spirit ...

— *John 4:24*

5. What is the character of God?

... God is love.

— *First John 4:8*

6. Is He also just and holy?

... a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right *is* He.

— *Deuteronomy 32:4*

7. Whom does God love?

I love them that love Me ...

— *Proverbs 8:17*

8. Does God love wicked people?

... God is angry *with the wicked* every day.

— *Psalms 7:11*

9. Should a little child remember God?

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth ...

— *Ecclesiastes 12:1*

10. Can God see us?

... Thou God seest me ...

— *Genesis 16:13*

11. Is God in every place, seeing everything?

The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

— *Proverbs 15:3*

12. Does God hear all we say?

... *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it altogether.

— *Psalms 139:4*

13. Does God know all of our thoughts?

... I know the things that come into your mind, *every one of* them.

— *Ezekiel 11:5*

• The Bible

14. Is the Bible the Word of God?

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God ...

— *Second Timothy 3:16*

15. What is the Bible able to do for us?

... the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation ...

— *Second Timothy 3:15*

16. What should the Bible be to us?

... a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

— *Psalms 119:105*

17. How can we learn to do what is right in God's sight?

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.

— *Psalms 119:9*

18. If we memorize the Word of God, will it help to preserve us from sin?
Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.
— *Psalm 119:11*

• Promises

19. What promise does God, in the Bible, make to little children?
... those that seek me early shall find me.
— *Proverbs 8:17*

20. What does God promise, in the Bible, to the Christian in trouble?
... I *will be* with him in trouble ...
— *Psalm 91:15*

21. What does He promise in sickness?
The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.
— *Psalm 41:3*

22. What does He promise the Christian when dying?
... though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou *art* with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
— *Psalm 23:4*

23. What does He promise in poverty?
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
— *Psalm 23:1*

24. What promise does He make to the orphan?
A father to the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, *is* God in His holy habitation.
— *Psalm 68:5*

25. What does He promise to the aged?
... *even to your* old age I *am* He; and *even to* hoar hairs will I carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you*.
— *Isaiah 46:4*

26. Do all things benefit God's children?
... all things work together for good to them that love God ...
— *Romans 8:28*

27. Where do all our blessings come from?
Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights ...
— *James 1:17*

• Sin

28. Are all men sinners?
... all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.
— *Romans 3:23*

29. How did sin enter into the world?

... by one man sin entered into the world ...
— *Romans 5:12*

30. For what did the Lord Jesus come into the world?

... Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners ...
— *First Timothy 1:15*

31. How are men saved?

... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved ...
— *Acts 16:31*

32. What will happen to those who do not know God and who do not obey the gospel?

... the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.
— *Second Thessalonians 1:7-9*

• Christ

33. Is Jesus Christ God?

... Christ ... Who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.
— *Romans 9:5*

34. Is Jesus Christ from eternity?

The same was in the beginning with God.
— *John 1:2*

35. Did Jesus Christ create all things?

All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made.
— *John 1:3*

36. Is Jesus Christ unchangeable?

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.
— *Hebrews 13:8*

37. Does Jesus Christ know all things?

... Lord, thou knowest all things ...
— *John 21:17*

38. How far does the authority of Jesus Christ extend?

... All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
— *Matthew 28:18*

39. Should Jesus Christ be worshiped as God?

... all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father ...
— *John 5:23*

40. Did the disciples worship Jesus Christ?

And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him ...

— *Matthew 28:17*

41. Does Jesus Christ have authority to forgive sins?

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins ...

— *Matthew 9:6*

42. Can anyone forgive sins but God?

... Who can forgive sins but God only?

— *Mark 2:7*

43. What does God the Father say about Jesus Christ?

But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever ...

— *Hebrews 1:8*

44. Did the God the Son become man?

... God was manifest in the flesh ...

— *First Timothy 3:16*

45. Did Jesus Christ confirm His doctrines by miracles?

... believe me for the very works' sake.

— *John 14:11*

46. How numerous were the miracles of Jesus Christ?

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book.

— *John 20:30*

47. How did Jesus Christ employ Himself on earth?

... Who went about doing good ...

— *Acts 10:38*

48. Is Jesus Christ the only Savior of men?

... there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

— *Acts 4:12*

49. How does Jesus Christ save?

... Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.

— *First Corinthians 15:3*

50. Is Jesus Christ the only Mediator between God and men?

... one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

— *First Timothy 2:5*

51. How is Jesus Christ a Mediator?

... He is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death ... they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

— *Hebrews 9:15*

52. Is Christ the High Priest of His people?

We have such an high priest, Who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

— *Hebrews 8:1*

53. What sacrifice did Jesus Christ offer?

... we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

— *Hebrews 10:10*

54. How does Jesus Christ still work as a high priest for His people?

... He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

— *Hebrews 7:25*

55. Does Jesus Christ desire that little children come to Him?

... Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me ...

— *Matthew 19:14*

• **Salvation**

56. What is the natural condition of men's hearts?

The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked ...

— *Jeremiah 17:9*

57. Do very young children sin?

... they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

— *Psalms 58:3*

58. What is the sentence of God's law against sinners?

For the wages of sin *is* death ...

— *Romans 6:23*

59. What is the only way of deliverance from this death?

... but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

— *Romans 6:23*

60. What is eternal life?

... this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent.

— *John 17:3*

61. How may we begin this eternal life in this life?

... ye must be born again.

— *John 3:7*

62. What is it to be born again?

... be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

— *Ephesians 4:23*

63. How can we know that a person is born again?
... every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.
— *First John 2:29*
64. What has the Holy Spirit to do with our being born again?
That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
— *John 3:6*
65. Are we renewed by the Holy Ghost?
... He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.
— *Titus 3:5*
66. Is the Holy Ghost in Scripture called God?
... why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost ... Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.
— *Acts 5:3-4*
67. What are the fruits of the Spirit?
... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance ...
— *Galatians 5:22-23*
68. Can a person be a Christian without showing the fruits of the Spirit?
... He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit ...
— *John 15:5*

• **Duty toward God**

69. How many gods are there?
... *there is none other God but one.*
— *First Corinthians 8:4*
70. What about the many gods of other religions?
... the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God ...
— *First Corinthians 10:20*
71. What should be our attitude toward these other gods?
Little children, keep yourselves from idols ...
— *First John 5:21*
72. What should we think of images of God?
... we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.
— *Acts 17:29*
73. How then should we worship God?
... the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.
— *John 4:23-24*

74. Should we swear by anything other than the Lord's name?

... swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath ...
— *James 5:12*

75. What should be the reputation of our words?

... but let your yea be yea; and *your* nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.
— *James 5:12*

76. Then for what should we reserve our oaths to the Lord?

For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation *is* to them an end of all strife.
— *Hebrews 6:16*

77. How should we use our time to worship and serve the Lord?

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
— *Ephesians 5:15-16*

78. How does Scripture summarize our duty toward God?

... thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.
— *Mark 12:30*

• Duty toward Men

79. Should children obey their parents?

Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.
— *Colossians 3:20*

80. What does the Bible say about children who are disrespectful to their parents?

Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.
— *Proverbs 20:20*

81. Should we treat the aged with respect?

Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man ...
— *Leviticus 19:32*

82. Ought parents to let their children do wrong; or should they train them in the right way?

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
— *Proverbs 22:6*

83. Does God command parents to punish their children when they do wrong?

Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.
— *Proverbs 19:18*

84. Are we forbidden to commit murder?
... Thou shalt not kill ...
— *Romans 13:9*
85. What does the Bible say of the person who hates his brother?
Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer ...
— *First John 3:15*
86. What will happen to murderers?
... they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
— *Galatians 5:21*
87. May we retain angry feelings?
... let not the sun go down upon your wrath.
— *Ephesians 4:26*
88. Should we return evil for evil?
Recompense to no man evil for evil.
— *Romans 12:17*
89. How does the Lord view marriage?
Marriage *is* honourable in all ...
— *Hebrews 13:4*
90. How does the Lord view violations of the holiness of marriage?
... whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.
— *Hebrews 13:4*
91. Is it right to take anything which does not belong to us?
... Thou shalt not steal ...
— *Romans 13:9*
92. What does the Lord think of fraud?
A false balance *is* abomination to the LORD ...
— *Proverbs 11:1*
93. Is it a sin to refuse to pay a just debt?
The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again ...
— *Psalms 37:21*
94. What does the Lord think of anyone who would force a man to pay what he does not owe?
... nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.
— *First Corinthians 6:10*
95. Is all cheating forbidden?
That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord *is* the avenger of all such ...
— *First Thessalonians 4:6*

96. What does God say about harming someone with false words?
... Thou shalt not bear false witness ...
— *Romans 13:9*
97. Is it a sin to invent a false report?
Thou shalt not raise a false report ...
— *Exodus 23:1*
98. Is it sinful to spread another's false report?
Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people ...
— *Leviticus 19:16*
99. How does God regard liars?
Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD ...
— *Proverbs 12:22*
100. What will become of all liars?
... all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone ...
— *Revelation 21:8*
101. Are we forbidden to covet?
... Thou shalt not covet ...
— *Romans 13:9*
102. Is covetousness an offence against God?
... covetousness, which is idolatry.
— *Colossians 3:5*
103. What does the Bible say of the love of money?
... the love of money is the root of all evil ...
— *First Timothy 6:10*
104. Can a covetous person be satisfied?
He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance
with increase ...
— *Ecclesiastes 5:10*
105. As long as we are doing all we can, should we be contented with our
condition?
... I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.
— *Philippians 4:11*
106. Is it sinful to set our hearts upon worldly things?
Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world ...
— *First John 2:15*
107. May we sin in small things as well as in great?
... whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of
all.
— *James 2:10*

108. Which is better to have: a good character, or much money?

A *good* name is rather to be chosen than great riches ...

— *Proverbs 22:1*

109. Is the possession of riches attended with spiritual danger?

... a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

— *Matthew 19:23*

110. Is anything more valuable than the soul?

... what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

— *Mark 8:36-37*

111. Are we commanded to be charitable and generous?

... to do good, and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

— *Hebrews 13:16*

112. To whom must we do good?

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

— *Galatians 6:10*

113. Can poor persons be as charitable and liberal as the rich?

... *it is* accepted according to that a man hath, *and* not according to that he hath not.

— *Second Corinthians 8:12*

114. How does Scripture summarize our duty toward man?

... if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

— *Romans 13:9*

115. How did the Lord Jesus explain this command?

... as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

— *Luke 6:31*

• **Christian Conduct**

116. How regularly should we pray?

... men ought always to pray ...

— *Luke 18:1*

117. How should we pray for what we want?

... in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

— *Philippians 4:6*

118. In whose name must we pray?

Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you.

— *John 16:23*

119. What conditions does Jesus Christ put upon hearing our prayers?
If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
— *John 15:7*
120. What confidence may we have in prayer?
And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
— *First John 5:14*
121. Will our prayers be answered if we continue in sin?
If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*.
— *Psalms 66:18*
122. What does our Savior say about the pure in heart?
Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
— *Matthew 5:8*
123. Does the Bible forbid indecent language?
Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth ...
— *Ephesians 4:29*
124. How must we personally respond when people treat us badly?
... Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.
— *Matthew 5:44*
125. What is the consequence of intemperance, or a lack of moderation?
... the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty ...
— *Proverbs 23:21*
126. What will become of drunkards and such?
... nor drunkards ... shall inherit the kingdom of God.
— *First Corinthians 6:10*
127. How may we avoid the consequences in this world and the next of such temptations as intemperance or a lack of moderation?
Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.
— *Proverbs 23:31-32*
128. Is it safe to go to the place of temptation?
Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.
— *Proverbs 4:15*

129. Should we not be willing to give up things easily abused, if our example may be the means of making other men stumble?

It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

— *Romans 14:21*

130. How can we resist the temptations of the devil?

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

— *Ephesians 6:11*

131. What does Jesus Christ say about peacemakers?

Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

— *Matthew 5:9*

132. Should we be selfish? Was Jesus Christ selfish?

... even Christ pleased not Himself ...

— *Romans 15:3*

133. Is it right to be idle?

... an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

— *Proverbs 19:15*

134. Ought we to control our temper?

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

— *Proverbs 16:32*

135. Should we be kind and polite?

... *be* courteous.

— *First Peter 3:8*

136. Is it proper to answer a person harshly?

A soft answer turneth away wrath ...

— *Proverbs 15:1*

137. Should we be quick to respond before we have heard everything?

He that answereth a matter before he heareth *it*, *it is* folly and shame unto him.

— *Proverbs 18:13*

138. Is it right to flatter?

A man that flattereth his neighbor spreadeth a net for his feet.

— *Proverbs 29:5*

139. Is the way of transgressors easy?

... the way of transgressors *is* hard.

— *Proverbs 13:15*

140. How is the way of the righteous?

Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.

— *Proverbs 3:17*

141. Are wicked persons happy?

*There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.
— Isaiah 48:22*

• Death and Resurrection

142. Must we die?

... it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.
— Hebrews 9:27

143. How did death come into the world?

... by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin ...
— Romans 5:12

144. What does the Bible say of Christians when they die?

... Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord ...
— Revelation 14:13

145. Can Christians triumph over death?

... Death is swallowed up in victory.
— First Corinthians 15:54

146. Who gives them the victory?

... thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
— First Corinthians 15:57

147. Will they come to life again?

... the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth ...
— John 5:28-29

148. Will the body be raised?

... this mortal *must* put on immortality.
— First Corinthians 15:53

149. Shall we stand before the judgment seat of God to be judged?

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
— Revelation 20:12

150. What will Jesus say to those who love Him, at the day of judgement?

... Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
— Matthew 25:34

151. What will Jesus say to the wicked at the day of judgment?

... Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.
— Matthew 25:41

152. Has Jesus Christ prepared a place for those who love Him?

... I go to prepare a place for you.

— *John 14:2*

153. Will all who go there be completely happy?

... in Thy presence *is* fulness of joy: at Thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

— *Psalms 16:11*

154. Do the inhabitants of heaven have any suffering?

... God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain ...

— *Revelation 21:4*

155. Is it an easy thing to get to heaven?

Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

— *Luke 13:24*

156. Do all men love and seek the joys of heaven?

... Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed *them* unto us by His Spirit ...

— *First Corinthians 2:9-10*

• Summary

157. How can we show our love to God?

If ye love Me, keep My commandments.

— *John 14:15*

158. What does the Lord require of us?

... what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

— *Micah 6:8*

159. What is the sum of the whole duty of man?

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

— *Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*

160. Do we have sufficient power in ourselves to do these things?

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves ... but our sufficiency *is* of God.

— *Second Corinthians 3:5*

161. How then can we do these things?

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

— *Philippians 4:13*