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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/>

Q118: What is the fifth petition?

A118: "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Matthew 6:12

Q119: What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A119: That God would pardon our sins for Christ's sake, and enable us to forgive those who have injured us.

Ephesians 4:31-32

Q120: What is the sixth petition?

A120: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Matthew 6:13

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 (also this week's Fighter Verse)

"I sought the LORD,

And He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to Him are radiant,

And their faces shall never be ashamed."

Psalm 34:4-5

Prayers of Adoration

Song of Adoration

Call to Confession

"He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah 6:8

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:

Lord God, we praise You that You have clearly told us what it means to walk with You by faith in Your Son. We confess that while You have loved us to the utmost, we have not loved You as You are worthy. We have often treated others unfairly, we have neglected Your love in our lives, and we have lived to ourselves rather than walking humbly with You. Please forgive us for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Gospel Promise

"[Jesus] unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.' ... And He began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'" Luke 4:17b-19, 21

Song of Rejoicing: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun
His reign on earth begun!**

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free
To take away transgression and rule in equity

He comes in comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong
To help the poor and needy and bid the weak be strong

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light
Whose souls, condemned and dying were precious in His sight

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove
His Name shall stand forever, His Name to us is love

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