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Catechism for Young Children

In 2019-20, we are working through the Catechism for Young Children, a Reformed question-and-answer aid that was written as an introduction to the Westminster Shorter Catechism. (At a few points in the catechism the wording is amended to reflect Sun Valley Church's theological commitments.) The practice of catechesis is a rich blessing that spans centuries of Church History, and we hope that as you spend some time with your children covering just three questions every two weeks, God will deepen your family's love for Who He is and what He's done in Christ! For a helpful article by Tim Keller on the importance of catechism, please visit: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/why-catechesis-now/>

Q134: What does the bread represent?

A134: The body of Christ, broken for our sins.

Matthew 26:26

Q135: What does the wine represent?

A135: The blood of Christ, shed for our salvation.

Matthew 26:27-28

Q136: Who should partake of the Lord's Supper?

A136: Only those who repent of their sins, believe in Christ for salvation, and love their fellow men.

1 Corinthians 11:23-34

[Family Prayer \(here is some room for prayer items\)](#)

Singing the Doxology

Each week in Sunday Seminars, your children are sent home with a parent handout that walks through the main ideas from the Bible lesson. At some point in family worship, or perhaps around the dinner table, it would be a good idea to spend a few minutes talking with your kids about the truths they have learned, in the spirit of Deuteronomy 6:4-9.



Throughout Scripture, we see God's chosen people leading their families in worship. Abraham led his children in the LORD (*Gen 18:17-19*), Joshua vowed to lead his family in worship (*Josh 24:15*), and we see Job do the same (*Job 1:5*). Family worship is also a command of God given in Deuteronomy 6:4-7 and Ephesians 6:4. Family worship is simple, with three elements: (1) read the Bible, (2) pray, and (3) sing to God. Our family worship liturgies are intended more as a toolbox than a tightrope – as a help rather than a hindrance. Select elements that will be helpful as you lead your family in simple Bible reading, prayer, and singing to God for 10 minutes or so each day. *Soli Deo Gloria!* (**Bold portions are for reading aloud corporately.**)

Call to Worship

"Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD! O LORD, hear my voice!
Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy.

**If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His Word I hope;

**my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

**For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with Him is plentiful redemption.
And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities."**

Psalm 130

Prayers of Adoration

Song of Adoration

Call to Confession

"Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world."

Philippians 2:14-15

Confession of Sin

When you confess sin together as individuals and as a family, here are some different ways you could come before God:

- Someone can lead in a prayer of confession while others reflect that prayer in their hearts.
- With a few moments of silence, each person can pray in his or her heart secretly to God.
- Everyone can take turns, as they feel comfortable, confessing sin out loud. This helps us come before God in common as sinners in need of His mercy.

Or here is a corporate confession of prayer that those who are willing could pray out loud together:

O Father, You know how often we have grumbled and argued and gone our own way. You have promised good to us and work everything for our good and for Your glory, but we have not been content in Your love. We have complained, and we have been selfish. By doing these things we show that we want to rule our own lives and order them according to our will, not Yours. Please forgive us, heal us, and help us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Promise (also this week's Fighter Verse)

"I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of Me in their hearts, that they may not turn from Me."

Jeremiah 32:40

Song of Response: "What Wondrous Love is This"

What wondrous love is this, O, my soul, O, my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O, my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul?
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul!
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme, I will sing

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on!
And through eternity I'll sing on!

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Bible Reading (up to one chapter/day is a good guide)