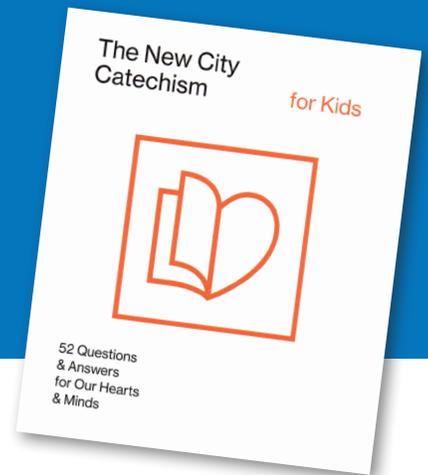




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MEMORIZATION PROJECT | Fall 2019

"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." ~ Psalm 119:11

When it comes to living God's Truth, we believe it's best to know it by heart. That's why we're excited to help kids learn core doctrines of our Christian faith through catechism—using a collection of questions and answers designed for memorization and recitation. These biblical truths will be explored through the lessons from our curriculum: *The New City Catechism*.

Last year we studied Part 1 (Questions 1–20) of the catechism, which covered God, the Creation and the Fall, and the Law. This year we're studying Part 2 (Questions 21–35), which covers Christ, Redemption, and Grace.

HOW IT WORKS To encourage the kids to get involved, we're rewarding memorization success and other commendable Christ-like actions with award stickers each week.

Students can earn stickers the following ways:

- Memorizing one verse every week
- Memorizing the Big Idea Truth from the previous lesson
- Completing the Special Memorization Project: The Books of the Bible (Note: One sticker for each genre of scripture: i.e. The Law, History, Poetry & Wisdom, etc.)
- Attending and showing self-control each week
- Bringing a friend

THE GOAL

Over the next 12 weeks, we've challenged the students to work toward memorization goals based on their age (chart below!). At the end of the semester, we'll honor diligent students who've reached their goal with an award celebration and treats.

4s & 5s	Kindergarten	1 & 2 Grade	3 & 4 Grade	5 & 6 Grade
16	20	24	28	32

FOR NEXT WEEK Please help your child memorize the following Truths:



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Bonus Question for Christmas

Why are we to be generous givers?

We give generously because God has given good gifts so generously to us through His Son Jesus Christ.



James 1:17 (NIV)

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

_____ has earned _____ out of _____ stickers toward the Award Celebration on Dec. 18.

MEMORIZATION CHART

Thanks so much for taking the time to memorize God's Word! For those who'd like to track their progress, we're providing this memorization chart, which will be updated on this handout each week as the semester progresses.

SCRIPTURE	BIG IDEA TRUTH	EXTRA MEMORY ITEMS
WEEK 1 Sept. 11	(Kick-Off Week: Welcome to Lost & Found and The Bridge!)	<i>Recommended: Books of the Bible</i>
WEEK 2 Sept. 18 CHRIST	Isaiah 9:6 (ESV) 2 Memory Points "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."	Q #21: What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God? Answer: One who is truly human and also truly God <i>Recommended: Books of the Bible</i>
WEEK 3 Sept. 25 CHRIST	Hebrews 2:17 (Good News Translation) 2 Memory Points He had to become like his people in every way, in order to be their faithful and merciful High Priest in his service to God, so that the people's sins would be forgiven.*	Q #22: Why must the Redeemer be truly human? Answer: That as a human He might obey God perfectly, pay for our sin, and sympathize with our weaknesses. * <i>Recommended: Books of the Bible</i>
WEEK 4 Oct. 2 CHRIST	Acts 2:24 (ESV) God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.	Q #23: Why must the Redeemer be truly God? Answer: That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective. <i>Recommended: Books of the Bible</i>
WEEK 5 Oct. 9 CHRIST	Colossians 1:21-22 (ESV) 2 Memory Points And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.	Q #24: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die? Answer: Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. <i>Recommended: Books of the Bible</i>
WEEK 6 Oct. 16 CHRIST	2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.	Q #25: Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven? Answer: Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God will remember our sins no more. <i>Recommended: Books of the Bible</i>
WEEK 7 Oct. 30	<i>Review...</i>	<i>Recommended: Books of the Bible</i>
WEEK 8 Nov. 6 CHRIST	Colossians 1:19-20 (ESV) For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.	Q #26: What else does Christ's death redeem? Answer: Every part of fallen creation. <i>Recommended: Books of the Bible</i>
WEEK 9 Nov. 13 CHRIST	Romans 5:17 (NLT) 2 Memory Points For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to reign. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it... through this one man, Jesus Christ.	Q #27: Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ? Answer: No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. <i>Recommended: Books of the Bible</i>
WEEK 10 Nov. 20 CHRIST	Psalms 107:1 (NLT) Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.	Bonus Question for Thanksgiving: Why do we give thanks to God? Answer: God is a generous Father who gives us eternal life and everything to enjoy through his son Jesus Christ. <i>Recommended: Books of the Bible</i>
WEEK 11 Dec. 4 CHRIST	James 1:17 (NIV) Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.	Bonus Question for Christmas: Why are we to be generous givers? Answer: We give generously because God has given good gifts so generously to us through His Son Jesus Christ. <i>Recommended: Books of the Bible</i>
WEEK 12 Dec. 11 CHRIST	Review & Deadline for Memorization Project Goals	
WEEK 13 Dec. 18 CHRIST	Award Celebration & Christmas Party	

* We have simplified the New City Catechism answer and the corresponding memory verse to better serve the youngest children participating in the memorization project.

TOTAL STICKERS POSSIBLE

First Night	1
Scripture Verses from Lessons	14
Big Idea Truths	9
Attendance & Self Control	12
Extra: Books of the Bible (1 Sticker per Genre)	9
Bringing Friends	?
TOTAL POSSIBLE	45

GOALS BY DECEMBER 11

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