

That They May
Teach
Their Children

a children's catechism *and*

Bible doctrine drill

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Introduction

It is necessary for our children to learn many things to be successful in life. We make sure that they learn to read and write, to learn arithmetic, etc. We encourage them to specialize in advanced learning so that they will do well in their chosen careers. In fact, one of the greatest gifts that parents can give their children is help and encouragement in obtaining a good education. We encourage them to be diligent in pursuing what is sometimes referred to as “book learning”.

But there is one Book which is much more important than the rest. The one Book, which has been directly inspired by God, is the Bible. This Book contains the answers to all of life’s really important questions. If we encourage our children in all other learning but fail to teach them from the Bible, we fail them.

We must have our children regularly in church where they hear the Bible taught from the pulpit. But we must also teach them at home. In fact, parents bear the primary responsibility for teaching their children the Word of God. Paul says that fathers must bring their children up in the “nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). Paul also said that Timothy had known the Holy Scriptures from a child (2 Timothy 3:15). He had gained his youthful knowledge of the Bible from his grandmother and from his mother (2 Timothy 1:5). Timothy had been taught the Bible at home.

Having been a pastor for almost thirty years and being the father of eleven living children, I have tried to find effective ways of teaching the Word of God to the very young. One of the best ways I have found is by catechizing, that is by memorizing and drilling by way of questions and answers. Children have a great capacity to memorize and they love to do it. God has made them this way. We need to fill their young minds with the precious truth of God’s Holy Word. What better thing is there for them to store in their memories?

To help in this great work I have developed a drill that teaches the doctrine of salvation on a level which should be easily attainable to children in the early years of elementary school. This is the *Bible Doctrine Drill*.

For children even younger I have included very simple questions and answers which contain just good basic Bible knowledge. A child is ready for these while still very young. This is the *Little Children’s Catechism*. There is a section on the Old Testament and one on the New Testament.

I would urge parents to spend some time in the Bible with their children each day. Time passes by so swiftly. Children grow up so very rapidly. Do we love our children? Do we want the best for them? Do we want them to be equipped to face life’s problems? Then we must be diligent to acquaint them with God’s Word. Parents, as you faithfully day after day read the Bible to your children and drill them faithfully in Biblical questions and answers, remember what the Apostle Paul said thousands of years ago: “*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not*” (Galatians 6:9).

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Little Children’s Catechism

(Old Testament)

Genesis

A. In the Beginning...

1. *What is the Bible?* **God's Word.**
2. *What is the first book of the Bible?* **Genesis.**
3. *How many books are in the Bible?* **66.**
4. *What is Genesis 1:1?* **“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”**
5. *Who made the heavens and the earth?* **God.**
6. *How many days did it take God to make the heavens and earth?* **Six.**
7. *What did He do on the seventh day?* **He rested.**
8. *What is the seventh day called?* **The Sabbath.**
9. *Who was the first man?* **Adam.**
10. *What did God make Adam out of?* **Dust.**
11. *Who was the first woman?* **Eve.**
12. *What did God make Eve out of?* **Adam's rib.**
13. *Did God make Adam go to sleep when He made Eve?* **Yes.**
14. *Where was their home?* **The Garden of Eden.**
15. *Who gave the names to all the animals?* **Adam.**
16. *Who tempted Eve to sin?* **The serpent.**
17. *Who was the serpent?* **The devil.**
18. *Why did Adam and Eve die?* **Because they sinned.**
19. *To whom did they pass on their sin?* **Everybody.**
20. *Why do people die?* **Because they are sinners.**

21. *With what did Adam and Eve try to cover themselves up?* **Aprons of fig leaves.**
22. *Did this covering work?* **No.**
23. *With what did God cover them up?* **Coats of animal skins.**
24. *What do you have to do to an animal to get his skin?* **Kill him.**
25. *Who had to be killed to get rid of the sins of God's children?* **Jesus Christ.**
26. *Who were Adam and Eve's first two sons?* **Cain and Abel.**
27. *What did Cain do for a living?* **He was a farmer.**
28. *What did Abel do for a living?* **He was a keeper of sheep.**
29. *Which one of these boys loved God and had faith?* **Abel.**
30. *What did Cain do to Abel?* **He killed him.**
31. *Who took Abel's place?* **Seth.**
32. *What did Enoch do?* **He walked with God.**

B. The Flood and Babel

33. *What does I John 4:19 say?* **“We love him, because he first loved us.”**
34. *Who built the ark?* **Noah.**
35. *How many sons did Noah have?* **Three.**
36. *What were their names?* **Shem, Ham, and Japheth.**
37. *Why did God destroy the world by water?* **Because the people were very wicked.**
38. *What kind of wood did Noah make the ark out of?* **Gopher wood.**
39. *How many horses did God put on the ark?* **Two.**
40. *What kind of horses were they?* **A male and female (a daddy horse and a momma horse).**
41. *How many days and nights did it rain?* **Forty.**
42. *How many people were on the ark?* **Eight.**
43. *What was the first bird that Noah sent from the ark?* **A raven.**

44. *Did the raven come back?* **No.**
45. *What was the second bird that Noah sent from the ark?* **A dove.**
46. *Did the dove come back?* **Yes.**
47. *What does the dove stand for?* **The Holy Spirit.**
48. *What was the first thing Noah did when he got off the ark?* **Built an altar and worshipped God.**
49. *What did God put in the sky?* **A rainbow.**
50. *What does it mean?* **That God will never destroy the earth by water again.**
51. *By what will He destroy the world next time?* **By fire.**
52. *What was the name of the tower the people tried to build to heaven?* **Babel.**
53. *Who was the wicked man who built the tower of Babel?* **Nimrod.**

C. Abraham and Jacob

54. *Who was the man who had faith?* **Abraham.**
55. *Who was his wife?* **Sarah.**
56. *Who was his promised son?* **Isaac.**
57. *What did God tell Abraham to do to Isaac?* **Kill him and offer him as a sacrifice.**
58. *On what mountain was he told to do this?* **Mount Moriah.**
59. *What took Isaac's place on the altar so he wouldn't have to be killed?* **A ram.**
60. *Whom did that represent?* **Christ.**
61. *Who did Jesus die in the place of?* **His people.**
62. *What does Matthew 1:21 say? “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”*
63. *What did Abraham's knife represent?* **God's anger against sin.**
64. *Do we deserve for that knife to fall on us?* **Yes.**
Why? **Because we are sinners.**
Does God like sin? **No.**

65. *On whom did the knife fall, instead of on God's children?* **On Christ.**
66. *Whom did Abraham send to get a wife for Isaac?* **His faithful servant.**
67. *What was the first thing the servant did?* **He prayed.**
68. *Who was the girl who became Isaac's wife?* **Rebekah.**
69. *Where did the servant find her?* **By the well.**
70. *What did she do for the servant?* **She got water out of the well for him and his camels.**
71. *Who were Isaac's and Rebekah's twin boys?* **Jacob and Esau.**
72. *Which one did God love?* **Jacob.**
73. *Which one did God hate?* **Esau.**
74. *Does God love everyone?* **No.**
75. *Whom does God love?* **His people.**
76. *What is another word for God's people?* **The elect.**
77. *For whom did Christ die?* **The elect.**
78. *What did Jacob see in a dream one night?* **A ladder going from earth to heaven.**
79. *What did Jacob see going up and down the ladder?* **Angels.**
80. *What was this place called?* **Bethel.**
81. *What did God change Jacob's name to?* **Israel.**

D. Joseph Is Faithful

82. *How many sons did Jacob have?* **Twelve.**
83. *Who were his two favorite sons?* **Joseph and Benjamin.**
84. *Who was their mother?* **Rachel.**
85. *What did Jacob give to Joseph?* **A coat of many colors.**
86. *Did his brothers like that?* **No.**
87. *Why didn't they like it?* **They were jealous.**

88. *Is it good to be jealous?* **No.**
89. *What did Joseph's brothers do to him?* **They put him in a deep pit.**
90. *Which brother wanted to help Joseph?* **Reuben.**
91. *To whom did the brothers sell Joseph?* **Some Ishmaelite merchants.**
92. *Where did they take Joseph?* **To Egypt.**
93. *What did Jacob think had happened to Joseph?* **That a wild animal had killed him.**
94. *Who bought Joseph in Egypt?* **Potiphar.**
95. *Who tried to make Joseph sin?* **Potiphar's wife.**
96. *Did Joseph sin?* **No.**
97. *Why?* **Because he feared God.**
98. *What happened to Joseph then?* **He was put in prison.**
99. *Did Joseph work hard in prison?* **Yes.**
100. *How do you know?* **Because the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge.**
101. *Should we do our very best no matter where we are?* **Yes.**
102. *Why?* **Because it pleases God.**
103. *Why did Pharaoh let Joseph out of prison?* **Because Joseph told Pharaoh what his dream meant.**
104. *What job did Pharaoh give Joseph?* **To be a ruler in Egypt.**
105. *What did Pharaoh's dream mean?* **There would be seven years of plenty of food and then seven years of no food.**
106. *What did Joseph do in the seven years of plenty?* **Saved food.**
107. *What did he do in the seven years of being hungry?* **Sold food.**
108. *Who came from Canaan to buy food from Joseph?* **His brothers.**
109. *Did he forgive them?* **Yes.**
110. *Should we forgive people who do bad things to us?* **Yes.**

111. *Who do we need to ask to forgive us?* **God.**
112. *Did Jacob ever get to see his son Joseph?* **Yes.**
113. *What land did Pharaoh give to Jacob and his family?* **Goshen.**

Moses and the Law

A. Moses Gets Ready to be a Leader

114. *What did Moses' mother put him in, to hide him from Pharaoh?* **A basket boat or ark.**
115. *Why did she have to hide him?* **Because Pharaoh was going to kill all the boy babies.**
116. *Who was Moses' sister?* **Miriam.**
117. *Who found Moses floating in the river in the ark?* **Pharaoh's daughter.**
118. *Who made Pharaoh's daughter love Moses?* **God.**
119. *Where did Moses grow up?* **In Pharaoh's house.**
120. *Did Moses stay in Pharaoh's house all his life?* **No.**
121. *Why?* **Because he loved God and God's people.**
122. *Why did Moses leave Egypt?* **Because he killed an Egyptian who was hurting one of the children of Israel.**
123. *Who appeared to Moses in the burning bush?* **God.**
124. *What did God tell Moses His name was?* **“I AM.”**
125. *Why did God say this?* **Because God has always been and He will always be.**

B. Moses Leads Israel Out of Egypt

126. *What did God tell Moses to tell Pharaoh?* **“Let my people go.”**
127. *Who did God give to Moses for a helper?* **Aaron.**
128. *Did Pharaoh want to let the people of Israel go?* **No.**
129. *How many miracles did God work in Egypt?* **Ten.**
130. *What were some of these miracles?* **Water into blood, frogs, flies, lice, hail, death of first-born.**

131. *Where in Egypt did the children of Israel live?* **Land of Goshen.**
132. *What did God finally do to make Pharaoh let the children of Israel go?* **He killed the first-born of every family.**
133. *Did the first-born of the children of Israel die?* **No.**
134. *Why not?* **Because the blood of the passover lamb was put on the doors of their houses.**
135. *What did this stand for?* **The blood of Jesus Christ.**
136. *What is one of the names of Jesus?* **The Lamb of God.**
137. *What did Pharaoh decide to do after the children of Israel left Egypt?* **To follow and make them be slaves again or kill them.**
138. *What stood between Pharaoh's army and the children of Israel?* **The cloud and the fire.**
139. *How did God get the children of Israel across the Red Sea?* **He rolled up the waters like a wall and they crossed on dry ground.**
140. *What did God do to the Egyptians?* **He drowned them.**

C. God Gives Israel His Law

141. *What was the name of the bread from heaven that God gave the children of Israel to eat?* **Manna.**
142. *How many commandments did God give to Moses?* **Ten.**
143. *On what did God write them?* **Two tables of stone.**
144. *What mountain was Moses on when God gave him the commandments?* **Mt. Sinai.**
145. *How long was Moses on the mountain?* **Forty days and forty nights.**
146. *What bad thing did the children of Israel do while Moses was on the mountain?* **They made a golden calf.**
147. *Was God pleased with that?* **No. Why not? Because we are not to bow down to graven images-- there is only one God.**
148. **Learn the Ten Commandments.**
149. *What was God's house in the wilderness called?* **The tabernacle.**
150. *Who was the first high priest?* **Aaron.**

151. *What did the animals that were killed in the tabernacle represent?* **Jesus Christ dying for the sins of His people.**

152. *Who buried Moses?* **God.**

153. *How old was Moses when he died?* **120 years old.**

Joshua, Judges, and Ruth

A. Joshua Leads Israel into the Promised Land

154. *Who led the children of Israel after Moses died?* **Joshua.**

155. *Who was the woman at Jericho who helped Moses' spies to escape?* **Rahab.**

156. *What river did God's people cross to get to Canaan?* **The Jordan.**

157. *What happened to Jericho when the children of Israel marched around it?* **The walls fell down.**

158. *Whom did Joshua save when the walls of Jericho fell down?* **Rahab and her family.**
Why did God save her? **Because she had faith and hid the spies.**

159. *Why were the Israelites defeated at the little city of Ai?* **Because Achan took some things he shouldn't have taken.**

160. *Did the whole nation of Israel suffer because Achan had sinned?* **Yes.**
Does the whole church suffer when one of its members doesn't do right? **Yes.**

161. *What are some of the Ten Commandments that Achan broke?* **He coveted and he stole.**

162. *Is it very important that we obey God?* **Yes.** *Will we be chastised (spanked) when we don't obey God?* **Yes.**

163. *Did Israel defeat Ai when they had gotten rid of Achan's sin?* **Yes.**

164. *Why were the Israelites tricked by the Gibeonites?* **Because they forgot to ask God what to do (Joshua 9:14).**
Should we always ask the Lord before we do anything? **Yes.**

B. Gideon and His Small Army

165. *Why did God let the bad Midianites do bad things to His people?* **Because God's people had disobeyed Him.**

Was this kind of like God was spanking them? **Yes.**

Will God spank His people today when they don't obey Him? **Yes.**

166. *What were some of the bad things that the Midianites did to God's people?* **They stole or destroyed their crops and their animals (sheep, oxen, cattle, etc.).**

167. *What did God's people do when they saw they were in trouble?* **They cried to the Lord.**

Did the Lord bear them? **Yes.**

Will the Lord bear His people today when they cry to Him? **Yes.**

168. *How did God help His people?* **He sent Gideon to defeat the Midianites.**

169. *Gideon wanted to make sure that the Lord was sending him. What kind of sign did he ask the Lord to show him?* **Tell about the test of the fleece in Judges 6:36-40.**

170. *Even at the first, the Midianites had about four times as many soldiers as God's people, but God still said that His people had too many soldiers.*

Why did God say this? **If God's people had won they would have said that they had done it themselves and would have forgotten God.**

171. *Many of Gideon's soldiers went home and did not want to fight. Why?* **Because they were afraid.**

Should we be afraid of our enemies? **No.**

Why not? **Because if we are fighting God's battle, He is on our side.**

172. *Some men of Gideon's soldiers were sent home. Why?* **Because they did not lap water like a dog.**

Why did the men who lapped water get to go to battle? **They were very alert.**

173. *How many soldiers were left after this?* **Only three hundred.**

174. *What weapons did these men use?* **Trumpets, and lights hidden inside big pitchers.**

175. *How did they use these odd weapons to fight?* **When Gideon gave the signal they broke the pitchers so that the lights would shine. Then they blew on their trumpets and shouted, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon."**

176. *What did the Midianites think when they saw all those lights and heard all that noise?* **They thought they were surrounded by millions of God's people.**

177. *What did the Midianites do?* **They ran and, in the dark, they began to kill each other thinking they were killing God's people.**

178. *Who won the battle that night?* **God's people. Who really won the battle for them?** **God.**

179. *Will God win our battles for us today?* **Yes. What must we do?** **Trust God and obey Him.**

C. Samson Disobeys God

180. *What did Manoah and his wife want to know when the angel told them they would have a baby?* **They wanted to know how to raise the child.**

181. *What was the name of their child?* **Samson.**

182. *How was Samson different from other men?* **He was very strong. Who made him strong?** **God did.**

183. *What bad thing did Samson want to do?* **He wanted to marry a woman who was not one of God's people.**

184. *What did Samson do to the lion?* **He killed him with his hands.**

185. *How many people did Samson kill with an animal's bone?* **One thousand.**

186. *Who was the bad woman who became Samson's girlfriend?* **Delilah.**
Was Samson right to have her as a friend? **No.**

187. *What happened to Samson because he didn't obey God?* **God's enemies made a prisoner of him and put his eyes out.**
Should we always obey God? **Yes.**

D. Godly Ruth is Blessed

188. *Where did Naomi and her husband and sons go when there was a famine in Israel?* **Moab.**

189. *What happened to Naomi's husband and sons in Moab?* **They died.**

190. *When Naomi went back home, who went with her?* **Ruth, her daughter-in-law.**

191. *Why did Ruth go with her?* **Because she loved Naomi and Naomi's God.**

192. *How did they get enough to eat?* **Ruth picked up grain behind the harvesters.**
Was Ruth lazy? **No.**

193. *Who was the nice man who let Ruth gather grain in his field?* **Boaz.**

194. *How else did Boaz take care of Ruth?* **He did not let any of the young men bother her.**

195. *What did Boaz finally do?* **He married Ruth.**

196. *Who was the little boy that God blessed Boaz and Ruth to have?* **Obed.**

197. *Did Naomi love and help take care of her little grandson?* **Yes.**

198. *Who in the Bible was Obed's famous grandson?* **David.**

199. *Who really took care of these two helpless women, Ruth and Naomi?* **God.**

200. *Does God take care of His children now?* **Yes.**

Samuel, David, and Solomon

A. Samuel Leads Israel

201. *Why was Hannah so sad?* **Because she didn't have any children.**
What did she do about it? **She prayed.**
202. *How did God answer Hannah's prayer?* **He gave her a little boy named Samuel.**
When God gives children to parents, should those parents be glad? **Yes.**
203. *What did Hannah do with Samuel while he was still a little boy?* **She gave him to the Lord.**
204. *Where did Samuel live?* **At the house of the Lord.**
205. *What did Hannah do for Samuel every year?* **She made him a little coat and took it to him.**
206. *Who was the old priest who lived in Shiloh where God's house was?* **Eli.**
207. *Was old Eli a good man?* **Yes.** *What was sad about his life?* **His sons were very bad.**
Did Eli make his sons mind? **No.**
Did God like this? **No.**
Should parents make their children mind today? **Yes.**
208. *Who was the first king of Israel?* **Saul.**
209. *What did Saul look like?* **He was very tall.**
210. *Was it good that God's people wanted a king?* **No.**
Why? **Because God was their king.**
211. *Should we ask God for things that will not be good for us?* **No.**
Should we ask our parents for things that will not be good for us? **No.**
Give an example of some things we should not ask for? **(Parents, use your imagination here!)**
212. *Why did Saul get in trouble?* **Because he did not obey God.**
Will we get in trouble if we do not obey God? **Yes.**
213. *Why did Saul disobey God the first time?* **He became impatient.**
What does impatient mean? **It means you do not want to wait for something.**
Can you think of some things that you are sometimes impatient about? **(Parents, give some help here.)**
214. *When Saul disobeyed again, what are some of the things that God called his sin?* **Stubbornness and rebellion.**
215. *How can you be stubborn and rebellious?* **By not doing something when my parents tell me to do it.**

216. *Describe Saul's sin in 1 Samuel 15:1-23. (Parents, help them to be able to tell the story.)*

B. David Becomes King

217. *Whom did God choose to take Saul's place as King of Israel?* **David.**

218. *Who was the prophet that went to Jesse's house to anoint David?* **Samuel.**

219. *How many of Jesse's sons passed before Samuel?* **Seven.**

Were any of them chosen as king? **No.**

220. *What was David doing?* **Keeping the sheep.**

221. *What did Samuel do?* **He told them to send for David. When David came, Samuel anointed him.**

222. *When God looked at David what did He look at?* **He looked at David's heart.**

What did God see? **He saw that David loved Him and wanted to serve Him.**

Who made David's heart good? **God did.**

223. *Does God look on our hearts, too?* **Yes.**

What does this mean? **He knows what we are thinking and whether or not we love Him and want to obey Him.**

224. *Who were the enemies of God's people during the time of David?* **The Philistines.**

225. *Who was one of their soldiers?* **Goliath.**

226. *How tall was he?* **Probably over nine feet tall.**

227. *David had courage against Goliath because God had been with him before. What had David done?* **Killed a lion and a bear.**

228. *What did David use in order to kill Goliath?* **A sling and a stone.**

229. *Who helped David kill Goliath?* **God did.**

230. *Why did King Saul begin to not like David?* **He was jealous of him.**

231. *Who was Saul's son who was David's good friend?* **Jonathan.**

232. *What did Saul try to do to David?* **He tried to kill him.**

233. *How did David get away?* **His wife let him out the window.**

234. *When David had a chance to kill Saul, did he do it?* **No.**

235. *Was David even sorry because he had cut off the hem of Saul's robe?* **Yes.**
236. *Did David's men want him to kill Saul?* **Yes.** *Did David listen to them?* **No.**
Should we kill those who treat us badly? **No.**
237. *Was Saul ashamed that he had tried to kill David?* **Yes.**
238. *But did Saul later try again to kill David?* **Yes.**
239. *Could David have killed Saul?* **Yes.**
Why? **Because he found Saul asleep.**
240. *Why didn't David kill Saul this time?* **Because he knew the Lord would not like it if he did.**
241. *Why did God not let Saul be king anymore?* **Because Saul had not obeyed God.**
242. *Who became king after Saul had died?* **David.**
243. *Was David a good king?* **Yes.**
244. *One time David sinned and got in trouble with the Lord. Why did he sin?* **He got lazy and did not serve God with all his might.**
245. *When the preacher (prophet) told David that he had done wrong what did David do?* **He told God that he was sorry and he asked God to forgive him.**
246. *Did God forgive David?* **Yes.**
247. *What should we do when we do wrong?* **We should tell the person we wronged that we are sorry.**
Who else should we tell that we are sorry? **God.**
248. *What do you call it when you tell God that you have done something wrong?* **Confession.**
249. *Will God forgive us if we confess our sins to him?* **Yes, if we really mean it.**
250. *What kind of trouble did David have because he had sinned against the Lord?* **Some of his children hated each other.**
Should we hate our brothers and sisters? **No, we are supposed to love them.**
251. *What other kind of trouble did David have?* **Some of his sons tried to hurt him.**
How should we treat our parents? **We should love them and obey them.**
252. *What was the name of one of David's sons that tried to hurt him?* **Absalom.**
Did God let Absalom get away with this? **No, God destroyed him.**

C. Solomon Builds a House

253. *Which one of David's sons became king after David died?* **Solomon.**
254. *God told Solomon that he would give him whatever he asked for. Did Solomon ask for money?* **No.**
Did he ask for long life? **No.**
For what did he ask God? **He asked God for wisdom.**
What is wisdom? **It is knowing how to act and think like God wants you to.**
Was God pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom? **Yes.**
Should we ask God for wisdom? **Yes.**
255. *What is one of the most important things that Solomon did while he was King of Israel?* **He built a house for God.**
What was this house called? **The temple.**
256. *What is God's house today?* **The church.**
When we say "church", do we mean the building? **No.**
What do we mean? **The people who are members of the church.**
257. *Tell me some things you know about Solomon:* **He was very wise; he was very rich; he had beautiful houses and gardens; he knew how to write beautiful songs and poems.**
258. *Did all this make Solomon happy?* **No.**
Why? **He did not put God first.**
259. *What is probably the biggest mistake that Solomon made?* **He married wives that did not love God.**
Will we be wrong if we marry someone who does not love God, the Bible, and God's church? **Yes.**

The Prophets

A. Preachers in the Old Days

260. *When God's people did wrong in the old days, God sent good men to preach to them. What were these men called?* **Prophets.**
261. *When King Solomon died, what happened to God's kingdom?* **It broke up into two parts.**
262. *What were these two parts called?* **Judah and Israel.**
263. *Were the kings of Judah and Israel good or bad?* **All of Israel's were bad, and only about half of Judah's were good.**
264. *Why do we say they were bad?* **Because they did not obey God and they caused God's people to serve idols.**
265. *What is an idol?* **An idol is anything that we think is more important than God.**

266. *What are some idols that we could have in our lives even though we are little children?* **We could want to watch T.V more than we want to go to church. We could want to play a game more than we would want to pray. (Here each parent can think of some idols that your child needs to be aware of.)**

267. *Whom did God send to tell His people to stop doing bad and to serve Him?* **The prophets.**

268. *Who are kind of like prophets to us today?* **Our preachers.**

269. *How should we behave toward our preachers?* **We should love them, listen to them, and pray for them.**

B. Elijah Faces the Prophets of Baal

270. *Who was one of these prophets of God?* **Elijah.**

271. *Who was the wicked king of Israel to whom God sent Elijah?* **Ahab.**

272. *What did Elijah tell Ahab?* **That God would not let it rain in Israel for a long time.**

273. *God told Elijah to go hide for a while out in the wilderness. How did God feed Elijah?* **He sent ravens to him with food.**

274. *After a while God sent Elijah to a widow. What did the widow have left to eat?* **A little oil in a jar and a little meal in a barrel.**

275. *What did God feed Elijah, the widow, and her son with for a long time?* **That little bit of oil and meal. How could the oil and meal last so long?** **This was one of God's miracles.**

276. *The widow's son died. What did Elijah do?* **He lay down on top of the boy and prayed. What happened?** **The boy came alive again. How did this happen?** **This was another miracle of God.**

277. *Who was Ahab's wicked wife?* **Jezebel.**

278. *What had Jezebel influenced Ahab and Israel to do?* **To worship false gods. What were these gods called?** **Baal.**

279. *What did God tell Elijah to do with the prophets of Baal?* **To call them together to see who really served God.**

280. *How many of these false prophets of Baal were there?* **450.**

281. *What did Elijah tell them to do?* **To kill a bull and lay it on an altar.**

282. *Then what were they told to do?* **To ask their gods to come with fire and burn up the bull.**

283. *What did these false prophets of Baal do?* **They made a lot of noise and called for their gods.**

284. *How long did they do this?* **All day long.**
285. *Did their gods answer them?* **No.**
286. *Why didn't they answer them?* **Because there really were no false gods; the false prophets just thought there were.**
287. *How many gods are there really?* **There is just one true God.**
288. *What did Elijah do?* **He made fun of the false prophets.**
289. *Then what did Elijah do?* **He built an altar to God.**
290. *What did he do on this altar?* **He killed a bull and put it on the altar.**
291. *Then what did he do?* **He poured a lot of water on the bull and on the altar.**
292. *Then what did he do?* **He called on God.**
293. *What did God do?* **He sent a great fire and burned up the bull and the altar.**
294. *Why did God do this?* **To prove that He was the only true God.**

C. Jonah Is Swallowed By a Fish

295. *Who was Jonah?* **He was one of God's prophets.**
296. *What did God tell him to do?* **To go preach to the people of Nineveh.**
Did Jonah do this? **No!**
What did he do instead? **He got on a ship and tried to run away from God.**
297. *What did God do?* **He sent a storm that almost sank the boat.**
298. *What did Jonah do?* **He told the men on the ship that it was his fault that the storm had come.**
299. *What did the men on the ship do?* **They threw Jonah overboard.**
300. *Did Jonah drown?* **No.**
301. *Why didn't he drown?* **Because God sent a great fish to swallow him.**
302. *What did Jonah do while he was in the belly of the fish?* **He prayed to the Lord.**
What should we do when something bad happens to us? **We should pray.**
303. *What did Jonah say while he was in the belly of the fish?* **“Salvation is of the Lord.”**

304. *What did the fish do?* **He vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.**

Why did the fish do this? **Because the Lord spoke to him.**

Does the Lord govern all the animals today? **Yes.**

What else does the Lord control? **The Lord governs all people and everything and everybody.**

305. *What did Jonah do when the fish vomited him up?* **He obeyed God and went to Nineveh and preached.**

306. *What did Jonah preach to the people of Nineveh?* **He preached that God was going to destroy Nineveh because the city was so bad.**

307. *What did the people of Nineveh do?* **They prayed to God and repented of their sins.**

What does "repent" mean? **It means to be sorry for your sins and to quit doing them.**

308. *What did God do?* **He had mercy on Nineveh and did not destroy it.**

309. *Was Jonah glad when God did not destroy Nineveh?* **No, he wanted God to destroy the city.**

Was Jonah right about this? **No.**

How should Jonah have felt about this? **He should have been glad that God did not destroy the city.**

C. Daniel and the Three Hebrew Children

310. *Who were the three Hebrew children?* **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.**

311. *What did Daniel and the three Hebrew children not do?* **They did not eat the king's meat and drink the king's wine.**

Why not? **Because God did not want them to.**

312. *Did they have to be brave to not do this?* **Yes, they had to be brave and trust God.**

313. *What did the wicked king have made?* **A very tall statue that looked like him.**

314. *What did he tell everyone to do?* **To fall down and worship the statue when the music played.**

315. *Did the three Hebrew children do this?* **No.**

Why? **Because we are not to worship anyone but God.**

316. *Did the king get very mad at them?* **Yes.**

317. *What did the king do?* **He threw them into a very hot fire.**

318. *Did the fire burn them?* **No.**

Why? **Because God protected them.**

Was this another miracle of God? **Yes.**

319. *Why did Daniel get to be very important in the Persian Kingdom?* **Because he always did the very best he could and because God helped him.**

320. *What did some of the other men think about Daniel?* **They were very jealous of him.**
What did they try to do? **They tried to find something he was doing wrong so they could get him into trouble.**

Could they find anything he was doing wrong? **No, because he was a faithful servant of God.**

321. *What did these wicked men do next?* **They got the king to say that anyone who prayed to anyone but him in the next thirty days would be thrown into a den of lions.**

322. *What did Daniel do when he heard this?* **He kept on praying to God three times a day.**

323. *What did the wicked men do?* **They told the king.**

324. *What did the king do?* **He was very sorry because he loved Daniel, but he had him thrown into the den of lions.**

325. *How long was Daniel in the den?* **All night.**

Did the lions hurt him? **No, because God sent an angel to shut their mouths.**

326. *What happened to the wicked men who had tried to get Daniel in trouble?* **The king threw them, their wives, and their children into the lion's den and the lions ate them all up.**

Little
Children's
Catechism
(New Testament)

The Gospels

1. *What do you call the four books in the Bible that tell about the life of Jesus?* **The Gospels.**
2. *What are the names of the four gospels?* **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.**

A. Jesus the Christ and John the Baptist.

3. *Who is the Savior?* **Jesus Christ.**
4. *Whom did He save?* **His people.**
5. *From what did He save them?* **From their sins.**
6. *What is sin?* **Not obeying God.**
7. *Who was Jesus' mother?* **Mary.**
8. *Who was Mary's husband?* **Joseph.**
9. *What was the name of the angel that told Mary she would have baby Jesus?* **Gabriel.**
10. *Where was Jesus born?* **Bethlehem.**
11. *Where did He grow up?* **Nazareth.**
12. *Where did He die?* **Jerusalem.**
13. *Who was Jesus' cousin?* **John the Baptist.**
14. *Who was John's father?* **Zacharias.**
15. *Who was John's mother?* **Elisabeth.**
16. *What did John eat?* **Honey and locusts.**
17. *What did he preach?* **“Repent!”**
18. *Who baptized Jesus?* **John the Baptist.**
19. *Where did he baptize Him?* **In the Jordan River.**

20. *Who descended upon Jesus after He was baptized?* **The Holy Spirit.**
21. *What did the Holy Spirit look like?* **A dove.**
22. *What did the Heavenly Father say when Jesus was baptized?* **“This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased.”**

B. Jesus Teaches, Heals People, and Performs Miracles

23. *How old was Jesus when He began His public ministry?* **About 33.**
24. *How many apostles did Jesus have?* **Twelve.**
25. *What are the names of four of them?* **Peter, Andrew, James, and John.**
26. *Who were Lazarus' sisters?* **Mary and Martha.**
27. *Where did they live?* **Bethany.**
28. *What did Jesus do to Lazarus?* **Raised him from the grave.**
29. *How long had Lazarus been dead?* **Four days.**
30. *What was the good thing that Jesus said Mary had chosen?* **To sit at Jesus' feet.**
31. *Who was Peter's brother?* **Andrew.**
32. *Who was John's brother?* **James.**
33. *What kind of jobs did they have when Jesus called them?* **They were fishermen.**
34. *What did Jesus say to them when He called them?* **“Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”**
35. *How long did the apostles stay with Jesus before He was crucified?* **About three years.**
36. *How did the four friends of the sick man get him to Jesus?* **They carried him on a bed and tore a hole in the roof to get him in.**
37. *What kind of animal did Jesus ride into Jerusalem?* **A donkey.**
38. *What did Jesus tell Peter about His church?* **“On this rock I will build my church.”**
39. *Who were the bad people who were always criticizing Jesus?* **The Scribes and Pharisees.**
40. *What did Jesus do to the son of the widow of Nain?* **He raised him from the dead.**

41. *In the story of the Good Samaritan, who helped the poor man who was beaten and robbed—the priest, the Levite, or the Good Samaritan?* **The Good Samaritan.**

42. *Who went to the house of Zacchaeus?* **Jesus.**

43. *Why was Jesus pleased with the poor widow?* **She love the Lord so much that she gave all that she had to the Lord.**

44. *What was the first miracle that Jesus performed?* **He turned the water into wine.**

45. *What did Jesus do when He saw some men selling animals in the temple?* **He made a whip and drove them out of the temple.**

46. *Why did He do this?* **We are to go to God's house to worship—not to make money and do other things.**

47. *How did John the Baptist die?* **He got his head cut off.**

48. *Do you think John died happy?* **Yes.**

49. *Why had John been put into prison?* **Because he told the truth to some wicked people.**

50. *Should we tell the truth even if we get in trouble?* **Yes.**

51. *When a big storm came up and the disciples thought they would drown in the Sea of Galilee, what did Jesus do?* **He said, “Peace, be still.”**

52. *What happened?* **The wind quit blowing, and the water was still.**

53. *Who gave Jesus the five loaves and two fishes that He used to feed the 5,000?* **A little boy.**

54. *What did Jesus do for the man who had been born blind?* **He made him see.**

55. *Who was crying in the temple, “Hosanna to the son of David”?* **The children.**

56. *What were these children doing?* **Praising Jesus.**

57. *Who washed the disciples' feet?* **Jesus.**

58. *What was He teaching them?* **To love and serve each other.**

C. Jesus Dies for the Sins of His People.

59. *Who was the bad apostle who betrayed Jesus?* **Judas Iscariot.**

60. *How did Judas die?* **He hanged himself.**

61. *Jesus said that when He went away, He would send Someone to live with His people. Who is this?* **The Holy Spirit.**

62. *Is the Holy Spirit here right now?* **Yes.**

63. *How did Jesus say that people could tell if we are His disciples?* **If we have love one to another.**

64. *Who is a disciple of Jesus?* **Someone who follows Jesus and learns about Him.**

65. *How do we follow Jesus?* **By doing what He tells us to do in the Bible.**

66. *Is God the Father, God?* **Yes.**

Is Jesus, God? **Yes.**

Is the Holy Spirit, God? **Yes.**

What do we call God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit? **The Trinity.**

67. *Did the world love Jesus when He was on earth?* **No, it hated Him.**

Does the world love God's people today? **No.**

68. *Who was the disciple who became afraid and said that Jesus was not his friend?* **Peter.**

69. *Should we ever be afraid of people and say that Jesus is not our friend?* **No.**

70. *How did Jesus die?* **On the cross.**

71. *Tell some of the bad things that the people did to Jesus.* **Beat Him, pulled out His beard, put a crown of thorns on His head, nailed His feet and hands to the cross, made fun of Him, stuck a spear in His side.**

72. *Who did Jesus' mother live with after Jesus was crucified?* **John.**

73. *How many days did Jesus stay in the grave?* **Three.**

74. *Did Jesus come up alive out of the grave?* **YES!**

75. *Is Jesus alive now?* **Yes!**

76. *What kind of grave did Jesus have?* **A cave carved out of rock.**

77. *What was it called when Jesus rose from the dead?* **Resurrection.**

Acts of the Apostles

78. *Who preached on the day of Pentecost?* **Peter.**

79. *What did he preach?* **Repent.**

80. *How many people were converted and baptized?* **Three thousand.**
81. *Who came down with tongues of fire on that day?* **The Holy Spirit.**
82. *Who preached to the lame man who was at the Beautiful gate of the temple?* **Peter.**
83. *What did the lame man do when he was healed?* **He leaped and walked into the temple and praised God.**
84. *Did the apostles quit preaching about Jesus when the rulers told them to?* **No.**
85. *Should we quit talking about Jesus when people tell us to?* **No.**
86. *How did Stephen die?* **They threw stones at him until he was dead.**
87. *Did Stephen die happy?* **Yes. Why? Because he saw Jesus.**
88. *Was Stephen mad at the men who killed him?* **No, he prayed for them.**
89. *Should we pray for our enemies?* **Yes.**
90. *Whom did God send to preach to the Ethiopian eunuch?* **Philip.**
91. *What did Philip preach to the eunuch?* **He told him about Jesus.**
92. *What did the eunuch want to do when he understood the preaching?* **He wanted to be baptized.**
93. *How did the eunuch feel after he was baptized?* **He was very happy.**
94. *Who was persecuting the church and hurting God's people?* **Saul.**
What is another name for him in the Bible? **Paul.**
95. *To what city was he traveling, in order to hurt God's people?* **Damascus.**
96. *What did God do to him?* **He shined a bright light around him and knocked him to the ground.**
97. *What else did God do to Paul?* **He saved him.**
What does this mean? **God caused Paul to begin to love Him and His people.**
98. *What did Paul do soon after the Lord had saved him?* **He was baptized.**
99. *What did he do after he was baptized?* **He began to preach Jesus Christ.**
100. *After Paul began to preach about Jesus Christ, what did the Jews try to do to him?* **They tried to kill him.**

101. *How did Paul get away from the Jews?* **The disciples let him down the wall of the city in a basket.**
102. *Who was the good man who introduced Paul to the Christians at Jerusalem?* **Barnabas.**
103. *Who was the good woman at Joppa who died?* **Tabitha.** *What was her other name?* **Dorcas.**
104. *What were some of the good things which she had done?* **She made coats and other clothes for the widows and other poor Christians.**
105. *What did Peter do to Dorcas?* **He told her to arise.**
Who brought her back from the dead? **God.**
106. *Who was the good man in Caesarea who prayed all the time and gave gifts to the poor people?* **Cornelius.**
107. *Whom did God send to preach to Cornelius?* **Peter.**
108. *What did Peter command Cornelius to do?* **To be baptized.**
109. *When the church at Jerusalem was driven out of town by the bad people, what did they do?* **Everywhere they went, they told people about Jesus.**
110. *Who was the good man that the church at Jerusalem sent to check on the people who had been driven out of town?* **Barnabas.**
111. *Who did Barnabas get to help him in the work with the churches?* **Paul.**
112. *Where were the people of God first called Christians?* **At Antioch.**
113. *To whom did God send an angel in order to get him out of jail, when the church had prayed all night?* **Peter.**
114. *When the Lord wanted a lot of churches started, whom did He call to start them?* **Paul and Barnabas.**
115. *How did they start churches?* **By preaching the gospel.**
116. *When Paul healed the crippled man at Lystra what did the people there do?* **They tried to worship him.**
117. *Did Paul let people worship him?* **No.**
Why? **Because we are to worship only God.**
118. *Did the people throw stones at Paul?* **Yes.**
Did they think that he was dead? **Yes.**
Was he? **No.**
119. *Are we saved by keeping the law of God?* **No.**
How are we saved? **By the grace of the Lord Jesus.**

Should we keep God's law anyway? **Yes.**

Why? **Because we love the Lord and want to please Him.**

120. *Who was the lady that prayed with other ladies that Paul baptized?* **Lydia.**

After she was baptized what did she do? **She let Paul and his friends live in her house while they preached the gospel.**

Would it be good for us to open our homes to God's people like that today? **Yes.**

121. *When Paul and Silas were whipped and put in jail, what did they do at midnight?* **Sang and prayed.**

How did God get them out of jail? **He shook the prison with an earthquake.**

122. *What did the jailer do when the earthquake came?* **He became afraid and asked Paul and Silas what he should do.**

What did they tell him to do? **To believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.**

What happened that night? **The jailer took them to his house, washed their stripes, and gave them something to eat. The jailer and his household were baptized that night, too.**

123. *What was good about the Bereans?* **They listened to the preachers and read the Bible so that they could see if what the preachers said was true.**

124. *What kind of job did Paul have besides preaching?* **He made tents.**

Who was the man and his wife who had the same kind of job and let Paul live with them? **Aquila and Priscilla.**

125. *What young preacher did Aquila and Priscilla help to understand the Bible?* **Apollos.**

126. *When the people at Ephesus began to believe in Jesus Christ, what did they do?* **They burned up all their magic books.**

Is it good for us to have magic books today? **No.**

127. *Forty Jews hated Paul so badly that they made an awful promise. What was it?* **They would not eat or drink until they had killed Paul.**

128. *Did God bless Paul to get away?* **Yes.**

129. *To what city did Paul have to go, in order to stand trial?* **Rome.**

How did he get there? **He went on a ship and he walked the last part of the way.**

130. *What happened to the ship?* **It got caught in a storm.**

131. *Were the people on the ship afraid?* **Yes.**

132. *Was Paul afraid?* **No.**

Why? **Because an angel of the Lord came and told him everything would be all right.**

133. *What finally happened to the ship?* **It got caught on some rocks and broke into pieces.**

134. *Did anyone die?* **No.**

135. *When Paul laid some sticks on the fire, what happened to him?* **A snake came out of the fire and bit him.**

Did he get sick or die? **No.**

136. *Where was Paul finally able to visit, at the end of his journey?* **Rome.**

137. *Was he free?* **No, he was in jail in his own house.**

138. *What did he do while he was in jail?* **Preached, and wrote letters to churches and people.**

139. *Was Paul afraid to die?* **No. Why not? Because he lived very close to God.**

141. *How did the men who wrote the Bible write?* **God told them just exactly what to write.**

142. *Does the Bible have any mistakes in it?* **No, not even one.**

The Epistles

A. Paul's Letter to the Romans

143. *Was Paul ashamed of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ?* **No.**

Should we be ashamed of it? **No.**

If we are not ashamed of the gospel, what will we do? **Tell people we meet about Jesus Christ.**

144. *When God created the world, what did He make clear and plain?* **That He exists and that He is very wise and powerful.**

145. *Does anyone seek after God before they have spiritual life?* **No.**

146. *What does it mean to be justified?* **To be not guilty before God.**

How do we become justified? **Only through the blood of Jesus Christ.**

147. *When we don't know what to ask for in prayer, who helps us?* **The Holy Spirit.**

148. *What can separate the love of Christ from a child of God?* **Nothing, not even death.**

149. *If a brother or sister in the church is rejoicing, what should we do?* **Rejoice with them. What if they are weeping? Weep with them.**

150. *If our enemy is hungry, what should we do?* **Feed him. What if he is thirsty? Give him something to drink.**

B. Paul's Letters to the Corinthians

151. *Do we ever have anything to brag or boast about ourselves?* **No.**

Who only should we boast about? **Jesus Christ and Him crucified.**

152. *What did Paul say our faith should stand in?* **The power of God.**
153. *How are we to use the bodies that God has given us?* **We are to use them in a way that will glorify God. We must not use them in a sinful way.**
154. *Do we belong to ourselves?* **No, we belong to God.**
155. *If we have faithful preachers to preach to us, should we help them by giving them some of our money?* **Yes.**
156. *How much should we follow our preachers and do what they say?* **As long as they follow Jesus Christ and the Word of God.**
157. *When we see the word “charity” in the Bible, what does that mean?* **Love.**
What does love do? **It causes us to always put others above ourselves, for Jesus’ sake.**
158. *How many people saw Jesus Christ after He was raised from the dead?* **More than 500.**
159. *What will happen to the children of God who have died and been buried when Jesus comes back?* **They will be raised from the dead.**
What will happen to the bodies of the children of God who are still alive when Jesus comes back? **They will not die, but they will be changed into glorified bodies.**
160. *If God blesses you to get married, should you marry someone who does not truly believe in Jesus Christ, and who does not love to serve Him?* **No.**
161. *What does it mean to repent?* **To be truly sorry that we have sinned against God, and to turn from our sin.**
162. *When a child of God dies, what happens?* **The spirit goes at once into the presence of God.**
163. *How should we feel when we give money to the church?* **We should remember that God loves a cheerful giver.**

C. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians

164. *When our churches have real preachers, where do they come from?* **God calls them and gives them to us.**
165. *When we talk to one another, how are we to talk?* **We should always talk in such a way that it helps the person we are talking to.**
166. *Why should we forgive someone who has done something wrong to us?* **Because God has forgiven us for the things we have done wrong against Him.**
167. *How does God say we should behave toward our parents?* **We should love, honor, and obey them, for Jesus’ sake.**
168. *When our parents or grandparents get old and are not able to take care of themselves, what are we to do?* **We are to take care of them.**

169. *When you are old enough to get a job, how does God want you to act toward your boss?* **To respect him, to be honest, and to work hard for him like we would for Jesus.**

170. *What is one of the best ways that we can help the children of God?* **By praying for them.**

D. Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians

171. *How did Paul know that the people he was writing to were chosen by God to salvation?* **Because the gospel came to them in power, and they received its teachings.**

172. *What does God want His children to know about this present life?* **He wants us to know that it will last only a short time, and that our real home is in heaven with Him.**

173. *Should knowing that Jesus is coming back soon make us lazy?* **No. We should serve God with all our might until He comes again.**

174. *What two things made Paul happy about the Christians he was writing to?* **When they loved each other and had strong faith in God.**

E. Paul's Letters to Pastors Timothy and Titus

175. *God has a special place that is called His house. Where is that special place?* **It is the church.**

176. *Should we pray for our country's President and other leaders, even if we don't like them?* **Yes, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.**

177. *Are there requirements for a man to be a pastor or deacon?* **Yes. The man must be a good example of godly behavior and know God's Word. A pastor must also be gifted to teach.**

178. *Does God allow women to be preachers or to be leaders in the church?* **No, He has put men in these positions.**

179. *Do women have an important role in the church?* **Yes. The older women are to teach the younger women to glorify God through their families and their lives.**

180. *If we are blessed to have a lot of money, are we to keep all of it or to spend it all on ourselves?* **No. We are to use much of our money to help others and to be generous towards the church.**

181. *Should we support and help our ministers?* **Yes, the very best we can.**

182. *When should we praise God?* **We should always praise Him and be thankful to Him, like Paul did even in prison.**

F. Letters from Some Other Writers

Peter:

183. *Are we to obey those who rule over us?* **Yes, for the Lord's sake.** *When do we not obey them?* **When they ask us to do something that is against the truth of the Bible.**

184. *How much should we love the word of God?* **As much as a little baby loves its mother's milk.**

185. *Will God ever destroy the world again with a flood?* **No.** *How will He destroy the world at the end of time?* **With fire.**

186. *Is God limited by time?* **No.** **One thousand years is like a day to Him, and a day is like a thousand years.**

187. *How should we behave, knowing that this world will one day soon burn up?* **We should be obedient to God and trust in Him.**

James:

188. *What should we do when we know some widows and orphans?* **We should visit them, cheer them up, and help them.**

189. *How should we use our tongues?* **We should use them to praise God and to help others.**

190. *What should we do if we see someone who is hungry and has no money to buy food?* **We should give them something to eat.**

John:

191. *When we sin, what should we do?* **We should confess our sins.** *What does that mean?* **We should tell God what we have done and tell Him we are sorry.**

192. *If anyone says that Jesus is not the Christ, what does the Bible say about that person?* **That he is a liar.**

193. *How we can know that we are children of God?* **If we love God and try to keep His commands, and if we love the people of God.**

194. *If we love God, why do we love Him?* **Because He loved us first.**

G. The Revelation of John

195. *Jesus Christ is in heaven now. What are the heavenly creatures who are around Him doing?* **They are always praising Him, saying, "Holy, Holy, Holy."**

196. *Who gets all the praise in heaven?* **God and Jesus Christ.** *Do men get any praise there?* **No.** *Who should get all the praise right now?* **God and Jesus.** *Should men get any praise now?* **No.**

197. *What is the last thing Jesus Christ tells us in the Bible?* **"Surely, I come quickly."**

198. *What is the last prayer in the Bible?* **"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."**

Bible Doctrine Drill

1. The Bible

The Bible is God's Word. God wrote the Bible. This is how He wrote it. He told some men who were His children what to write, and they wrote it down. Every word of the Bible is true. God wrote the Bible so that His children could learn about Him. This is the only Book important enough for a person to read every day of his life. The Bible tells us how God wants each of us to live. Wicked people do not like the Bible, but God's children love it and want to live like God tells them to live. God wants us to read the Bible and memorize it.

DRILL QUESTIONS:

1. *Who wrote the Bible?* **God.** (1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17)
2. *How did He write it?* **He told some of His children what to write.** (2 Peter 1:20, 21; Ezekiel 1:1-3)
3. *Is all of the Bible true?* **Yes. Every word is true.** (John 17:17)

EXTRA QUESTIONS (for later, in-depth drill)

4. *Will God's Word ever change?* **No. It is forever settled and cannot be changed.** (Psalm 119:89; Malachi 3:6)
5. *Why did God leave the Bible in the world?* **So that His children could learn about Him.** (Psalm 119:105)
6. *What is the only Book in the world important enough to read every day of our lives?* **The Bible.** (Matthew 4:4; Joshua 1:8)

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Peter 2:2

2. Sin

Sin is anything that we do, or say, or even think that is bad or wrong. God tells us what is right and wrong in the Bible. When the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, disobeyed God and ate the fruit that He told them not to eat, they sinned--they did something bad. This was the first time that sin entered into the world. Since then, everyone born into the world, except Jesus, has been born a sinner, with a heart that wants to do wrong. God says that everyone sins. God hates sin, yet He still loves His chosen people, His children, even when they sin. If we belong to Jesus, God will forgive our sins. He will give us faith and take us to live with Him when we die. Even though God loves His children when they sin, He hates their sins and will chasten them and cause them to be sorry for their sins.

DRILL QUESTIONS:

1. *What is sin?* **All the bad things we do and say and think.** (1 John 3:4)
2. *What are some of the bad things we do and say and think?* **Lying, cheating, not obeying parents, not loving God, being mean to a friend, pouting when you do not get your way, not listening in church, getting mad.**(Galatians 5:19-21)
3. *Who sins?* **Everyone.** *Are even babies and little children sinners?* **Yes.** (Romans 3:23; Psalm 51:5)
4. *Who were the first people to sin?* **Adam and Eve.** (Romans 5:12)
5. *Does God like sin?* **No, He hates sin and made a terrible place to punish sin.** (Deuteronomy 32:4; Hebrews 1:9; Revelation 21:8)
6. *Does God hate us when we sin?* **Not if we are His chosen people, His elect. If we are His people, He still loves us when we sin, but He will chasten us and make us sorry for our sins.** (Hebrews 12:6; Revelation 3:19)
7. *What punishment has God made for sin?* **Eternal death in hell in the lake of fire.** (Matthew 13:41, 42; Revelation 21:8; Psalm 9:17)
8. *How can we have our sins forgiven and not have to go to that terrible place of punishment?* **If we are God's elect children, He loved us even before the world began. He sent Jesus Christ to die for our sins on the cross. The Holy Spirit will give us spiritual life and cause us to love and serve Jesus.** (Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 2:24; 2 Timothy 1:9)

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 3:23

3. God

God has always been. Nobody made God. He was never born, He never had a beginning, and He will never die. There is just one God, but the one God is in three Persons. This is called the Trinity. The three Persons of God are God the Father, God the Word, and God the Holy Spirit. God the Word left Heaven and came to live on earth in a human body to take away the sins of God's chosen people. His name was called Jesus. When He went back to Heaven, Jesus sent God the Holy Spirit to live with God's people and to guide them.

DRILL QUESTIONS:

1. *Who made God?* **Nobody.** (Genesis 1:1; 1 Timothy 1:17; Revelation 1:8; Psalm 90:2; John 1:3)
2. *Was He ever born?* **No.** (Revelation 1:8)
3. *Has He ever had a beginning?* **No. He has always been.** (Exodus 3:14)
4. *Will God ever die?* **No. He lives forever.** (1 Timothy 1:17: 6:16)
5. *How many Persons make up the one God?* **Three.** (1 John 5:7)

6. *Name the three Persons that make up the one God.* **God the Father, God the Word, and God the Holy Spirit.** (2 Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 3:13-17)

7. *Are there three different Gods?* **No. Just one God in three Persons. This is called the Trinity.** (Deuteronomy 6:4)

EXTRA QUESTIONS (for later, in-depth drill)

8. *Where was God the Word before the world was made?* **In Heaven with God the Father.** (John 1:1,2; 3:13)

9. *Which Person of the Trinity has an earthly body?* **God the Word (the Son).** (John 1:14; 1 John 4:2)

10. *What name was given to God the Word when He was born in the earth?* **Jesus.** (Matthew 1:21)

11. *What does Jesus mean?* **Savior.** (Matthew 1:21)

12. *Why did God have the angel tell Mary to name His Son Jesus or Savior?* **Because He was to save His people from their sins.** (Matthew 1:21)

13. *Who was Jesus' earthly mother?* **Mary.** (Luke 1:31; Acts 1:14; Matthew 1:16)

14. *Did Jesus have an earthly Father?* **No.** (Matthew 1:20; 16:17)

15. *Which one of the three Persons of the Trinity died for the sins of His people?* **God the Son.** (John 10:11; Romans 5:8)

16. *Did God the Son leave Heaven just to be a great teacher and to heal people of their diseases?* **No. He came to earth to take the punishment for the sins of His people.** (2 Corinthians 5:21)

17. *In whose hearts does the Holy Spirit live?* **He lives in the hearts of those who have been born again by the Holy Spirit.** (1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 8:9; Ezekiel 36:27; 11:19)

18. *When does the Holy Spirit come into a person's heart?* **At God's appointed time.** (John 3:8; Ezekiel 36:26)

19. *How do you know when the Holy Spirit comes into your heart?* **When the Holy Spirit comes into your heart, you hate your sins; you love God and Jesus Christ; you love God's church and you want to obey God; you love the Bible and God's people.** (Galatians 4:6; 5:17,18)

20. *Is the Holy Spirit as much God as Jesus Christ and God the Father?* **Yes.** (2 Corinthians 13:14; Acts 5:3,4)

MEMORY VERSE: Deuteronomy 6:4

4. Salvation

God knows everything. He knew before the world began that Adam and Eve would sin. He knew that all the people in the world, being born of sinful parents, would be born sinners. God willed to save some of these sinners from their sins. He chose them and determined to save them even before the world began -- long before they were born.

This is the way He saved them: He sent God the Word into the world to live on earth in a human body. His name was called Jesus. One day Jesus was nailed to the cross. While He was on the cross, God placed all the sins of all His people on Jesus, and Jesus suffered the punishment that God's people deserved. Three days after He died and was buried, Jesus arose from the dead. He stayed on the earth for forty days and then went to Heaven where He is now. The Holy Spirit comes into the hearts of everyone that Christ died for and causes each one of them to believe on Jesus Christ and to love Him.

DRILL QUESTIONS:

1. *Who took the punishment for the sins of the children of God?* **Jesus, when He died on the cross.** (Matthew 1:21; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
2. *Who is Jesus?* **God the Word.**
3. *Did Jesus ever sin?* **No.**
4. *What two natures does the Lord Jesus have in His Person?* **He is both God and Man.**
5. *What must be done for people so that they can go live with Jesus when they die?* **They must be born again by the Holy Spirit.**
6. *What was Jesus doing while He was on the cross?* **He was taking the punishment for the sins of His people.**
7. *Why is Jesus the only Person who could take the punishment for the sins of His people?* **Because Jesus is both God and Man, He was born sinless of a virgin, and He never sinned.**
8. *Is Jesus dead now?* **No. The same Jesus who took the punishment for the sins of His people is alive and is in Heaven with God the Father.**
9. *How many ways does the Bible say there are to be saved from our sins and to live with God forever?* **Only one -- by being born again by the Holy Spirit.**
10. *Will being good, praying, reading the Bible, or going to church get you saved from your sins?* **No. We must do these things after we are saved, but if people could get saved by doing good works, Jesus would not have needed to die on Calvary for their sins.**

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 1:21

5. Eternal Bliss

It is a terrible thing to die without God's grace and forgiveness. Jesus, Who talked more about Hell than anyone else in the Bible, tells us that it is a place of everlasting torment and darkness. He warns that the fearful, and unbelieving, and murderers, and idolaters, and liars will be cast into this lake of fire when God judges the world at the end of time.

It is wonderful when a child of God dies. At the very moment when he dies, his spirit goes to be with Jesus. Jesus said to the thief on the cross who was about to die, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Speaking of death, Paul said that he had "a desire to depart and to be with Christ." The writer of Hebrews said that one of the reasons Jesus came to earth was to deliver His children from the fear of death. If a person is born again he should not be afraid to die.

Even though the spirit remains alive and goes to be with Christ at death, the body dies and goes to the grave. The Bible says that those saints who die are "asleep in Jesus." On the resurrection day, Jesus is going to come back to the earth from heaven. He is going to call to the bodies of His children who have died, and they will rise up from their graves. Their glorified bodies will be perfect and without sin.

The spirits and bodies of the saints will come back together again on the resurrection day. These glorified saints will then be with the Lord forever. They will live in a real place, a beautiful place which Peter calls "new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." They will be completely happy and safe and will never sin again. They will enjoy forever praising the Lord Jesus Christ together with the elect angels and the other saints for whom Jesus died on the cross.

DRILL QUESTIONS:

1. *When God's children die, where do their spirits go?* **To be with Jesus.** (Ecclesiastes 12:7; Luke 23:43; Philippians 1:23)
2. *Is a child of God supposed to be afraid to die?* **No.** (Hebrews 2:15; Revelation 14:13; Philippians 1:21; Psalm 23:4; Numbers 23:10)
3. *What does the Bible say about the dead bodies of the saints?* **They are asleep in Jesus.** (John 11:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:14; Acts 13:36)
4. *What will happen to the bodies of the saints on the resurrection day?* **They will be raised from their graves and glorified.**
5. *What will happen to the spirits of the saints at the resurrection?* **They will join together with their bodies.** (Philippians 3:20,21; 1 Thessalonians 4:16)
6. *How long will the glorified saints live with Jesus?* **Forever.**
7. *Where will the glorified saints live?* **In the new heavens and the new earth.**
8. *In what kind of condition will the glorified saints be?* **They will be completely happy and safe and will never sin again.**

MEMORY VERSE: Ecclesiastes 12:7

6. Satan

There is a very evil being who hates God and all of God's children. This evil being is called Satan. He does not have horns and a long tail as some people think he has. He cannot be seen, but he is very real. Satan, also called the Devil, tries to get people to disobey God. Satan does not want children to obey their parents. Satan is much stronger than we are, but God is much stronger than he is. When we walk close to God and obey Him, we will have victory over Satan. Someday, God is going to cast Satan into the lake of fire and he will be tormented forever.

DRILL QUESTIONS:

1. *Who is the evil being who hates God and God's children?* **Satan.** *What is another name for him?* **the Devil.**
2. *What does he look like?* **We can't see him because he is a spirit-being.**
3. *What does he try to get people to do?* **To disobey God.**
4. *Does he want children to obey their parents?* **No.**
5. *When we listen to Satan do we get into trouble?* **Yes.**
6. *Is Satan stronger than we are?* **Yes.**
7. *Is God stronger than Satan?* **Yes, God is much stronger than Satan.**

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 6:11

7. Grace

The salvation of God's children is entirely by the grace of God. This means that salvation is a free gift from God. God's children do not save themselves nor help save themselves. They are not saved because they pray. They are not saved because they make a decision and ask Christ to come into their hearts. They are saved because God wanted to save them. He sent Christ to pay for all their sins.

DRILL QUESTIONS:

1. *What does salvation by grace mean?* **Salvation is a free gift from God.**
2. *Do God's children save themselves?* **No.**
Do they help save themselves? **No.**
3. *Are people saved because they pray?* **No.**
4. *Are people saved because they do good works?* **No.**

5. *Are people saved because they ask Jesus to come into their hearts?* **No.**
6. *How are people saved?* **God simply saves all those people that He wants to save.**
7. *How does God do this?* **He sent Christ into the world to pay for all their sins.**

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 2:8, 9; Romans 9:16; Romans 11:6

8. TULIP

We have already learned that salvation is by God's grace. Now we want to learn a little more about how that salvation took place. To do this we are going to learn a little memory helper. This helper word is "TULIP." Each letter of this word will stand for a particular truth about salvation.

"**T**" is for *Total Depravity*. This means that all people are sinners. Sin entered into the world by the first man, Adam. Since that time everyone has been born into the world as a sinner. Even little babies are sinners. Being sinners, people tend to think, act, and speak sinfully. If they are left to themselves, without the salvation in Jesus Christ, they will be sinful in every area of their lives.

Even their so-called "good works" will be sinful. When they do "good" they will only do this for a selfish, sinful reason. If they are left in their sinful state they cannot please God, but will be forever under His wrath and condemnation. They will go to hell where they deserve to go. Man cannot rescue himself from this condition of *Total Depravity*.

When we say that a person is "totally" depraved, we mean that each part of him has been affected by sin — his mind, will, and emotions. He thinks sinfully, acts sinfully, and wills sinfully. In this condition he will not come to Christ. He loves sin and hates God.

The Bible says that he is dead — dead in trespasses and in sins. As a person dead towards God, he cannot save himself nor help to save himself.

The "**U**" in TULIP is for *Unconditional Election*. We have already seen how all mankind are born dead in trespasses and sins. They cannot get themselves out of this condition. If they were all left in this condition they would die in their sins and spend forever in hell.

But God determined to save some people. He did not determine to save everyone. We don't know why God chose to save some and to leave others in their sins, but we do know that no one deserves to be saved. The ones that God determined to save He chose (elected, picked out) before the world began. This choice is what we mean by *Election*. We use the word *Unconditional* because the choice was entirely God's and was not based on any conditions that must be met by the sinner.

God did not choose any of His people because they were better than others. He did not choose them because they "accepted Christ," or "believed on Christ as their personal Savior," or anything else they did. God chose them because He wanted to, and He did it for His own glory. No one can justifiably say that God is unfair in His election. Those who go to hell just get what they deserve. Those who are elect must praise God for His mercy! Human beings were created by God and He can do what He wants to with His creation.

The “L” in TULIP is for *Limited Atonement*. We have already seen how all mankind are born dead in trespasses and sins. If left in this condition they will spend eternity in hell. But we have also seen how God the Father chose or elected some people before the world began and determined to save them from their sins. But those sins had to be paid for because God is too holy to allow sins to go unpunished. Those who are not God's children will suffer for their sins forever. If people are ever to have fellowship with God, their sins have to be removed and paid for.

Limited Atonement means that Jesus Christ, on the cross, paid for *all* the sins of *all* the people that God the Father elected before the world began. Jesus did not die for everybody; He died only for the elect. All the elect will be saved with everlasting salvation. Not one of the elect will be lost, because Jesus paid for their sins.

Many people teach that Jesus died for everybody, but that simply is not true. If Jesus had died for everybody then everybody would be saved.

Many people also teach that Jesus just came to make it possible for sinners to be saved — that He just opened up the way for them and it is up to the sinner to do the rest. This is also untrue. Jesus did not come to just make salvation possible. Jesus actually saved His people. If everybody for whom Jesus died went to hell, Jesus would not be getting who He paid for. If anybody for whom Christ died were lost, then Jesus would be a failure. We know that Jesus is not a failure: Isaiah 53:11 and Hebrews 9:14 tell us that when He offered Himself to God, God accepted His sacrifice.

This doctrine is also named the doctrine of *Particular Redemption*.

The “I” in TULIP is for *Irresistible Grace*. “Irresistible” means something that you can't resist. It is too strong for you. That is the way God's grace is for a child of God. All those who were elected by the Father (before the world began) and redeemed by the Son (on the Cross) shall be drawn to God by the Holy Spirit with an everlasting salvation.

Nothing shall hinder God from carrying out His purpose and plan of saving all His children.

God chose His people before the world began (election). Jesus died for all the elect on the Cross (atonement). But these same elect children are born into this world dead in trespasses and sins (depravity).

God the Holy Spirit takes the salvation that Jesus bought on the Cross and applies it to all the children of God sometime between their conception in their mother's womb and their death.

When the Holy Spirit brings this salvation to a child of God, we call it the New Birth or being “born again.” Let us use an example of how this works. We will use the example of a man building a house. We will call this the “house of salvation.” Before a man builds a house he gets an architect to draw plans for the house. God the Father was the architect who drew plans for the house of salvation when He planned who He wanted to save (election).

After the plans are drawn the man must get a carpenter to take the plans and actually build the house. Jesus was the carpenter who took the Father's election plan and built the house of salvation. Jesus did this on the Cross. He built the house of salvation exactly according to the plan of God the Father. He died for only those that God the Father wanted Him to die for.

After a house is built, you must actually get people to live in it. For this you must have a real estate agent. God the Holy Spirit is the real estate agent. He puts the elect into the house of salvation that God the Father planned and God the Son built.

Many people believe that people can resist the Holy Spirit when He wants to put people in the house of salvation — but they are wrong! When the Holy Spirit wants to put someone in the house of salvation, He just does it. He is that powerful! His grace cannot be resisted. He causes people to love God and to hate their sins. He causes people to want to repent of their sins and to love God.

Many people think that the preacher or some other Christian must help the Holy Spirit — but they are wrong! The Holy Spirit causes one to be born again all by Himself. He makes man willing to serve God. Man gets no praise for salvation. All praise belongs to God.

How can you know if the Holy Spirit has caused you to be born again? Do you love God? Do you hate sin? Do you, with all your heart, want to serve Jesus Christ, all the days of your life? If you can truly say “yes” to all these questions you have been “born again” by the Holy Spirit.

The “P” in TULIP is for *Preservation of the Saints*. We have already shown that all men are by nature dead in sin (Total Depravity), that God chose His people in Christ before the world began (Unconditional Election), that Christ died for the elect and the elect alone (Limited Atonement), and that the Holy Spirit brings eternal life to all those for whom Christ died (Irresistible Grace). Now we must go a little further.

After the Holy Spirit brings salvation to a child of God, God keeps that person saved. We have no more power to keep ourselves saved than we had to get ourselves saved to begin with. If God got us saved and then left the rest up to us, we would fall and be forever lost. This is so because we are still sinners even after we have been saved.

After a child of God is saved he is always saved. He cannot become “unsaved.” He cannot “fall from grace.” Why? Because he is kept by the power of God.

Some people teach that a person can be saved one day then be unsaved another day because of his disobedience — but they are wrong! It is true that a child of God can disobey God and lose sweet fellowship with God, but the child of God can never lose his salvation. God may chastise (spank and correct) His children, but He will never cast them into hell. A child of God may for a while be a disobedient child, but he will never stop being a child.

When we look at this doctrine from God's viewpoint we call it *Preservation*. When we look at this doctrine from the viewpoint of the child of God we call it *Perseverance*. Persevere means “to continue doing something in spite of difficulty and opposition.” The child of God perseveres in believing in God, in loving God, in wanting to follow Jesus, and in hating his sins. He keeps doing these things even though Satan tries to get him not to believe in and love God. Satan tries to get him to love sin.

It is true that there are times when the child of God does fall into sin. There are times when his belief in God may grow weak. There are times when he won't love God or follow Jesus like he ought to. There are times when he will enjoy sinful pleasures for a season. But he will never finally fall away from his God. God will renew him to repentance. He will lift him up when he falls. God will never let his faith die and will finally take him to glory.

The only reason the child of God perseveres is because God preserves him. If a person claims to be a Christian, but falls away from his profession in Christ and dies in his sins, he was not a true Christian to begin with. He did not “fall from grace” because he was never in grace.

DRILL QUESTIONS:

1. *What is our helper word?* **TULIP.**
2. *What does the “T” stand for?* **Total Depravity.**
3. *How did sin enter into the world?* **By Adam.**
4. *Since Adam, have all men been born sinners?* **Yes.**
5. *What will happen to people if they are left in this condition?* **They will die and go to hell.**
6. *Are the “good works” of sinners sinful?* **Yes.**
7. *Is a sinner bad in every part of his being?* **Yes.**
8. *Can a person in this condition save himself or help save himself?* **No.**

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 3:23

TULIP (continued)

DRILL QUESTIONS:

1. *What does the “U” stand for?* **Unconditional Election.**
2. *What does election mean?* **It means to choose.**
3. *What does election mean when we’re talking about salvation?* **It means that God chose some people and determined to save them.**
4. *When did God do this choosing?* **Before the world began.**
5. *Did God choose everyone?* **No.**
6. *Why did he choose some and not others?* **Because He wanted to.**
7. *Was this fair?* **Yes. All deserved to go to hell.**
8. *Did God choose His people because they were better than the others?* **No.**
9. *Did God choose His people because He saw that they would do some good works?* **No.**

10. *Did God choose His people because He knew they would accept Jesus as their personal Savior?* **No.**
11. **Learn Ephesians 1:4.**
12. **Learn 2 Timothy 1:9.**
13. **Learn Romans 9:11-15,21.**

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 1:4

TULIP (continued)

DRILL QUESTIONS:

1. *What does the "L" stand for?* **Limited Atonement.**
2. *What is another name for this doctrine?* **Particular Redemption.**
3. *Why does sin have to be paid for?* **God is too holy to allow sin to go unpunished.**
4. *What does Limited Atonement mean?* **Jesus Christ, on the cross, paid the price for all the sins of all of God's people.**
5. *Did Jesus die for everyone?* **No. He died for only the elect.**
6. *What would have happened if Jesus had died for everybody?* **Everybody would have been saved.**
7. *Did Jesus come to make salvation possible?* **No. Jesus actually saved.**
8. *Did Jesus get what He paid for?* **Yes. What was this?** **The salvation of all His people.**
9. *Is Jesus a failure?* **No.**
10. **Learn Matthew 1:21.**
11. **Learn John 10:11.**
12. **Learn Matthew 20:28.**
13. **Learn Hebrews 9:28.**

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 1:21

TULIP (continued)

DRILL QUESTIONS:

1. *What does the "I" stand for?* **Irresistible Grace.**
2. *Will anything hinder God from saving all His people?* **No.**
3. *When does the Holy Spirit take the salvation that Jesus bought on the cross and apply it to the children of God?* **Sometime between their conception and death.**
4. *What do we call this work of the Holy Spirit?* **The New Birth or being "born again."**
5. *Who is the architect of the house of salvation?* **God the Father.**
6. *Who is the carpenter of the house of salvation?* **God the Son.**
7. *Who is the real estate agent of the house of salvation?* **God the Holy Spirit.**
8. *Can a person resist the Holy Spirit if He wants him or her to have the New Birth?* **No.**
9. *Does the preacher or some other person help the Holy Spirit when He wants to give the New Birth to someone?* **No.**
10. *How can you know if you have been born again?* **You love God, hate sin, and want to serve and obey God.**
11. **Learn John 3:8.**
12. **Learn John 6:37.**
13. **Learn John 6:44.**
14. **Learn Jeremiah 31:3 and Psalm 110:3.**

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 110:3

TULIP (continued)

DRILL QUESTIONS:

1. *What does the "P" stand for?* **Preservation of the saints.**
2. *What does this mean?* **That every child of God will be completely saved all the way up through his eternal glorified state.**
3. *Does God save the sinner and then leave the rest up to the saved sinner?* **No! God saves the sinner and then keeps him saved.**
4. *Can a child of God ever become "unsaved"?* **No!**
Why not? **Because he is kept by the power of God.**

5. *What happens when a child of God disobeys God?* **He loses fellowship with God.**
6. *What will God do to His disobedient child?* **He will chastise him.**
7. *What do we call this wonderful doctrine when we look at it from the viewpoint of the child of God?* **Perseverance.**
8. *What does the child of God persevere in?* **In believing God, in loving God, in wanting to follow Jesus, in hating sin.**
9. *Does a child of God ever fall into sin?* **Yes.**
What can he then hope for? **That God will enable him to repent and to forsake that sin.**
10. *Can the child of God brag when he perseveres to the end of his life?* **No.**
Why? **Because God is the one who gave him the grace to do this.**
11. *If a person claims to be a Christian but dies in his sins without repenting of them, what does this mean?* **He was never really a Christian to begin with.**

MEMORY VERSES: Philippians 1:6; Romans 8:38, 39; John 10:27-30; Jude 24, 25

9. Baptism

Baptism is a very important ordinance that God has given to His church. John the Baptist was the first man that God sent to baptize (See John 1:33). John was prophesied of in the Old Testament (See Matthew 3:1-3). John baptized the first followers of Jesus and he actually baptized Jesus (Matthew 3:13).

When Jesus was raised from the dead and went to be with the Father, He gave to His church the authority to baptize (Matthew 28:18-20.)

To show how important baptism is, when Jesus was baptized all of the Persons of the Trinity witnessed the importance of this baptism—*Jesus* was baptized; the *Holy Spirit* came down like a dove; and *God the Father* spoke from heaven (Matthew 3:13-17). Yes, baptism is very important.

John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River.

People have had different ideas on what it means to “baptize.” Some people think that if you pour water or sprinkle water on a person that you have baptized him. But that is not true. The word translated “baptize” means to “dip, plunge, or immerse.” That means that the person who is baptized is placed completely under the water and then raised up out of the water.

The Scriptures make plain that there was always plenty of water where people were baptized (See John 3:23; Acts 8:36).

Baptism is by immersion because it is a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ (See 1 Corinthians 15:3-5). Baptism is also a public witness to the world that the one baptized has a hope that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again for him (Romans 6:3-5).

When we are baptized we are saying that we believe Jesus saved us from our sins, and that we want to follow Him.

Who is supposed to be baptized? Only those who love Jesus, who believe in Jesus, and who follow Him (Acts 8:37). This means that only those who are old enough to understand what they are doing should be baptized. Babies should not be baptized. People who show by their lives that they have not repented of their sins should not be baptized. John the Baptist refused to baptize those who had not shown repentance (Matthew 3:7, 8).

Does baptism save you from your sins? Some people say that it does, but they are wrong. Baptism does not save anyone from his or her sins. Only the blood of Christ does this (Romans 3:24; Ephesians 1:7).

Baptism is an act of obedience to Christ. Those who believe they are saved are commanded to be baptized and follow Jesus.

DRILL QUESTIONS:

1. *Who was the first man that God sent to baptize?* **John the Baptist.**
2. *Who baptized Jesus?* **John the Baptist.**
3. *Where was Jesus baptized?* **In the Jordan River.**
4. *Who has the authority today to baptize?* **The church of the Lord Jesus Christ.**
5. *When Jesus was baptized, who witnessed it?* **The Trinity.**
6. *What does "baptize" mean?* **To put completely under water and to bring up out of the water.**
7. *Is sprinkling or pouring baptism?* **No.**
8. *What two things does baptism picture?*
 - 1) **The death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus.**
 - 2) **A public witness that the one baptized believes that Jesus saved him and that he must follow Jesus all his life.**
9. *Who is supposed to be baptized?* **Those who truly believe in Jesus and want to follow Him.**
10. *Should babies be baptized?* **No, they are not old enough to know what they are doing.**

11. *Should unrepentant people be baptized?* **No, only those who desire to repent of their sins and follow Jesus.**

12. *Does baptism save a person from his sins?* **No, only the blood of Christ does this.**

13. *When should a person be baptized?* **When he believes that Jesus has died for his sins and he wants to follow Jesus in obedience.**

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 22:16

10. The Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints' Feet

After a person has been baptized, then he or she has the privilege of taking the Lord's Supper from time to time. No one has this right until they have been properly baptized.

After a person has been properly baptized, he or she should try to never miss the Lord's Supper when the church worships in this service.

The Lord Jesus began this service the same night in which He was betrayed by Judas Iscariot into the hands of those who hated Him (See 1 Corinthians 11:23.)

This is what Jesus did that night: First, He took some bread and broke it. Then, He told His disciples to eat it. Then, He took some wine in a cup and told His disciples to drink it.

Jesus has told us in the Bible what this bread and what this wine stood for. The bread stood for His body, which was broken for His children.

When we say that His body was broken, we mean His skin and His flesh. The Bible says that not even one bone of Jesus was broken (John 19:36). But His flesh and skin were terribly broken. His enemies beat Him with a whip and pulled the hair out of His face (Isaiah 50:6). They spit in His face. They slapped Him in the face. They made fun of Him. They made a crown of big, sharp thorns and put it on His head. Then they hit Him on the head.

They finally crucified Him. This means that they hung Him on a cross by putting big nails in His hands and feet.

Jesus let them do this to Him because by doing so He was saving His people from their sins.

The next thing the Lord Jesus did in the Lord's Supper was to tell us what the wine stood for. The wine stands for the blood of Jesus (Matthew 26:28). When Jesus shed His blood, He shed His life, because a person's life is in his blood (Genesis 9:4; Leviticus 17:11).

Jesus shed His blood for His people because that was the way He saved His people from their sins. They could not be saved unless He gave blood for them (Hebrews 9:12, 22; Matthew 26:28).

Every time we take the Lord's Supper we are to do at least two things: **1.** We are to remember that Jesus died on the cross for our sins (1 Corinthians 11:25). **2.** We are to look forward to Jesus coming again (1 Corinthians 11:26). Another thing we must remember in the Lord's Supper is the unity of

the church. I must realize how close I should feel and how helpful I should be to the other church members because I am of the same body that they are (1 Corinthians 10:17).

When a person takes the Lord's Supper he should be trying to live close to the Lord, and he should be depending completely on the Lord for salvation (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

Before Jesus went back to be with His Father he not only took the Lord's Supper with His disciples but He also washed their feet. We learn about this in John 13.

Jesus washed the disciples' feet to teach them at least two lessons: **1. Humility and service.** We must be humble to wash another's feet and we must be willing to serve him. If Jesus, the Son of God, could stoop to wash His disciples' feet, surely we sinners can wash one another's feet. And we can and must serve one another. **2. Cleansing.** In God's eyes, a child of God has been cleansed from His sins by the blood of Jesus. But the child of God is still a sinner and needs to repent of his sins every day. Feet-washing symbolizes this daily repentance and cleansing.

Some Christians say that it is no longer necessary to wash feet, but Jesus said, "*If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet*" (John 13:14).

DRILL QUESTIONS:

1. *Who has the right to take the Lord's Supper?* **One who has been Scripturally baptized.**
2. *Should a person ever miss the Lord's Supper after he has been baptized?* **Not if he can possibly help it.**
3. *When did Jesus begin the Lord's Supper?* **The same night in which he was betrayed.**
4. *What does the bread stand for?* **The broken body of Jesus.**
5. *Was a bone of His body broken?* **No, just the skin and flesh.**
6. *What are some of the things they did to break the body of Jesus?* **They beat Him; pulled the hair out of His face; slapped Him; put a crown of thorns on His head; crucified Him.**
7. *What does the wine stand for?* **The blood of Jesus.**
8. *Where is a person's life?* **In the blood.**
9. *Why did Jesus shed His blood?* **To save His people from their sins.**
10. *What two things do we think about in the Lord's Supper?* **We remember His death and look for Him to come again.**
11. *What should I think about the church when I take the Lord's Supper?* **I should love all the members and want to help them.**
12. *What should I think about my sins when I take the Lord's Supper?* **I should hate them and try to repent of them.**

13. *What should I think about when I wash my brother's feet?* **How I want to help him.**

14. *Should God's church wash the saints' feet today?* **Yes.**
Why? **Because Jesus told us to.**

MEMORY VERSES: 1 Corinthians 11:26; John 13:14

11. Duties of Church Members

After an individual has been added to a church of the Lord Jesus Christ he must realize that he has taken on some great responsibilities. To be a member of God's church is a great privilege which should not be taken lightly.

One of our responsibilities is to look after each other. If we see a brother or sister doing something wrong we should go tell that person about it in a loving way. We must go to them directly and must not talk about them behind their back.

We must also pray for each other, and this should be done on a regular basis.

We should be at each church service unless it is impossible for us to do so. This is true of all the regular preaching services and also of the times when we take the Lord's Supper.

We must do the best we can to contribute financially to the church, to take care of its expenses and to support the ministers who preach to us from God's Word.

We must observe the Lord's day to keep it holy.

These are very important things that we solemnly promise to do when we join the church. We must pray that God will bless us to see how serious these things are, and we must do our very best to observe them.

DRILL QUESTIONS:

1. *Is it a serious matter to be a member of God's church?* **Yes.**
2. *Is belonging to God's church more important than belonging to some club or other organization?* **Yes.**
3. *Should we do the best we can to do all that we promised when we joined God's church?* **Yes.**
4. *What should we do if we see a brother or sister doing something wrong?* **We should go talk to that person about it.**
Should we tell other people about this? **No.**
5. *How often should we pray for the other members of the church?* **Regularly. At least once a week.**
6. *How often should we attend church services?* **Every time the church meets.**
Should we miss services for family reunions and things like that? **No.**

7. *What should we do about giving money to the church?* **We should contribute generously to the church to the very best of our ability.**

A question to think about seriously:

If every member in the church were just like you, what kind of condition would the church be in?

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 10:25