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# A REFORMED BAPTIST DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

## for Grace Bible Fellowship of Millersburg

*"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall **teach them diligently to your children**, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." **Deuteronomy 6:6-7 ESV***

*"**Train up** a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."  
**Proverbs 22:6 ESV***

*"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but **bring them up** in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." **Ephesians 6:4 ESV***

*"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how **from childhood** you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."  
**II Timothy 3:14-15 ESV***

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by Pastor Doug Gray

# INTRODUCTION

*Dear Parents,*

*I am so happy you have a copy of this study guide in your hands. My prayer is that you will use this guide to obey God's command to teach your children how to love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, and their neighbor as themselves. That means teaching them God's Word, firstly so they may feel conviction of their sins, realize their need for a Savior, and cry out to Jesus to be saved. Secondly, upon being saved, that they may be instructed in holy and righteous living which is pleasing to God. These are accomplished by the systematic study and memorization of God's Word.*

*This booklet is an exhaustive collection of all the material your child should memorize before graduating from high school. It is divided up into three sections.*

## SECTION I: FAMILY DEVOTIONS MEMORIZATION

Over the years of family devotions it is strongly recommended your child memorize the following:

- 1. Catechism Questions** - A collection of 114 critical questions and answers concerning God, salvation, the Bible, etc. (Middle School - High School)
- 2. The Gospel Tract.** Six easy steps to salvation to help your child be saved and then to help them lead others to salvation in Jesus. (High School)
- 3. Creeds.** Two historic church creeds, plus our own Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals (F.I.R.E.) "Statement of Beliefs" worth studying to better understand key dogmas of our church.

**Bible Verses** - Work on the verse of the week. See Section II. (Kindergarten - 7th grade)

## **SECTION II SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMORIZATION**

Each week our Truth:78 Sunday School curriculum requires your child to memorize a Bible verse tied to the lesson that week. All 400+ verses, broken up by year, are found in this booklet.

## **SECTION III BOYS/GIRLS CLUB MEMORIZATION**

Our Wednesday night boys and girls clubs will memorize one of the following sections (in no particular order) each year. While the memorization will be happening during class time, it would be helpful to review with them during family devotions.

- 1. Books of the Bible**
- 2. Ten Commandments**
- 3. Lord's Prayer**
- 4. Psalm 23**
- 5. Apostles Creed**

This memorization will form a wonderful foundation for your child to build their Christian faith upon! Stay the course!

***Soli Deo Gloria,***

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Gray" with a stylized flourish at the end.

***Pastor Doug Gray***

# SECTION I

## FAMILY DEVOTIONS

*Find a consistent time to meet as a family. Right after a meal or before bed can be good times. Read the devotion book (many good books are recommended in this booklet). Next work on memorization. Finally, close in pray together.*

**MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO YOU:**

✪ ***These resources are available to your family FREE OF CHARGE from the church.***

📖 ***These resources are found in the church library.***

### INFANT & TODDLER

**!!! INSTALL CONTENT BLOCKERS !!!  
ON ALL INTERNET DEVICES**

For the safety of your family, install a strong content blocker on all internet devices. There is usually a nominal charge of \$7/Mo. Men, it is *strongly advised* that the wife be the sole possessor of the master password!

#### **Recommended software**

[www.canopy.us](http://www.canopy.us) (Highly Recommended)

#### **BOOKS TO READ FOR DEVOTIONS**

- ✪ **The Jesus Storybook Bible** – *Sally Lloyd Jones*
- ✪ **Everything a Child should know about God** – *Kenneth Taylor and Jenny Brake* - This is a simple theology book for children.
- ✪ **The Beginners Bible**

#### **PRAY TOGETHER**

# PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

## READ DEVOTIONS

*Continue using the Jesus Storybook Bible, Everything A Child Should Know about God and The Beginners Bible until they grow out of them. Then move on to the following:*

✦ **Bible: ESV Big Picture Bible (Ages 5-8)**

✦ **Every Person a Child should know** - by Clare Heath-Whyte. This children's book tells the inspiring stories of many remarkable Christians.

✦ **The Biggest Story** - by Kevin DeYoung

📖 Watch "**Buck Denver Asks...What's In the Bible?**" Children's series about the entire Bible on DVD's. [*Highly Recommended!*]

## WORK ON MEMORIZATION

**Preschool Bible verse.** (*While our church does not require preschoolers to memorize Scripture, there are verses in this booklet if you desire to do so.*)

**Kindergartner's learn a weekly Bible verse.**  
(*Section II of this booklet.*)

**Boy's/Girl's club memorization.**

Weekly review what they are memorizing for the year.

## PRAY TOGETHER

### ADDITIONAL READING

**Christian storybooks** - by R.C. Sproul

The Knights Map, The Lightings, The Donkey Who Carried a King, The Priest with Dirty Clothes, Sammy and His Shepherd, The Prince's Poison Cup

## 1ST TO 2ND GRADE

*By this time your child should have their own Bible.*

✪ **Bible: ESV Following Jesus Bible (Ages 8 - 12)**  
*[One free per child upon request]*

### READ DEVOTIONS

✪ **The Gospel Story Bible** - *Marty Machowski*. This wonderful, Christ-centered storybook Bible covers 156 important events of the Bible.

✪ **God's Providence** - *Sally Michael*. A wonderful book teaching about God's sovereignty.

Continue watching "**Buck Denver Asks...What's In the Bible?**" DVD series.

### WORK ON MEMORIZATION

**Learn the weekly Bible verse for Sunday School.**

**Boy's/Girl's club memorization.**

Weekly review what they are memorizing for the year.

### PRAY TOGETHER

### ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

📖 **The Chronicles of Narnia** - *C.S. Lewis*. Fun children's adventure stories mixed with strong Christian allegory.

✪ **The Nativity Story** - Watch this highly accurate depiction of the birth of Christ every Christmas.

## 3RD TO 4TH GRADE

### READ DEVOTIONS

✦ **More Than a Story (Old Testament) - 90 Lessons**

✦ **More Than a Story (New Testament) - 66 Lessons**

Two excellent books by Sally Michaels. Lessons are around twenty-minutes each. *Repeat books if time permits.*

### GOOD VIDEOS TO WATCH

*Make Sunday Evenings a movie night.*

📖 **The Visual Bible - Matthew** - A dramatization of the book of Matthew word-for-word from the Bible.

📖 **The Visible Bible - Acts** - A dramatization of the book of Acts word-for-word from the Bible.

📖 **The Gospel of John** - A dramatization of the Gospel of John.

📖 **Torchlighters** - Animated stories of some of the great heroes of the Christian faith. *(Due to content make sure a child is at least 8-years-old.)*

### MEMORIZATION

**Learn the weekly Bible verse for Sunday School.**

**Boy's/Girl's club memorization.**

Weekly review what they are memorizing for the year.

**Work on the Catechism Questions**

*(Section I, Part 1 of this booklet.)*

### PRAY TOGETHER

## 5TH TO 6TH GRADE

### READ DEVOTIONS

Continue reading...

✪ **More Than a Story (Old Testament) - 90 Lessons**

✪ **More Than a Story (New Testament) - 66 Lessons**

Lessons are around twenty-minutes each.  
*Repeat books if time permits.*

✪ **Jesus Freaks: Martyrs.** (*Read one story each week.*) The book tells short stories of Christians who have died for the faith. It will help awaken your family to the reality of the persecuted church.

### MEMORIZATION

**Learn the weekly Bible verse for Sunday School.**

**Boy's/Girl's club memorization.**

Weekly review what they are memorizing for the year.

**Work on the Catechism Questions**

*(Section I, Part 1 of this booklet.)*

### PRAY TOGETHER

#### **ADDITIONAL READING**

📖 **Christian Storybook Biographies (30 books)**  
*by Simonetta Carr* - Wonderful, inspiring stories of some of the great heroes of the Christian faith. Even adults will enjoy reading the stories of Nate Saint, William Booth, Eric Liddell, William Carey and more. Encourage your children to read a few of these throughout the year.

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**Buy your youth a good study Bible.** Here are four excellent Bibles from our Reformed position.

✪ **The Reformation Student Bible** [*Highly Recommended*] - A smaller version of the ESV Study Bible, it contains 900 "Did you know?" facts, 120 character profiles, and 80 color maps and illustrations.

**The Reformation Study Bible (ESV)** This Bible is the "big brother" to the condensed version with many additional theological helps.

**The Reformation Study Bible (Condensed)** (ESV) [*Highly Recommended*] Edited by R.C. Sproul, with very sound theology notes.

**John MacArthur Study Bible (ESV)** Good, sound study notes from pastor John MacArthur.

### READ DEVOTIONS

✪ **(Seventh + Eighth Grade) Begin using the Family Worship Bible Guide Book.**

✪ **Essential Truths of the Christian Faith** - R. C. Sproul. (*Read one a day.*) Short, 2 page studies on 102 essential Christian doctrines.

### MEMORIZATION

**Learn the Apostles and Nicene Creeds.** (*Section 3, Part 5.*)

### PRAY TOGETHER

## **ADDITIONAL READING**

✧ **Basic Christianity - by John Stott.** Considered a classic primer on the Gospel, Stott addresses **1.** Who Christ is, **2.** What We Need, **3.** What Christ has Done, **4.** How to Respond.

✧ **The Pilgrim's Progress - by John Bunyan.** Bunyan's allegorical story of a man named Christian fleeing the City of Destruction and following the narrow and difficult King's Highway to the Celestial City is a powerful example of a Christian's struggles and successes following after Christ. Read through the book one chapter at a time and then discuss it. For the more adventurous, divide up the characters and have the family read the different parts.

📖 **Christian Biographies - Christian Heroes series of books, Vol. 1 - 30.**

✧ **Jesus Freaks: Revolutionaries** A book published in cooperation with Voice of the Martyrs, the book tells stories (1-3 pages in length) of influential Christians from all era's of the church who suffered for their faith. It will help awaken your family to the lives of many people God mightily used to spread the Gospel.

## **GAMES TO PLAY**

**Kings of Israel** - A fun, cooperative board game where each player plays a prophet of God. You have to work together to stop the spreading of sin throughout Israel by preaching and sacrifice to the One true God!

## HIGH SCHOOL

*The high school years are often busy ones, with plays, band practices, sports, part time jobs, etc. Meeting regularly during the week becomes a challenge. If getting the whole family together each day is next to impossible, encourage daily private devotions for your high schoolers. Encourage them to set aside 1/2 hour in the morning or evening. Teach them to pick a book of the Bible and read a chapter each day. Then encourage them to make a list of prayer requests to keep in their Bible's to help guide their prayer time.*

*As a family, set aside Sunday evening to have a more lengthy devotional time using the resources below. **Parents, no matter how hard it gets, guard your Sundays!** Make the worship of God on Sunday top priority and your children will grow up and do the same.*

### BIBLE STUDY

*Have the youth do their own devotional time. Keep using the two books below.*

✧ **Family Worship Bible Guide** - Continue using this wonderful devotional through the Bible.

✧ **Essential Truths of the Christian Faith** (*Read one a week.*) - Continue using this wonderful book.

✧ **Read and Study portions of The 2nd London Baptist Confession of Faith**

This is the confession our church professes and believes.

### MEMORIZE

**Learn the Gospel Tract** - (Part 3)

## **ADDITIONAL READING**

**God's Big Picture: Tracing the story line of the Bible** - *Vaughan Roberts*

✦ **Stepping Heavenward** - *Elizabeth Prentiss*  
[one copy per young lady upon request]

✦ **Thoughts for Young Men** - *J.C. Ryle*  
[one copy per young man upon request]

✦ **Don't Waste Your Life (Jr.'s & Sr.'s)** - *John Piper*.  
[one copy per high schooler upon request]

In a country obsessed with narcissism, Piper challenges young adults to give up the American Dream of a safe and wealthy lifestyle and instead live radically, even dangerously, for Christ.

📖 **Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream** - *David Platt* - A challenge to live radically as Jesus called us to live.

**Mere Christianity** - *C.S. Lewis*. A classic on the basics of the Christian faith.

📖 **The Case for Christ** - *Lee Strobel*. A great primer on the defense of the historic Jesus.

**The Reason for God, Belief in an Age of Skepticism** - *Timothy Keller* - Keller addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics and non-believers bring to religion.

## **VIDEOS TO WATCH TOGETHER**

📖 **Foundations (Series)** - *with R.C. Sproul*. 60, 23-minute video lessons on the theology of the church. A study guide is available online for free. The series is available on DVD and download at [www.ligonier.com](http://www.ligonier.com). Ask the pastor about this terrific resource.

📖 **A Survey of Church History** - *with Robert Godfrey*. A six part series (73, 23-minute video lessons) on the history of the Christian Church from 100-2000 A.D.

Visit [www.ligonier.com](http://www.ligonier.com) for more tremendous teaching series and conferences to view and discuss.

📖 **A.D. The Trials & Triumph of the Early Church (1985 Series)** - Picking up the story at the dismantling of Jesus' cross, this hit mini-series follows the development of the early church.

📖 **The Passion of the Christ** - The most accurate and vivid portrayal of Jesus' death on the cross. The only caveat is that Mel Gibson's Catholicism is evident in two places, 1. Where Jesus falls with the cross but does not hit the ground, and 2. where a woman wipes Jesus' face with a cloth that supposedly leaves an imprint of Jesus' face, making it a most venerated holy relic. Both are Catholic legends.

📖 **The Truth Project DVD series** - *Focus on the Family* - A primer in Christian philosophy.

## COLLEGE

*Helpful recommendations for college age children.*

**IF YOUR CHILD IS HOME FOR THE SUMMER,  
STUDY ONE OF THESE GOOD BOOKS:**

**40 Questions About the Bible** - *Robert Plummer*  
- All your hardest questions thrown at the Bible;  
answered.

📖 **Chosen by God** - *R.C. Sproul* - Sproul tackles the hard topic of predestination.

**The Confessions of St. Augustine** - *by Augustine*  
- Augustine's confession of sexual sin and his quest to recover the faith of his youth is sobering and encouraging.

**The Complete Financial Guide for Young Couples**  
- *Larry Burkett* - While a bit dated, this book still offers excellent advice to young couples about money.

 **The Cost of Discipleship** - *Dietrich Bonhoeffer* - The high cost of being a disciple of Jesus.

**Desiring God** - *John Piper* - Kindling a deep desire for God.

**God's Pursuit of Man & Man's Pursuit of God** - *A.W. Tozer*. These two classic works speak of God's strong pursuit to save sinners and our response to God's saving work.

**Too Good to be True, Finding Hope in a World of Hype** - *Michael Horton* - Cutting through the hype that Christians shouldn't suffer and finding God's greatest working in the midst of suffering.

 **The Holiness of God** - *R.C. Sproul* - R.C.'s greatest work about the great human dilemma: that God is holy and we are not and what God did about it.

 **The Imitation of Christ** - *Thomas a Kempis* - A great classic helping the reader remain focused on Christ in the midst of this distracting world.

**Knowing God** - *J.I. Packer* - A classic on God.

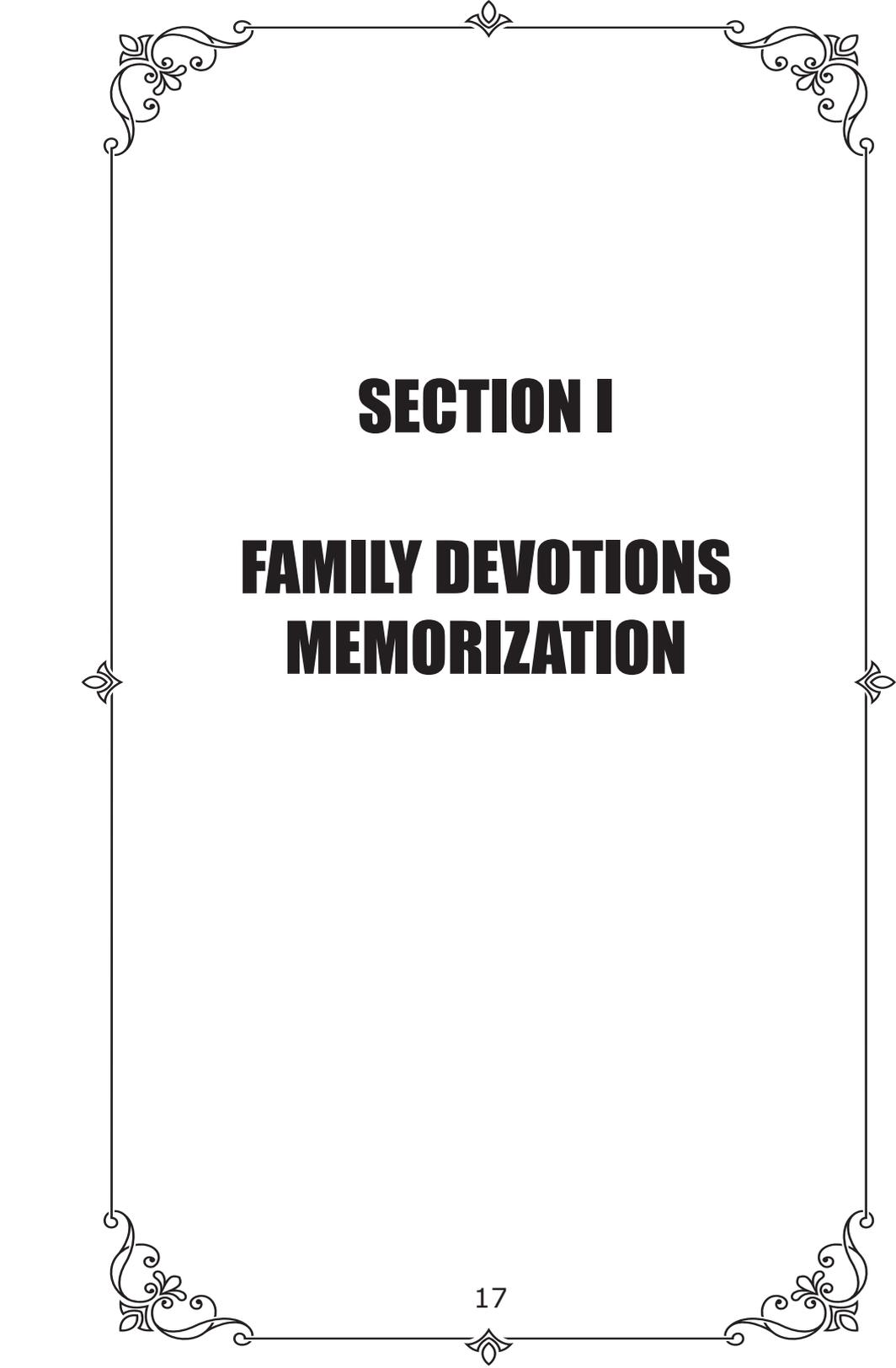
**Ordinary** - *Michael Horton* - *This book looks at the sinful dangers of ambition and challenges the reader to be content in all things.*

**A Praying Life, Connecting with God in a Distracting World** - *Paul E. Miller* - Practical thoughts on prayer.

**Scandalous, The Cross and Resurrection of Jesus** - *D. A. Carson* - A powerful, clear exposition of the Gospel and how it works.

📖 **The Screwtape Letters** - *C.S. Lewis* - A thought provoking and insightful story about a senior demon training a jr. demon how to lead astray Christians.

📖 **Your Money Road Map** - *Howard Dayton* - A solid, Biblically based seven-step road map to guide you financially through our entire life.



# **SECTION I**

## **FAMILY DEVOTIONS MEMORIZATION**

# PART 1 - CATECHISM

**CHAPTER 1** - Questions about God, Man, and Sin

**CHAPTER 2** - Questions about The Ten Commandments

**CHAPTER 3** - Questions about Salvation

**CHAPTER 4** - Questions about Prayer

**CHAPTER 5** - Questions about the Word, the Church and the Ordinances

**CHAPTER 6** - Questions about the Last Things

## CHAPTER 1 QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD, MAN, AND SIN.

**1**  **Q. Who made you?**

*A. God made me.*

(Gn 1:26, 27; 2:7; Ec 12:1; Acts 17:24-29).

**2**  **Q. What else did God make?**

*A. God made all things.*

(Gn 1, esp. verses 1, 31; Acts 14:15; Rm 11:36; Col 1:16).

**3**  **Q. Why did God make you and all things?**

*A. For His own glory.*

(Ps 19:1; Jer 9:23, 24; Rv 4:11; 4:15).

**4**  **Q. How can you glorify God?**

*A. By loving Him and doing what He commands.*

(Ec 12:13; Mk 12:29-31; Jn 15:8-10; 1 Cor. 10:31).

**5**  **Q. Why ought you to glorify God?**

*A. Because He made me and takes care of me.*

(Rm 11:36; Rv 4:11; cf. Dan 4:39).

**6**  **Q. Are there more gods than one?**

*A. There is only one God.*

(Deut 6:4; Jer 10:10; Mk 12:29; Acts 17:22-31).

**7 □ Q. In how many persons does this one God exist?**

*A. In three persons.*

(Mt 3:16-17; Jn 5:23; 10:30; 14:9-10; 15:26; 16:13-15; 1 Jn 5:20, 2 Jn 9; Rv 1:4-5).

**8 □ Q. Who are they?**

*A. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

(Mt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14; 1 Pet 1:2; Jude 1:20-21).

**9 □ Q. Who is God?**

*A. God is a Spirit, and does not have a body like humans.*

(Jn 4:24; 2 Cor 3:17; 1 Tim 1:17).

**10 □ Q. Where is God?**

*A. God is everywhere.*

(Ps 139:7-12; Jer 23:23,24; Acts 17:27,28).

**11 □ Q. Can you see God?**

*A. No. I cannot see God, but He always sees me.*

(Ex 33:20; Jn 1:18; 1 Tim 6:16; Ps 139 esp. vv. 1-5; Pr 5:21; Hb 4:12-13).

**12 □ Q. Does God know all things?**

*A. Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.*

(1 Chron 28:9; 2 Chron 16:9; Lk 12:6, 7; Rm 2:16).

**13 □ Q. Can God do all things?**

*A. Yes. God can do all His holy Will.*

(Ps 147:5; Jer 32:17; Dan 4:34, 35; Eph 1:11).

**14 □ Q. Where do you learn how to love and obey God?**

*A. In the Bible alone.*

(Job 11:7; Ps 119:104; Is 8:20; Mt 22:29; 2 Tim 3:15-17).

**15 □ Q. Who wrote the Bible?**

*A. Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.*

(1 Pet 1:20-21; Acts 1:16; 2 Tim 3:16; 1 Pet. 1:10-11).

**16 □ Q. Who were our first parents?**

*A. Adam and Eve.*

(Gn 2:18-25; 3:20; 5:1-2; Acts 17:26; 1 Tim 2:13).

**17 □ Q. Of what were our first parents made?**

*A. God made Adam out of the ground, and formed Eve from the body of Adam.*

(Gn 2:7; 21-23; 3:19; Ps 103:14).

**18 □ Q. What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?**

*A. He gave them souls that will never die.*

(1 Cor 15:45; Eccl 12:7; Zech 12:1).

**19 □ Q. Have you a soul as well as a body?**

*A. Yes. I have a soul that will never die.*

(Mt 10:28; Mk 8:34-38; 12:30).

**20 □ Q. How do you know that you have a soul?**

*A. Because the Bible tells me so.*

(Mt 10:28; Mk 8:34-38; 12:30).

**21 □ Q. What is your soul?**

*A. My soul includes all of me that should know and love God.*

(Mk 8:34-38; Ep 3:16-19).

**22 □ Q. In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?**

*A. He made them holy and happy.*

(Gn 1:26-28; Ps 8:4-8).

**23 □ Q. Did Adam and Eve stay holy and happy?**

*A. No. They sinned against God.*

(Gn 3:1-7; Eccl 7:29; Hos 6:7 where "men" = Adam).

**24 □ Q. What was the sin of our first parents?**

*A. Eating the forbidden fruit.*

(Gn 2:16, 17; 3:6).

**25 □ Q. Why did they eat the forbidden fruit?**

*A. Because they did not believe what God had said.*

*(Gn 3:1-6; cf. Hb 11:6).*

**26 □ Q. Who tempted them to sin?**

*A. Satan tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam*

*(Gn 3:1-13; 2 Cor 11:3; 1 Tim 2:13, 14; cf. Rv 12:9).*

**27 □ Q. What happened to our first parents when they had sinned?**

*A. Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.*

*(Gn 3:14-24; 4:1-24; Jm, 1:14-15).*

**28 □ Q. What effect did the sin of Adam have on all people?**

*A. All people are born in a state of sin and misery.*

*(Ps. 5 1:5; Rm 5:12, 18-19; 1 Cor 15:21-22; 1 Jn 5:19).*

**29 □ Q. What do we inherit from Adam as a result of this original sin?**

*A. A sinful nature.*

*(1 Kings 8:46; Ps 14:2-3; 58:3; Eccl 9:3; Mt 15:18-20; Jn 2:24-25; Rm 8:7).*

**30 □ Q. What is sin?**

*A. Doing what God forbids in his law.*

*(1 Sam 13:8-14; 15:22, 23; Hos 6:7; Rm 1:21-32).*

**31 □ Q. What does every sin deserve?**

*A. The anger and judgment of God.*

*(Deut 27:26; Rm 1:18; 2:2; Gal 3:10; Eph 5:6).*

**32 □ Q. How do we know what God requires of us?**

*A. He has given us His law both in our hearts and in the Bible.*

*(Rm 2:14-15).*

## CHAPTER 2

# QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

**33 □ Q. How many commandments did God give on Mt. Sinai?**

*A. Ten commandments.*

(Ex 20:1-17; Deut 5:1-22).

**34 □ Q. What are the ten commandments sometimes called?**

*A. God's moral law.*

(Lk 20:25-28; Rm 2:14-15; 10:5).

**35 □ Q. What do the first four commandments teach?**

*A. Our duty to God.*

(Deut 6:5-6; 10:12, 13).

**36 □ Q. What do the last six commandments teach?**

*A. Our duty to our neighbor.*

(Deut 10:19; Mic 6:8; cf. Gal. 6:10).

**37 □ Q. What is the sum of the ten commandments?**

*A. To love God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength and my neighbor as myself.*

(Deut 6:1-15; 11:1; Mt 22:35-40; James 2:8).

**38 □ Q. Who is your neighbor?**

*A. Everyone is my neighbor.*

(Lk 10:25-37; 6:35).

**39 □ Q. Is God pleased with those who love and obey him?**

*A. Yes. He says, 'I love those who love me'.*

(Pr 8:17; Ex 20:6; 1 Jn 4:7-16).

**40 □ Q. Is God pleased with those who do not love and obey him?**

*A. No. "God is angry with the wicked every day".*

(Ps 7:11; Mal 2:17; Pr 6:16-19; 1 Cor 16:22).

**41 □ Q. What is the first commandment?**

*A. "You shall have no other gods before me."*

(Ex 20:3; Deut 5:7).

**42 □ Q. What does the first commandment teach us?**

*A. To worship God only.*

(Is 45:5, 6; Mt 4:10; Rv 22:8-9).

**43 □ Q. What is the second commandment?**

*A. "You shall not make for yourselves a carved image [of God]"*

(Ex 20:4-6; Deut 5:8-10).

**44 □ Q. What does the second commandment teach us?**

*A. To worship God in the right way, and to avoid idolatry.*

(Is 44:9-20; 46:5-9; Jn 4:23-24; Acts 17:29).

**45 □ Q. What is the third commandment?**

*A. "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain."*

(Ex 20:7; Deut 5:11).

**46 □ Q. What does the third commandment teach us?**

*A. To honor God's name, word, and works.*

(Is 8:13; Ps 29:2; 138:2; Rv 15:3-4).

**47 □ Q. What is the fourth commandment?**

*A. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work.."*

(Ex 20:8-11; 23:12; Deut 5:12-15).

**48 □ Q. What does the fourth commandment teach us?**

*A. To keep the Sabbath holy.*

(Lv 19:20; 23:3; Is 58:13-14).

**49 □ Q. What day of the week is the Christian Sabbath?**

*A. Sunday, the first day of the week, called the Lord's Day.*

(Acts 20:7; Rv 1:10).

**50 □ Q. Why is it called the Lord's Day?**

*A. Because on that day Christ rose from the dead.*

(Mt 28:1; Mk 16:9; Lk 24:1-6; Jn 20:1).

**51 □ Q. How should the Sabbath be kept?**

*A. In prayer and praise, in hearing and reading God's Word, and in doing good to our neighbor.*

(Is 58:13, 14; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; Lk 4:16; Mt 12:10-13).

**52 □ Q. What is the fifth commandment?**

*A. "Honor your father and your mother."*

(Ex 20:12; Deut 5:16).

**53 □ Q. What does the fifth commandment teach us?**

*A. To love and obey our parents.*

(Mt 15:3-6; Ep 6:1-3; Co 3:20).

**54 □ Q. What is the sixth commandment?**

*A. The sixth commandment is, "You shall not murder."*

(Ex 20:13; Deut 5:17).

**55 □ Q. What does the sixth commandment teach us?**

*A. To avoid hatred, all that leads to it, and all that follows from it.*

(Mt 5:21-24; 1 Jn 3:15; Jm 4:1-3).

**56 □ Q. What is the seventh commandment?**

*A. "You shall not commit adultery."*

(Ex 20:14; Deut 5:18).

**57 □ Q. What does the seventh commandment teach us?**

*A. To be pure in heart, language and conduct.*

(Mt 5:27, 28; Ep 5:3-5; Ph 4:8-9).

**58 □ Q. What is the eighth commandment?**

*A. "You shall not steal."*

(Ex 20:15; Deut 5:19).

**59 □ Q. What does the eighth commandment teach us?**

*A. To be honest and not to take the things of others.*

(Ex 23:4; Pr 21:6-7; Ep 4:28).

**60 □ Q. What is the ninth commandment?**

*A. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."*

(Ex 20:16; Deut 5:20).

**61 □ Q. What does the ninth commandment teach us?**

*A. To tell the truth and not to speak evil of others.*

(Ps 15:1-3; Zech 8:16; 1 Cor 13:6; James 4:11).

**62 □ Q. What is the tenth commandment?**

*A. "You shall not covet [your neighbor's possessions]."*

(Ex 20:17; Deut 5:21; Rm 7:7).

**63 □ Q. What does the tenth commandment teach us?**

*A. To be content with what you have.*

(Phil 4:11; 1 Tim 6:6-8; Hb 13:5).

**64 □ Q. Can any person keep these ten commandments?**

*A. No mere person, since the fall of Adam, ever did or can keep the ten commandments perfectly.*

(Pr 20:9; Ec 7:20; Rm 3:19, 20; James 2:10; 1 Jn 1:8, 10).

**65 □ Q. Of what use are the ten commandments to us?**

*A. They teach us our duty, make clear our condemnation, and show us our need of a Savior.*

(1Tim 1:8-11; Rm 3:20; Gal 3:24).

**66 □ Q. Does God condemn all people?**

*A. No. Though He could justly have done so, He has graciously entered into a covenant to save many.*

(Rm 3:19-20, 23-25; Jn 17:11, 12; Is 53:11).

**SECTION 3**  
**QUESTIONS ABOUT SALVATION**

**67 □ Q. What is a covenant?**

*A. A covenant is a contract between two or more persons.*

(e.g., 1 Sam 18:3; Mt 26:14-15).

**68 □ Q. What is the covenant of grace?**

*A. It is an eternal contract within the Trinity to save certain persons called the elect, and to provide all the means for their salvation.*

(Gn 17:1-8; Rm 11:27; Hb 10:16, 11; 13:20-21; Jer 31:31-34; Ez 36:25-28).

**69 □ Q. What did Christ undertake in the covenant of grace?**

*A. Christ undertook to keep the whole law for His people, and to suffer the punishment for their sins.*

(Matt. 8:3-4; Gal 4:4-5; Hb 6:17-20; 7:22; 9:14-15; 13:20-21).

**70 □ Q. Did Christ ever sin?**

*A. No. He was holy, blameless and perfect.*

(Hb 7:26; Lk 23:47; Hb 4:15; 1 Pet 2:22; 1 Jn 3:5).

**71 □ Q. How could the Christ suffer?**

*A. He put on human flesh so He could obey and suffer as a man.*

(Jn 1:14; Rm 8:3; Gal 4:4; Phil 2:7-8; Hb 2:14, 17; 4:15).

**72 □ Q. What is meant by the atonement?**

*A. The atonement consists of Christ's satisfying divine justice, by His sufferings and death, in the place of sinners.*

(Mk 10:45; Acts 13:38-39; Rm 3:24-26; 5:8, 9; 2 Cor 5:19-21; Gal 3:13; 1 Pet 3:18).

**73 □ Q. For whom did Christ obey and suffer?**

*A. Christ obeyed and suffered for those whom the Father had given Him.*

(Is 53:8; Mt 1:21; Jn 10:11, 15-16, 26-29; 17:9; Hb 2:13).

**74 □ Q. What kind of life did Christ live on earth?**

*A. Christ lived a life of perfect obedience to the law of God.*

(Mt 5:17; Rm 10:4; 1 Pet 2:21-22).

**75 □ Q. What kind of death did Christ die?**

*A. Christ experienced the painful and shameful death of the cross.*

(Ps 22; Is 53; Gospel records).

**76 □ Q. Who will be saved?**

*A. Only those who repent of their rebellion and believe in Christ will be saved.*

(Mk 1:15; Lk 13:3,5; Acts 2:37-41; 16:30,31; 20:21; 26:20).

**77 □ Q. What is it to repent?**

*A. Repentance involves sorrow for sin, leading one to hate and forsake it because it is displeasing to God.*

(Lk 19:8-10; Rm 6:1-2; 2 Cor 7:9-11; 1 Thes 1:9-10).

**78 □ Q. What is it to believe in Christ?**

*A. A person believes who knows that his/her only hope is Christ and trusts in Christ alone for salvation.*

(Jn 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim 2:5; 1 Jn 5:11-12).

**79 □ Q. How were godly persons saved before the coming of Christ?**

*A. They believed in the Savior to come.*

(Jn 8:56; Gal 3:8, 9; 1 Cor 10:1-4; Hb 9:15; 11:13).

**80 □ Q. How did they show their faith?**

*A. They offered sacrifices according to God's commands.*

(Ex 24:3-8; 1 Chron 29:20-25; Hb 9:19-23; 10:1; 11:28).

**81 □ Q. What did these sacrifices represent?**

*A. They were symbolic of Christ, the Lamb of God, who was to die for sinners.*

(Ex 12:46 cf. Jn 19:36; Hb 9 & 10; Jn 1:29; 1 Cor 5:7; 1 Pet 1:19).

**82 □ Q. What three offices does Christ hold for His people?**

*A. He fulfills the office of a prophet, a priest and a king.*

(Hb 1:1-3; Rv 1:5; Mt 13:57; Hb 5:5-10; Jn 18:37).

**83 □ Q. How is Christ a prophet?**

*A. He teaches us the will of God, reveals God to us, and really was God in human flesh.*

(Deut 18:15, 18; Jn 1:18; 4:25; 14:23-24; 1 Jn 5:20).

**84 □ Q. Why do you need Christ as a prophet?**

*A. Because I am ignorant of God.*

(Job 11:7; Mt 11:25-27; Jn 6:67-69; 17:25-26; 1 Cor 2:14-16; 2 Cor. 4:3-6).

**85 □ Q. How is Christ a priest?**

*A. He died for our sins and prays to God for us.*

(Ps 110:4; 1 Tim 2:5-6; Hb 4:14-16; 7:24-25; 1 Jn 2:1-2).

**86 □ Q. Why do you need Christ as a priest?**

*A. Because I am guilty and need a mediator with God.*

(Pr 20:9; Ec 7:20; Rm 3:19-23; Hb 10:14, 27-28; 1 Jn 1:8-9).

**87 □ Q. How is Christ a king?**

*A. He rules over us and defends us.*

(Ps 2:6-9; Mt 28:18-20; Eph 1:19-23; Col 1:13, 18; Rv 15:3-4).

**88 □ Q. Why do you need Christ as a king?**

*A. Because I am weak and helpless.*

(Jn 15:4-5; 2 Cor 12:9; Phil 4:13; Col 1:11; Jude 1:24-25).

**89 □ Q. What did God the Father undertake in the covenant of grace?**

*A. By His goodness and mercy, God the Father elected, and determined to justify, adopt and sanctify those for whom Christ should die.*

(Ex 33:18, 19; Eph 1:3-5; Rm 8:29-33; Gal 4:4-7; Hb 10:9-10; 1 Cor 1:8-9; Phil 1:6; 1 Thes 4:3, 7; 5:23-24).

**90 □ Q. What is election?**

*A. It is God's goodness as revealed in his grace by choosing certain sinners for salvation.*

(Eph 1:3-4; 1 Th 1:4; 1 Pet 1:1-2).

**91 □ Q. What is justification?**

*A. It is God's regarding sinners as if they had never sinned and granting them righteousness.*

(Zech 3:1-5; Rm 3:24-26; 4:5; 5:17-19; 8:33; 2 Cor 5:21; Hb 8:12; Ph 3:9).

**92 □ Q. What is righteousness?**

*A. It is God's goodness as revealed in His law, and as honored in Christ's perfect obedience to that law.*

(Ex 33:19; 34:6; Ps 33:5; Hos 3:5; Rm 11:22).

**93 □ Q. Can anyone be saved by his own righteousness?**

*A. No. No one is good enough for God.*

(Pr 20:9; Ec 7:20; Rm 3:10-23; Ep 2:8-10; Ph 3:8, 9).

**94 □ Q. What is adoption?**

*A. It is God's goodness in receiving sinful rebels as his beloved children.*

(John 1:12; Ep 1:5; Ep 5:1; Gal 4:7, 31; 1 John 3:1-3).

**95 □ Q. What is sanctification?**

*A. In sanctification God makes sinners holy in heart and conduct so that they will demonstrate his goodness in their lives.*

(Jn 17:17; Ep 2:10; 4:22-24; Phil 2:12-13; 1 Thes 5:23).

**96 □ Q. Is this process of sanctification ever complete in this life?**

*A. No. It is certain and continual, but is complete only in heaven. (Ph 3:12-15; 2 Pet 1:4-8; 1 Jn 3:1-3).*

**97 □ Q. What hinders the completion of sanctification in this life?**

*A. The Scripture says "The flesh lusts against the Spirit so that you cannot do the things you would".*

(Ga 5:17).

**98 □ Q. Since we are by nature sinful, how can one ever desire to be holy and to gain heaven where God lives?**

*A. Our hearts desires must be changed first before we can be fit for heaven.*

(Ep 4:17-24; Col 3:5-12).

**99 □ Q. Who can change a sinner's heart?**

*A. Only the Holy Spirit can change the desires of a sinner's heart.*

(Jn 3:3; Rm 8:6-11; 1 Cor 2:9-14; 2 Thes 2:13-14; Titus 3:5-6).

**100 □ Q. What did the Holy Spirit undertake in the covenant of Grace?**

*A. He regenerates, baptizes, and seals those for whom Christ has died.*

(Ep 2:1-8; 1 Cor 12:13; Ep 1:13-14; Ep 4:30; 2 Cor 1:22).

**101 □ Q. What is regeneration?**

*A. It is a change of heart that leads to true repentance and faith.*

(Gal 5:22; Ep 2:5-8; 2 Thes 2:13).

**102 □ Q. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power?**

*A. No. I can do nothing truly good without God's Holy Spirit.*

(Jn 3:5, 6; 6:44; Rm 8:2, 5, 8-11; 1 Cor 2:9-14; Gal 5:17, 18; Ep 2:4-6).

**103 □ Q. How does the Holy Spirit baptize believers?**

*A. He puts them into the body of Christ by making them a living part of all those who truly believe in Him.*

(1 Cor 12).

**104 □ Q. How does the Holy Spirit seal believers?**

*A. He comes to live within them to guarantee that they will receive the wonders God has promised those who love Him.*

(Rm 8:9-11; Ep 1:13-14; Ep 4:30; 2 Tim 1:9; 2 Cor 1:22).

**105 □ Q. How can you receive the Holy Spirit?**

*A. God has told us that we must pray to him for the Holy Spirit<sup>1</sup>; but the evidence of His presence is seen most clearly in our trusting and loving the Lord Jesus Christ<sup>2</sup>.*

1 (Lk 11:9-13; In 4:10; 16:24)

2 (Lk 12:8-10; In 3:3-5, 16, 20, 21; 14:17-21; 1 Cor 12:3; 1 Pet 1:2; 1 Jn 5:6-12).

## **SECTION 4**

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT PRAYER**

**106 □ Q. What is prayer?**

*A. Prayer is talking with God.*

(Gn 17:22; 18:33; Neh 1:4-11; 2:4; Mt 6:6; Rm 8:26-27).

**107 □ Q. In whose name should we pray?**

*A. We should pray in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

(John 14:13-14; 16:23-24; Hb 4:14-16).

**108 □ Q. What has Christ given to teach us how to pray?**

*A. The Lord's Prayer.*

(Mt 6:5-15; Lk 11:1-13).

**109 □ Q. Can you repeat the Lord's Prayer?**

*A. "Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."*

(Mt 6:9-13)

**110 □ Q. How many petitions are there in the Lord's Prayer?**

A. Six.

**111 □ Q. What is the first petition?**

*A. "Hallowed be your name".*

(Mt 6:9; Lk 11:2).

**112 □ Q. What do we pray for in the first petition?**

*A. That God's name may be honored by us and all people.*

(Ps 8:1; 72:17-19; 113:1-3; 145:21; Is 8:13).

**113 □ Q. What is the second petition?**

*A. "Your kingdom come".*

(Mt 6:10; Lk 11:2).

**114 □ Q. What do we pray for in the second petition?**

*A. That the gospel may be preached in all the world, and believed and obeyed by us and all people.*

(Mt 28:19-20; Jn 17:20, 21; Acts 8:12; 28:30-31; 2 Thes 3:1).

**115 □ Q. What is the third petition?**

*A. "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven".*

(Mt 6:10; Lk 11:2).

**116 □ Q. What do we pray for in the third petition?**

*A. That we on earth may serve God as the angels do in Heaven.*

(Ps 67; 103:19-22; Jn 9:31; Rv 4:11).

**117 □ Q. What is the fourth petition?**

*A. "Give us this day our daily bread".*

(Mt 6:11; Lk 11:3).

**118 □ Q. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?**

*A. That God will give us all the things we need for our bodies.*

(Ps 145:15-16; Pr 30:8-9; 1 Tim 4:4-5).

**119 □ Q. What is the fifth petition?**

*A. "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors".*

(Mt 6:12; Lk 11:4).

**120 □ Q. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?**

*A. That God will pardon our sins, and help those who have sinned against us.*

(Ps 51; Mt 5:23, 1 Jn 4:20-21). us to forgive 24; 18:21-35;)

**121 □ Q. What is the sixth petition?**

*A. 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil'.*

(Mt 6:13; Lk 11:4).

**122 □ Q. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?**

*A. That God will keep us from sin.*

(1 Chron 4:10; Ps 119:11; Mt 26:41).

## **SECTION 5**

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WORD, THE CHURCH AND THE ORDINANCES**

**123 □ Q. How does the Holy Spirit bring us to salvation?**

*A. He uses the Bible, which is the Word of God.*

(1 Thes 1:5, 6; 2:13; 2 Tim 3:15-16; James 1:18; 1 Pet 1:22-23).

**124 □ Q. How can we know the Word of God?**

*A. We are commanded to hear, read and search the Scriptures.*

(1 Pet 2:2; Rv 3:22; Mt 21:42; 22:29; 2 Tim 3:14-17).

**125 □ Q. What is the church?**

*A. The church is made up of believers, from all nations, both living and dead.*

(Eph 4:3-6).

**126 □ Q. What is the local church?**

*A. A gathering of baptized believers who meet regularly to worship, hear and study the Word of God, submit to the discipline of the elders, and to fellowship together.*

(Mt 18:20; Acts 2:42)

**127 □ Q. What two sacraments did Christ give to his Church?**

*A. Baptism and the Lord's Supper.*

*(Mt 28:19; 1 Cor 11:24-26).*

**128 □ Q. Why did Christ give the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper?**

*A. To show that His disciples belong to him, and to remind them of what He has done for them.*

*(Mt 28:19; 1 Cor 11:24-26).*

**129 □ Q. What is Baptism?**

*A. The immersing of believers into water, as a sign of their union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.*

*(Jn 3:23; Acts 2:41; 8:12, 35-38; Col 2:12).*

**130 □ Q. What is the purpose of baptism?**

*A. Baptism testifies to believers that God has cleansed them from their sins through Jesus Christ.*

*(Acts 22:16; Col 2:11-14).*

**131 □ Q. Who are to be baptized?**

*A. Only those who repent of their sins, and believe in Christ for salvation.*

*(Acts 2:37-41; 8:12; 18:8; 19:4-5).*

**132 □ Q. Should babies be baptized?**

*A. No; because the Bible neither commands it, nor gives any example of it.*

**133 □ Q. What is the Lord's Supper?**

*A. The church eats bread and drinks grape juice to remember the sufferings and death of Christ.*

*(Mk 14:22-24; 1 Cor 11:23-29).*

**134 □ Q. What does the bread represent?**

*A. The bread represents the body of Christ, broken for our sins.*

*(Mt 26:26; 1 Cor 11:24).*

**135 □ Q. What does the grape juice represent?**

*A. The grape juice represents the blood of Christ, shed for our salvation.*

(Mt 26:27-28; 1 Cor 11:25).

**136 □ Q. Who should partake of the Lord's Supper?**

*A. The Lord's Supper is only for those who repent of their sins, believe in Christ for salvation, receive baptism, and love their neighbor.*

(Mt 5:21-24; 1 Cor 10:16-17; 11:18, 20, 27-33; 1 Jn 3:24-27; 4:9-11).

## **SECTION 6**

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LAST THINGS**

**137 □ Q. Did Christ remain in the tomb after his crucifixion?**

*A. No. God the Father raised Him from the tomb on the third day after his death.*

(Lk 24:45-47; 1 Cor 15:3, 4).

**138 □ Q. Where is Christ now?**

*A. Christ is in heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father.*

(Rm 8:34; Col 3:1; Hb 1:3; 10:12; 12:2).

**139 □ Q. Will Christ come again?**

*A. Yes. At the last day he will come to judge the world.*

(Mt 25:31-43; 2 Thes 1:7-10; 2 Tim 4:1).

**140 □ Q. What happens to us when we die?**

*A. The body returns to dust, and the soul goes to be with God or to a place of suffering and waiting for judgment.*

(Gn 3:19; Ec 12:7; 2 Cor 5:1-6; Hb 12:22-23; Ph 1:23; 2 Pet 2:9; Rm 2:5).

**141 □ Q. Will the bodies of the dead be raised to life again?**

*A. Yes. There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.*

(Acts 24:14-15; Jn 5:28-29; Dan 12:2).

**142 □ Q. What will happen to the wicked in the day of judgment?**

*A. They shall be cast into hell.*

(Ps 9:16-17; Lk 12:5; Rm 2:8, 9,12; 2 Th 1:8-9; Rv 20:12-15).

**143 □ Q. What is hell?**

*A. Hell is a place of dreadful and endless punishment.*

(Mt 25:46; Mk 9:43-48; Lk 16:19-31).

**144 □ Q. What will happen to the righteous in the day of judgment?**

*A. They shall live with Christ forever, in a new heaven and a new earth.*

(Is 66:22; 1 Thes 4:16-17; 2 Pet 3:10-13; Rv 21:1-4).

**145 □ Q. In light of these truths, what should you do?**

*A. I should strive with all my energy to repent of sin and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.*

(Lk 13:23-24; Jn 6:27; Acts 16:31).

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**1 God is the loving ruler of the world.  
He made the world.  
He made us rulers of the world under him.**



*"You are worthy our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being." Revelation 4:11*

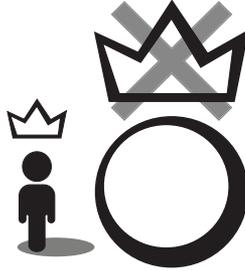
The first point of the Christian message is that God is in charge of the world. He is the ruler, the supreme president, the king. Unlike human rulers, however, God always does what is best for his subjects. He is the kind of king you'd like to be ruled by.

God rules the world because he made the world. Like a potter with his clay, God fashioned the world into just the shape he wished, with all its amazing details. He made it, and he owns it.

He also made us. God created people who were something like himself, and put them in charge of the world-to rule it, to care for it, to be responsible for it, and to enjoy all its beauty and goodness. He appointed humanity to supervise and look after the world, but always under his own authority, honoring him and obeying his directions. You can see this represented in the illustration above: God is the ruler (the crown) and humanity is created to live in and rule God's world under God's loving authority.

***It all sounds rather ideal-God in heaven, people ruling the world according to his directions, and everything right with the world. But everything is very obviously not right-with us or the world.***

**2 We all reject the ruler-God-by trying to run life our own way without him. But we fail to rule ourselves or society or the world.**



*"There is no-one righteous, not even one: there is no-one who understands, no-one who seeks God. All have turned away."*

*Romans 3:10-12*

The sad truth is that, from the very beginning, men and women everywhere have rejected God by doing things their own way. We all do this. We don't like someone telling us what to do or how to live-least of all God-and so we rebel against him in lots of different ways. We ignore him and just get on with our own lives; or we disobey his instructions for living in his world; or we shake our puny fists in his face and tell him to get lost.

However we do it, we are rebels, because we don't live God's way. We prefer to follow our own desires, and to run things our own way, without God. This rebellious, self-sufficient attitude is what the Bible calls 'sin'.

The trouble is, in rejecting God we make a mess not only of our own lives, but of our society and the world. The whole world is full of people bent on doing what suits them, and not following God's ways. We all act like little gods, with our own crowns, competing with one another. The result is misery. The suffering and injustice that we see around us all go back to our basic rebellion against God.

***By rebelling against God, we've made a terrible mess of things. The question is: what will God do about it?***

**3 God won't let us rebel forever.  
God's punishment for rebellion is death and judgement.**



*"Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement."  
Hebrews 9:27*

God cares enough about humanity to take our rebellion seriously. He calls us to account for our actions, because it matters to him that we treat him, and other people, so poorly. In other words, he won't let the rebellion go on forever.

The sentence God passes against us is entirely just, because he gives us exactly what we ask for. In rebelling against God, we are saying to him, "Go away. I don't want you telling me what to do. Leave me alone." And this is precisely what God does. His judgement on rebels is to withdraw from them, to cut them off from himself-permanently. But since God is the source of life and all good things, being cut off from him means death and hell. God's judgment against rebels is an everlasting, God-less death.

This is a terrible thing, to fall under the sentence of God's judgment. It is a prospect we all face, since we are all guilty of rebellion against God.

***Is that it then? Are we all destined for death and everlasting ruin? If not for God's own miraculous intervention, we would be.***

**4** Because of his love, God sent his Son into the world: the man Jesus Christ. Jesus always lived under God's rule. Yet by dying in our place he took our punishment and brought forgiveness.



*"Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous to bring you to God." 1 Peter 3:18*

Because of his great love and generosity, God did not leave us to suffer the consequences of our foolish rebellion. He did something to save us. He sent his own divine son into our world to become a man-Jesus of Nazareth.

Unlike us, Jesus didn't rebel against God. He always lived under God's rule. He always did what God said, and so did not deserve death or punishment. Yet Jesus did die. Although he had the power of God to heal the sick, walk on water and even raise the dead, Jesus allowed himself to be executed on a cross. Why?

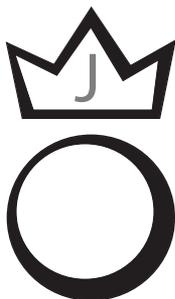
The Bible rings with incredible news that Jesus died as a substitute for rebels like us. The debt that we owed God, Jesus paid by dying in our place. He took the full force of God's justice on himself, so that forgiveness and pardon might be available to us.

All this is quite undeserved by us. It is a generous gift, from start to finish.

***But that's not all...***

## **5 God raised Jesus to life again as the ruler of the world.**

**Jesus has conquered death, now gives new life, and will return to judge.**



*"In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."*

*I Peter 1:3*

God accepted Jesus' death as payment in full for our sins, and raised him from the dead. The risen Jesus is now what humanity was always meant to be: God's ruler of the world.

As God's ruler, Jesus has also been appointed God's judge of the world. The Bible promises that one day, he will return to call all of us to account for our actions.

In the meantime, Jesus offers us new life, both now and eternally. Now, our sins can be forgiven through Jesus' death, and we can make a fresh start with God, no longer as rebels but as friends. In this new life, God himself comes to live within us by his Spirit. We can experience the joy of a new relationship with God.

What's more, when we are pardoned through Jesus' death, we can be quite sure that when Jesus does return to judge, we will be acceptable to him. The risen Jesus will give us eternal life, not because we have earned it, but because he has died in our place.

***Well, where does all that leave us? It leaves us with a choice of only two ways to live.***

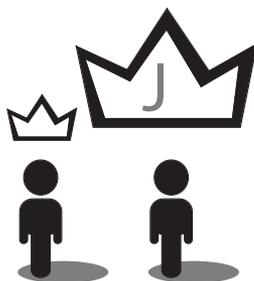
## 6 The two ways to live

### A. Our way:

Reject the ruler-God  
Try to run life our  
own way

### Result:

Condemned by God  
Facing death and  
judgment



### B. God's new way:

Submit to Jesus as  
our ruler  
Rely on Jesus' death  
and resurrection

### Result:

Forgiven by God  
Given eternal life

*"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him"*

*John 3:36*

We can continue in our rebellion against God, and try to run our lives our own way without him. Sadly, this is the option that many people persist in.

The end result is that God gives us what we ask for and deserve. He condemns us for our rejection of his rightful rule over our lives. We not only have to put up with the messy consequences of rejecting God here and now, but we face the dreadful prospect of an eternity of separation from him, without life or love or relationship.

For those of us who have realized that our situation is hopeless, there is a lifeline. If we turn back to God and appeal for mercy, trusting in Jesus' death and resurrection, then everything changes.

For a start, God wipes our slate clean. He accepts Jesus' death as payment for our sins, and freely, completely forgives us. He pours his own Spirit into our hearts and grants us a new life that stretches past death and into forever. We are no longer rebels, but part of God's own family as his adopted sons and daughters. We now live with Jesus as our ruler.

***The two ways to live could not be more different, and they present you, the reader with some choices.***

## **The first question you must ask yourself is: Which way do I want to live?**

If your answer to the question above is “my own way”, then you probably don’t believe some or all of the message we have been outlining. Perhaps you do not believe that God is going to judge rebels, or that you really are a rebel. If that is the case, then please think carefully. It would be a good idea to investigate thoroughly the claims that have been made here, because if they are true, the consequences are life and death.

Perhaps you could get hold of a modern translation of the Bible and read about it for yourself (Mark’s Gospel is a good place to start). Or you could talk to a Christian friend.

However, if you know that you are a rebel against God, and would prefer to live his way, the next obvious question is: **What can you do about it?**

### **1. Talk to God**

The first think to do is to talk to God. You need to admit before him that you have rebelled against him, that you deserve punishment, and that you’re asking for mercy on the basis of Jesus’ death in your place. You’ll also need to ask God to help you change from being a rebel to being someone who lives with Jesus as their ruler. You could pray something like this:

*Dear God,*

*I know that I am not worthy to be accepted by you. I don’t deserve your gift of eternal life. I am guilty of rebelling against you and ignoring you. I need forgiveness.*

*Thank you for sending your son to die for me that I may be forgiven. Thank you that he rose from the dead to give new life.*

*Please forgive me and change me, that I may live with Jesus as my ruler. Amen.*

The first step, then, is to pray.

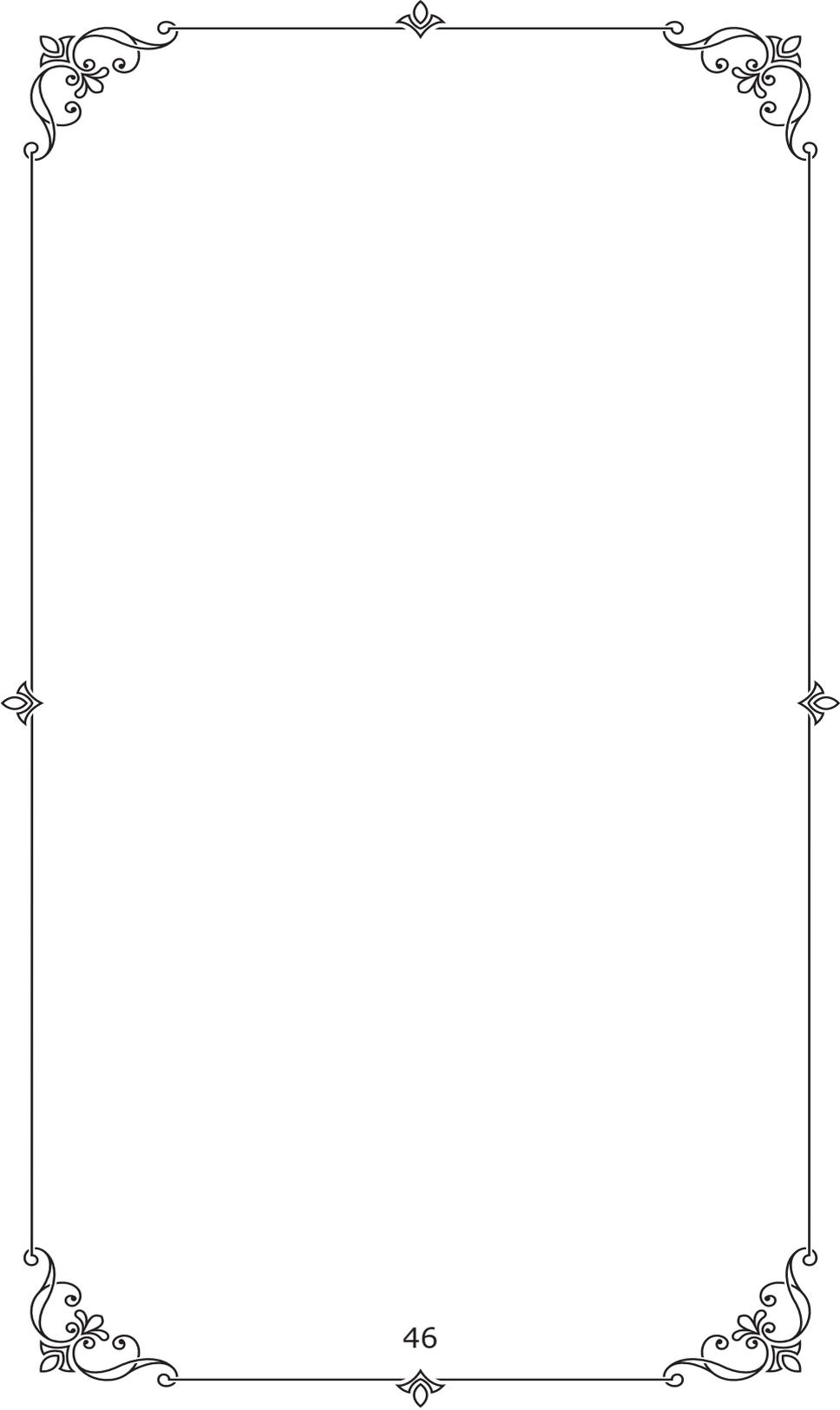
## **2. Submit to Jesus**

The second step is fairly obvious. Having prayed the sort of prayer above, you will want to start putting it into practice—that is, actually submitting to Jesus. There will no doubt be all kinds of areas in your life in need of change. You'll need to get rid of old rebellious habits (like greed, anger, selfishness, and so on) and start some new ones that please God (like generosity, kindness, love and patience).

## **3. Keep trusting**

The third thing you have to do is also ongoing. You need to keep putting your trust in the right place. It's only because of Jesus (and his death and resurrection) that you can be forgiven and put right with God. You'll need to keep coming back to this again and again, because as you start to live God's new way, you will still fail and do the wrong thing. We all do. We all need to keep looking back to the death of Jesus on the cross as the only grounds for our pardon. We must never stop relying on him—and him alone—as the means by which we are forgiven and granted eternal life.

If you know full well that you have not yet taken these steps, and that you are still an unforgiven rebel, then you need to do something about it. You are at a fork in the road. It's the choice that we all face. There are only two ways to live.



# PART 3

## CHURCH CREEDS

**AGE GROUP:** 9th

**ABOUT CHURCH CREEDS:** *The church very early on developed short statements on key beliefs to be held within the church. Creeds were usually developed in response to a major false teaching of the time such as Arianism.*

**TEACHING TIPS:** *Read through them daily with your children. Talk about some of the key parts of each creed. Let me encourage all of you to memorize the Apostle's Creed.*

# APOSTLES CREED

*This creed is called the Apostles' Creed not because it was produced by the apostles themselves but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. It sets forth the doctrines of the church in short but powerful verse. In its present form it is dated no later than the fourth century. It is more widely accepted among denominations than any other Christian creed. Various musicians have set it to music, such as Petra and Rich Mullins, quote it almost verse for verse.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*catholic (small "c") means "universal"*

# NICENE CREED

*The Nicene Creed was written in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism. These heresies, which disturbed the church during the fourth century, concerned the doctrine of the trinity and of the person of Christ. In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451.*

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.  
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.  
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church.  
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

*\*catholic (small "c") means "universal"*

# **FELLOWSHIP OF INDEPENDENT EVANGELICALS (F.I.R.E.)**

## **statement of faith**

### **We affirm the five "Solas" of the Reformation:**

"Sola Scriptura" – Scripture Alone

"Sola Gratia" – Grace Alone

"Sola Fide" – Faith Alone

"Solus Christus" – Christ Alone

"Soli Deo Gloria" – To the Glory of God Alone

We stand in the tradition of the historic Reformed Confessions of Faith such as The London Baptist Confession of 1644 and The Second London Baptist Confession of 1689.

### **Our Common Confession or Statement of Faith**

#### **1 GOD AND THE TRINITY**

We believe in the one true and living God, in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who is invisible, personal, omnipresent, eternal, dependent on none, unchanging, truthful, trustworthy, almighty, sovereign, omniscient, righteous, holy, good, loving, merciful, long-suffering and gracious.

#### **2 THE HOLY SCRIPTURE**

We believe that Almighty God has revealed all that is necessary to life and salvation in the sixty-six books of Holy Scripture, which are the Word of God. All Scripture was given by inspiration of God, is infallible and inerrant, and is the final arbiter in all disputes. Its authority is derived from its Author and not from the opinions of men.

### **3 ELECTION**

We believe that God, before the foundation of the world, for His own glory did elect a great multitude of men and women to eternal life as an act of free and sovereign grace. This election was in no way dependent upon His foresight of human faith, decision, works or merit.

### **4 ADAM OUR REPRESENTATIVE**

We believe that God made our first father Adam perfect, holy and upright. He was appointed representative and head of the human race, thereby exposing all his offspring to the effects of his obedience or disobedience to God's commands.

### **5 THE FALL AND ITS EFFECTS**

We believe that Adam fell from his original righteousness into sin and brought upon himself and all his offspring death, condemnation and a sinful nature.

### **6 MAN'S INABILITY**

We believe it is utterly beyond the power of fallen man to love God, to keep His laws, to understand the gospel, to repent of sin or to trust in Christ.

### **7 CHRIST OUR REPRESENTATIVE**

We believe that God sent His Son into the world, conceived of the virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit, unchangeably sinless, both God and man, born under the law, to live a perfect life of righteousness on behalf of His elect people.

### **8 PARTICULAR REDEMPTION**

We believe that God's Son died at Calvary to effect propitiation, reconciliation, redemption and atonement for His elect people. God bore testimony to His acceptance of His Son's work by raising Him bodily from the dead.

## **9 THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST**

We believe that God's Son ascended to the right hand of His Father and is enthroned in glory, where He intercedes on behalf of His people and rules over all things for their sake.

## **10 IRRESISTIBLE GRACE**

We believe that God the Son has poured out the Holy Spirit to work alongside the preached Word. The Spirit of God regenerates elect sinners and draws them irresistibly to faith in Christ the Savior.

## **11 JUSTIFICATION**

We believe the elect, who are called by grace, are justified in the sight of God on account of the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is received by faith alone.

## **12 PERSEVERANCE**

We believe that all who are regenerated, called and justified shall persevere in holiness and never finally fall away.

## **13 EVANGELISM**

We believe it is the calling of every local church to participate in fulfilling the Great Commission by making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything Christ has commanded us.

## **14 THE CHURCH**

We believe that the local church is under the authority of Christ alone. Nevertheless, He has appointed men to be elders (undershepherds) to represent Him as they care for His body. Deacons also serve Christ as

His ministers of mercy. Furthermore, the communion of saints requires the recognition of and fellowship with other local evangelical churches.

### **15 CHURCH ORDINANCES**

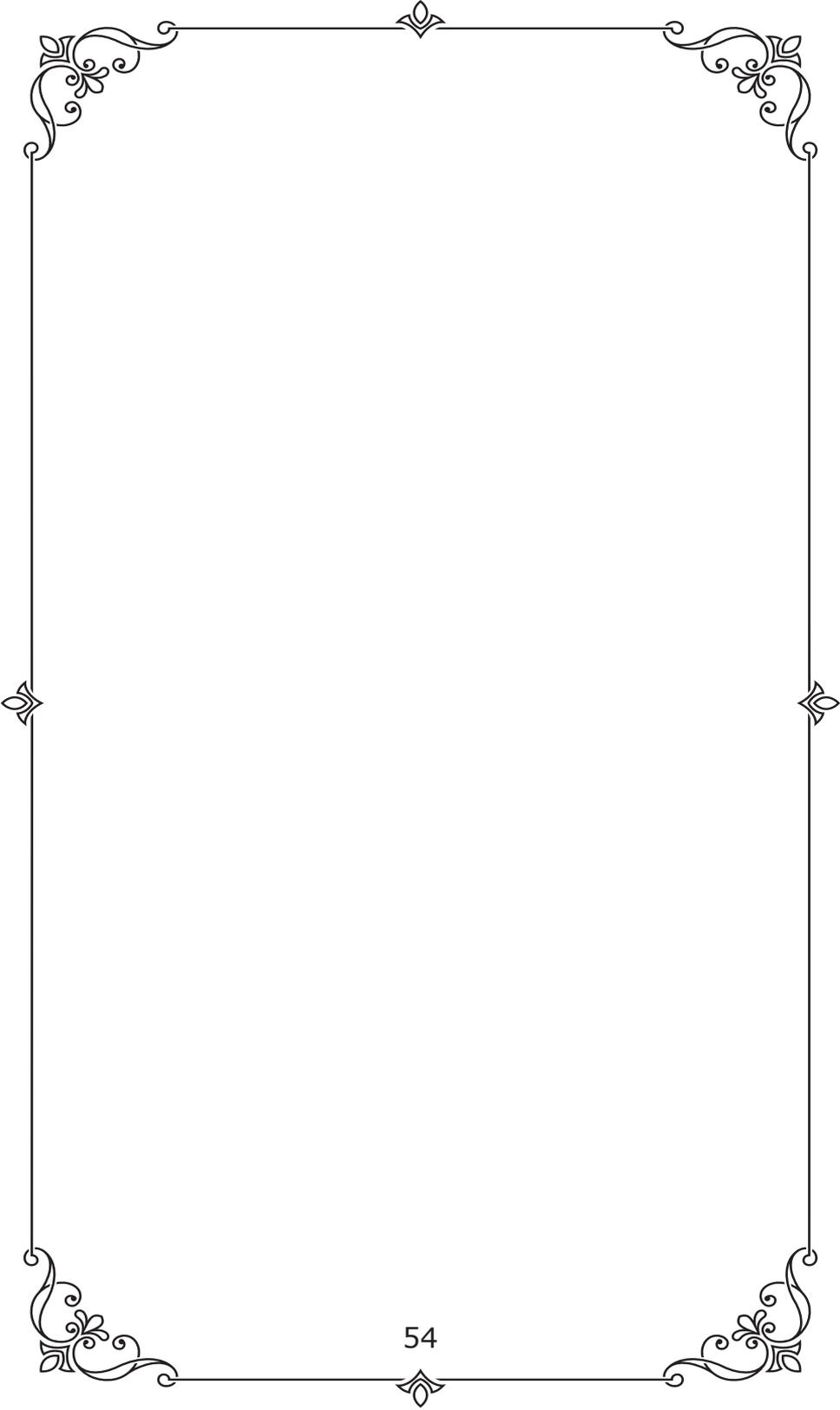
We believe that baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances belonging only to regenerated believers.

### **16 ESCHATOLOGY**

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ shall come again to raise the dead bodily, both righteous and unrighteous, and that the righteous shall enjoy everlasting life and the wicked endure everlasting punishment.

## **1689 2ND LONDON BAPTIST CONFESSION OF FAITH**

This is the historic confession our church subscribes to. It is too long to be placed here. See the pastor for free, paperback copy to in modern English.



# SECTION II

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMORIZATION

**MEMORIZATION TIPS:** Break up each verse into smaller parts. Also explain what the verse means.

*It is a good idea to go back and review. A child can repeat any verse shortly after learning it. But can they remember it a week later?*

*Don't worry too much if they don't understand the deep meanings of some verses. Children at this age memorize easily. As they get older, Sunday school, children's church and sermons will help them apply the verses.*

# FOUNDATIONS

## preschool

76 verses to be learned during the pre-school years.

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- 01**  In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. *Genesis 1:1*
- 02**  No one can serve two masters. *Matthew 6:24a*
- 03**  Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. *Proverbs 3:5*
- 04**  For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. *Psalms 1:6*
- 05**  ...in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. *Isaiah 30:15b*
- 06**  Fear not, for I am with you; *Isaiah 43:5a*
- 07**  Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. *Psalms 119:105*
- 08**  Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. *Proverbs 30:5*
- 09**  Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! *1 Chronicles 16:34*
- 10**  The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. *Proverbs 1:7*
- 11**  When I am afraid, I put my trust in you [God]. *Psalms 56:3*

**12** ☐ I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 121:1-2*

**13** ☐ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. *Psalm 121:3-4*

**14** ☐ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. *Psalm 121:5-6*

**15** ☐ The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. *Psalm 121:7*

**16** ☐ The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. *Psalm 121:8*

**17** ☐ In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me. *Psalm 86:7*

**18** ☐ The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe. *Proverbs 18:10*

**19** ☐ For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. *Psalm 95:3*

**20** ☐ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, *James 1:17a*

**21** ☐ I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3 You shall have no other gods before me. *Exodus 20:2-3*

**22** ☐ You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. *Exodus 20:4*

**23** ☐ You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain... *Exodus 20:7a*

**24**  Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.  
*Exodus 20:8*

**25**  Honor your father and your mother, *Exodus 20:12a*

**26**  You shall not murder 14 You shall not commit adultery. 15 You shall not steal. *Exodus 20:13-15*

**27**  You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. *Exodus 20:16*

**28**  You shall not covet... *Exodus 20:17a*

**29**  Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. *Joshua 1:9b*

**30**  Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. *Ephesians 6:1*

**31**  Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; *Psalms 1:1*

**32**  But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. *Psalms 1:2*

**33**  He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. *Psalms 1:3*

**34**  The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. *Psalms 1:4*

**35**  Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor the sinners in the congregation of the righteous; *Psalms 1:5*

**36**  For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. *Psalms 1:6*

**37** □ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, *Hebrews 13:16a*

**38** □ Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future. *Proverbs 19:20*

**39** □ Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. *Psalms 36:5*

**40** □ My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. *Proverbs 1:10*

**41** □ Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord. *2 Corinthians 10:17*

**42** □ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. *Romans 12:21*

**43** □ A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. *Proverbs 15:1*

**44** □ What is impossible with man is possible with God. *Luke 18:27b*

**45** □ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

**46** □ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! 2  
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! *Psalms 100:1-2*

**47** □ Know the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. *Psalms 100:3*

**48** □ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! *Psalms 100:4*

**49** □ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. *Psalms 100:5*

**50** ☐ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. *James 4:7-8a*

**51** ☐ My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, 12 for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

*Proverbs 15:1*

**52** ☐ Casting all your [worries]\* on him, because he cares for you. *1 Peter 5:7 ESV reads "anxieties"*

**53** ☐ ...I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. *Philippians 4:11b*

**54** ☐ A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back. *Proverbs 29:11*

**55** ☐ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. *Deuteronomy 6:5*

**56** ☐ ...love your neighbor as yourself...*Leviticus 19:18b*

**57** ☐ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. *Philippians 2:3*

**58** ☐ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. *Philippians 2:4*

**59** ☐ A friend loves at all times... *Proverbs 17:17a*

**60** ☐ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant. *1 Corinthians 13:4*

**61** ☐ [Love] is not rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not [easily angered]\*; *1 Corinthians 13:5*

*\*Updated words to make it easier to memorize.*

**62** □ [Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. *I Corinthians 13:6*

**63** □ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. *I Corinthians 13:7*

**64** □ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your [enemy]\* the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. *I Peter 5:8* \*ESV Reads "adversary"

**65** □ ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... *Romans 3:23*

**66** □ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. *Philippians 4:13*

**67** □ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 6:23*

**68** □ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalms 118:24*

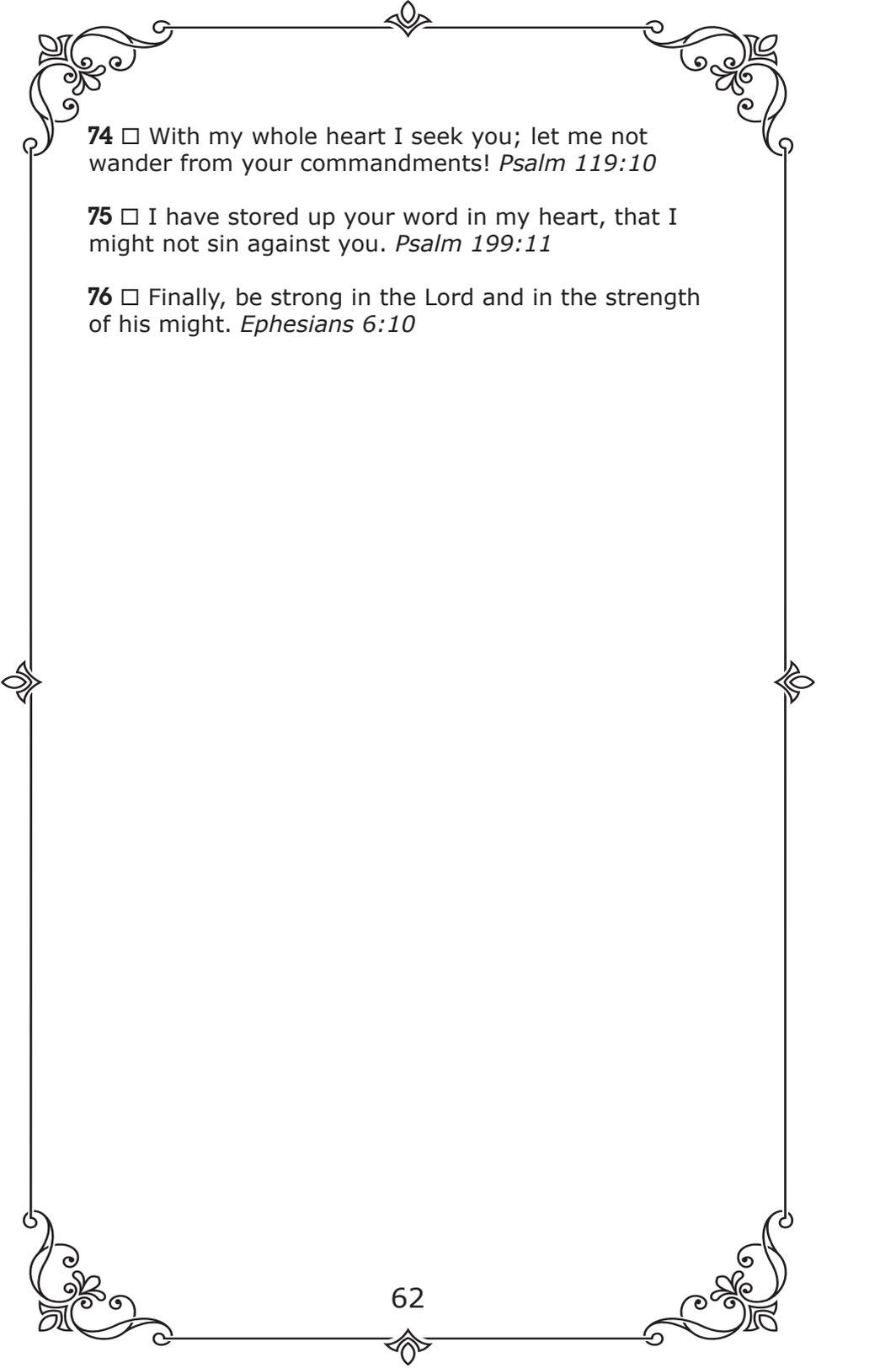
**69** □ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, *Philippians 2:14*

**70** □ Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. *Proverbs 16:24*

**71** □ Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. *Luke 6:38*

**72** □ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." *Hebrews 13:5*

**73** □ Every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; *James 1:19b*



**74** □ With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! *Psalm 119:10*

**75** □ I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. *Psalm 199:11*

**76** □ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. *Ephesians 6:10*

# JESUS! WHAT A SAVIOR!

## Kindergarten

40 verses to be learned in conjunction  
with Sunday School lessons.

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**01**  "I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me." *Isaiah 46:9b*

**02**  The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. *Psalms 19:1*

**03**  You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; *Psalms 16:11a*

**04**  For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, *Romans 1:21a*

**05**  For the wages of sin is death, *Romans 6:23a*

**06**  ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, *Romans 3:23*

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners... *Romans 5:19a*

**07**  And without faith it is impossible to please him, *Hebrews 11:6a*

...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. *Hebrews 9:22b*

**08**  ...for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. *Psalms 1:6*

**09**  All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. *Psalms 86:9*

**10**  So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. *Romans 7:12*

**11**  For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. *Romans 8:7*

**12**  And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. *Ezekiel 36:26a*

**13**  She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. *Matthew 1:21*

**14**  In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. *John 1:1*

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, *John 1:14a*

**15**  For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. *Hebrews 2:18*

**16**  [Jesus said,] "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor." *Luke 4:18a*

**17**  [Jesus said,] "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples." *John 8:31b*

**18**  [Jesus said,] "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." *Luke 5:32*

**19**  [Jesus said,] "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." *John 10:10b*

**20**  And Jesus [said], "Those who are well have no need of a doctor\*, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." *Luke 5:31-32*

*\*ESV reads "physician"*

**21** □ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. *2 Corinthians 5:17*

**22** □ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! *Psalms 67:3*

**23** □ [Jesus said,] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me." *John 14:1*

**24** □ Jesus [said,] "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger;" *John 6:35a*

**25** □ [Jesus said,] "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." *Mark 10:14b*

**26** □ [Jesus said,] "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." *Matthew 11:28*

**27** □ [Jesus said,] "For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost." *Luke 19:10*

**28** □ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. *John 3:17*

**29** □ For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. *Psalms 92:4*

**30** □ [Jesus said,] "...the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." *Matthew 20:28*

**31** □ [Jesus said,] "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." *John 15:13*

**32** □ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the [atoning sacrifice]\* for our sins. *1 John 4:10* \* *ESV reads "propitiation"*

**33** □ ...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *Romans 5:8*

**34** □ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.  
*I Peter 2:24a*

**35** □ [Jesus said]..."I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live," *John 11:25*

**36** □ [Jesus said,] "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" *John 14:2*

**37** □ [Jesus said,] "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." *Mark 12:30*

**38** □ [Jesus said,] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." *John 14:15*

**39** □ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." *John 14:6*

**40** □ But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,  
*John 1:12*

# THE ABC'S OF GOD

## first grade

40 verses to be learned in conjunction  
with Sunday School lessons.

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### **Q**UESTIONS - Who is God? What is God like? How should I act toward God?

...for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me. *Isaiah 46:9b*

### **I**NCOMPREHENDABLE - God is more than we can fully understand.

God thunders wondrously with His voice; He does great things that we cannot comprehend. *Job 37:5*

### **Y**HWH (Yahweh) - Yahweh is God's personal name. God desires to make his name known.

I am the LORD; that is My name; *Isaiah 42:8a*

And those who know Your name put their trust in You. *Psalms 9:10a*

### **E**TERNAL - God has no beginning and no end.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. *Psalms 90:2*

## **G**REATOR - God made everything.

☐ "I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself." *Isaiah 44:24b*

## **G**LORIOUS - God shows His greatness and worth.

☐ The heavens declare the glory of God, the sky above proclaims his handiwork. *Psalms 19:1*

☐ Blessed be His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory! *Psalms 72:19a*

## **W**ISE - God causes everything to work out perfectly.

☐ O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have You made them all. *Psalms 104:24a*

## **A**LMIGHTY - God is all-powerful.

☐ Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you. *Jeremiah 32:17*

## **S**OVEREIGN - God has the right, wisdom, and power to do all that He pleases.

☐ Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases. *Psalms 115:3*

## **P**ROVIDER - God meets the needs of His creation.

☐ ...He Himself gives all mankind life and breath and everything. *Acts 17:25b*

## **SELF-SUFFICIENT - God does not need anything.**

□ ...nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives all mankind life and breath and everything. *Acts 17:25*

## **UNDERSTANDING - God remembers that we are weak.**

□ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. *Psalm 103:13-14*

## **ATTENTIVE - God constantly sees, hears, and acts in the world.**

□ The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. *Psalm 34:15*

## **FAITHFUL - God always does what He says He will do.**

□ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. *1 Thessalonians 5:24*

## **TRINITY - God is three persons in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

□ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one." *Deuteronomy 6:4*

□ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*

## **HAPPY - God delights in being God.**

□ [He is] the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. *1 Timothy 6:15b*

**LOVE - God gives of Himself for the joy of others.**

□ For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

**OMNIPRESENT - God is everywhere all the time.**

□ Can a man hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the LORD. "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" *Jeremiah 23:24*

**REFUGE - God is a place of safety for His people.**

□ The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe. *Proverbs 18:10*

□ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. *Psalms 46:1*

**UNCHANGING - God never changes.**

□ For I the LORD do not change. *Malachi 3:6a*

□ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. *Hebrews 13:8*

**OMNISCIENT - God knows everything.**

□ ...He knows everything. *I John 3:20b*

**GOOD - God is good in all He is and does.**

□ The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that He has made. *Psalms 145:9*

**JEALOUS - God will not share His glory, or the honor and praise He deserves.**

□ I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. *Isaiah 42:8*

□ ...for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God, *Exodus 34:14*

**RIGHTEOUS - Everything that God thinks, says, and does is right.**

□ Righteous are you, O LORD, and right are your rules. *Psalms 119:137*

**WRATHFUL - God is very angry at sin, and is right to punish sinners.**

□ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. *Romans 1:18a*

**PATIENT - God is slow to anger and is slow to punish.**

□ The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. *2 Peter 3:9*

**MERCIFUL - God is kind to undeserving sinners.**

□ The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. *Psalms 145:8*

**ZEALOUS - God acts with His whole heart.**

□ The Lord goes out like a mighty man, like a man of war He stirs up His zeal; he cries out, he shouts aloud, He shows Himself mighty against His foes. *Isaiah 42:13*

**DELIVERER - God saves His sinful people from the punishment they deserve.**

□ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15a*

**VICTORIOUS** - God always wins, even over Satan, sin, and death.

□ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory... *I Chronicles 29:11a*

**KING** - God rules over everyone.

□ For God is the King of all the earth...God reigns over the nations; God is seated on His holy throne.  
*Psalm 47:7-8*

**EXALTED** - God ranks far above everything else. He is the Most High.

□ For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods. *Psalm 97:9*

**HOLY** - God is like nothing else. He is perfect and is separate from sin.

□ "To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him?" says the Holy One. *Isaiah 40:25*

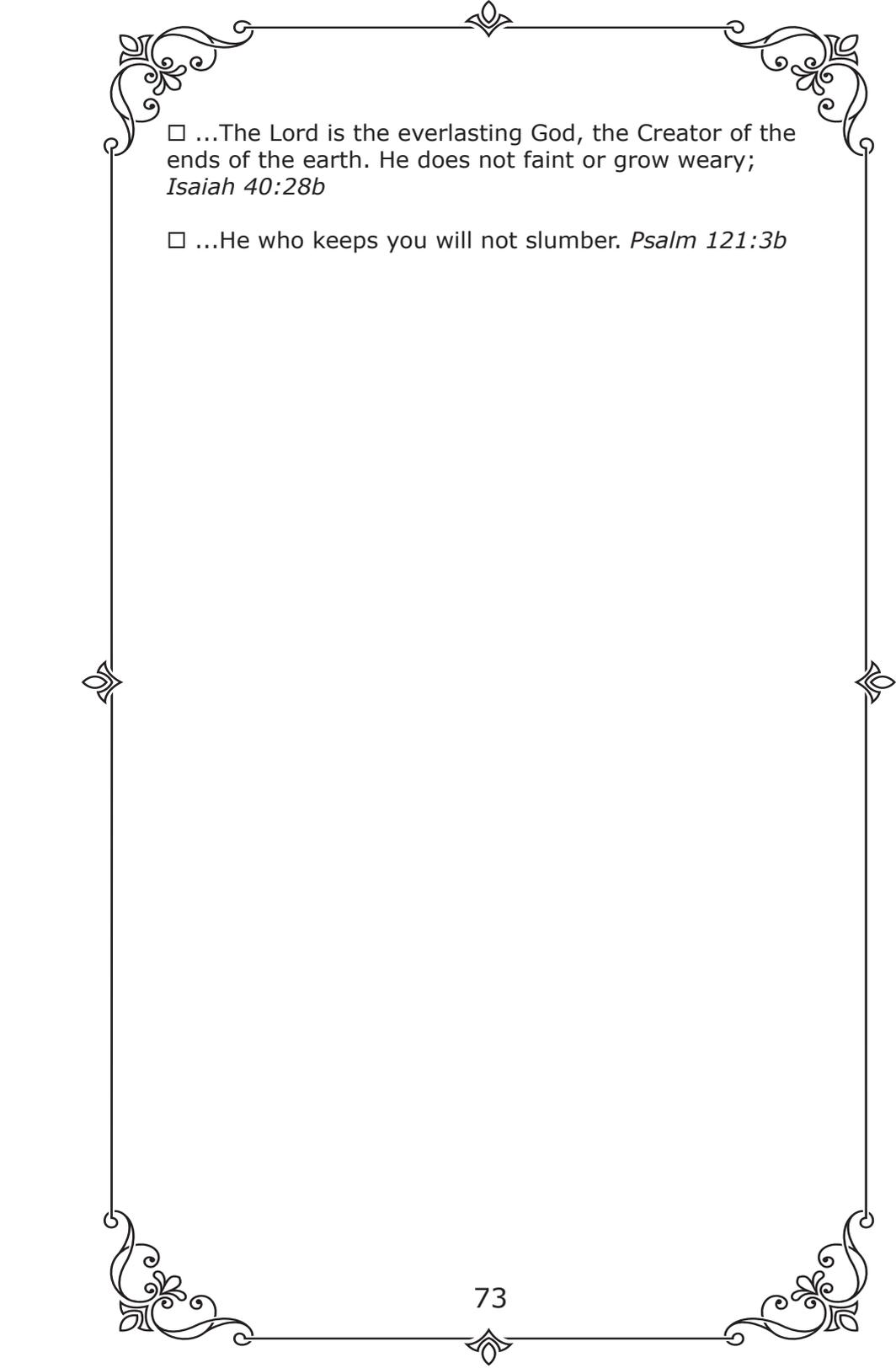
**WORTHY** - God is most valuable and deserves our greatest love, obedience, and worship.

□ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.  
*Philippians 3:8a*

**BOUNTIFUL** - God is more than enough to satisfy all our desires.

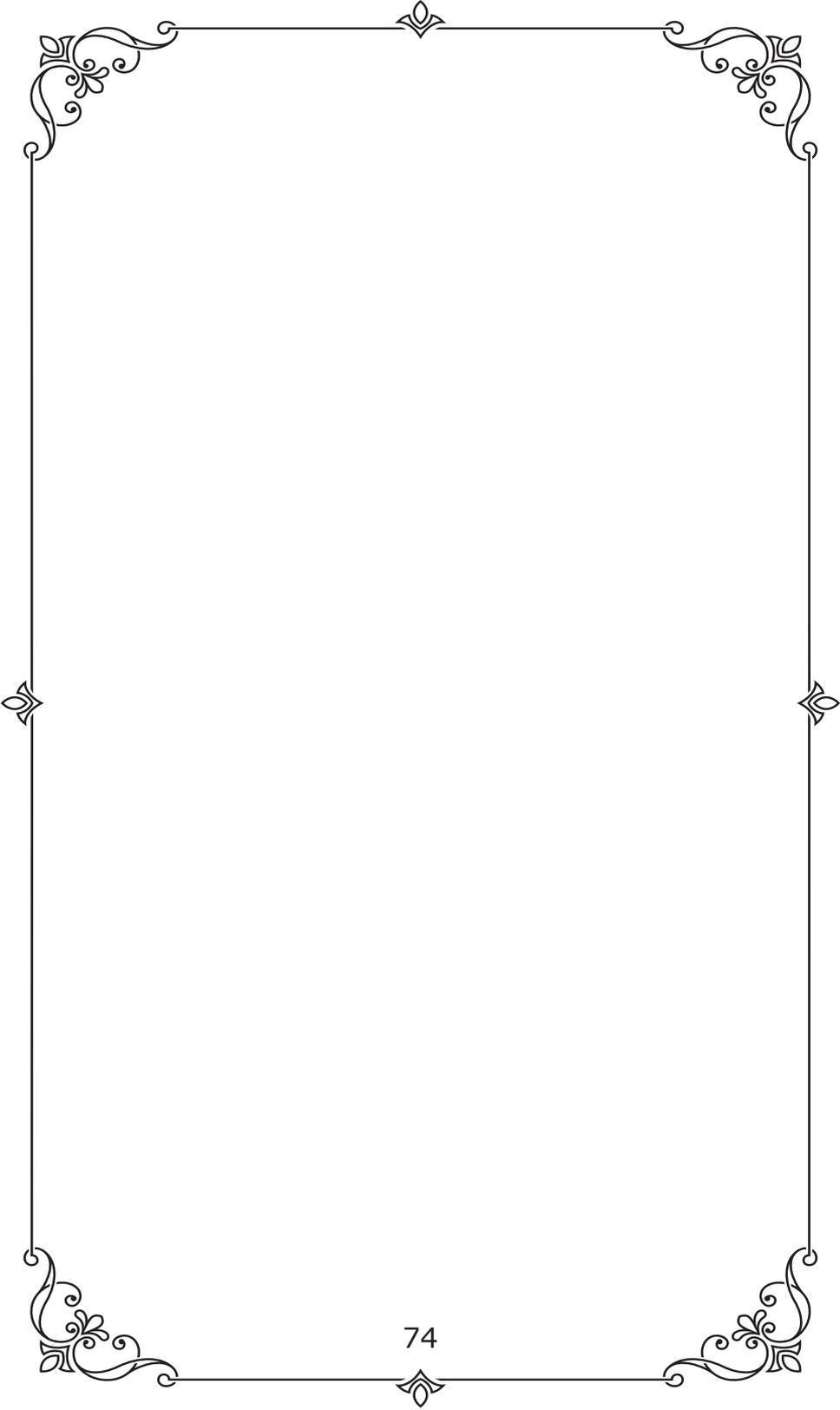
□ I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me. *Psalm 13:6*

**NEVER-TIRING** - God never gets tired and never sleeps.



□ ...The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; *Isaiah 40:28b*

□ ...He who keeps you will not slumber. *Psalms 121:3b*



# FAITHFUL TO ALL HIS PROMISES

## second grade

*40 verses to be learned in conjunction  
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### **Promises**

**01**  The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made. *Psalm 145:9*

### **Promises to believers**

**02**  But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. *John 1:12*

### **Promises to unbelievers**

**03**  for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. *Psalm 1:6*

### **God always keeps His promises**

**04**  God is not man, that He should lie, or a son of man, that He should change His mind. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it? *Numbers 23:19*

### **Conditional promises**

**05**  "But this command I gave them: 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.'" *Jeremiah 7:23*

### **Promise: Salvation for all who believe**

**06** □ "...everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." *Acts 2:21b*

### **Promise: God will forgive you**

**07** □ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

### **Promise: God will be with you**

**08** □ "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." *Joshua 1:9*

### **Promise: Nothing can separate you from God's love**

**09** □ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:38-39*

### **Promise: God will complete His work in you**

**10** □ ...he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:6b*

### **Promise: You will bear fruit**

**11** □ I am the vine; you are the branches. [If a man remains\*] in Me and I in him, he [will bear\*] much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. *John 15:5*

*\*Updated words/phrases to make it easier to memorize.*

**Promise: God hears your prayers**

**12** ☐ The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry. *Psalm 34:15*

**Promise: The Lord will guide you**

**13** ☐ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. **6** In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. *Proverbs 3:5-6*

**Promise: God will provide for your needs**

**14** ☐ And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:19*

**Promise: God will not withhold any good thing**

**15** ☐ For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. *Psalm 84:11*

**Promise: God will fight for you**

**16** ☐ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. *Psalm 46:1*

**Promise: God is slow to anger**

**17** ☐ But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. *Psalm 86:15*

**Promise: God will give you strength**

**18** ☐ For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless towards Him. *II Chronicles 16:9a*

**Promise: Though you stumble, you will not fall**

19 □ The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in His way; 24 though he [stumble]\*, he shall not [fall]\*, for the Lord upholds his hand.

*Psalms 37:23-24* \*Updated words to make it easier to memorize.

**Promise: God will discipline you**

20 □ My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his [rebuke]\*, 12 for the Lord [disciplines]\* him whom He loves, as a father the son in whom He delights. *Proverbs 3:11-12*

*\*Updated words/phrases to make it easier to memorize.*

**Promise: God plans good for you**

21 □ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. *Jeremiah 29:11*

**Promise: God will be with you in the hard times**

22 □ When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;... *Isaiah 43:2a*

**Promise: God will not bring any unnecessary suffering into your life**

23 □ but, though He causes grief, He will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; 33 for he does not [willingly bring affliction to\*] the children of men. *Lamentations 3:32-33*

*\*Updated words/phrases to make it easier to memorize.*

**Promise: If you remain steadfast under trial, you will be rewarded**

24 □ Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him. *James 1:12*

**Promise: The Lord will keep you from harm**

**25** □ The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. *II Timothy 4:18*

**Promise: God will deliver you from all your troubles**

**26** □ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. *Psalms 34:17*

**Promise: Joy comes with the morning**

**27** □ Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. *Psalms 30:5b*

**Promise: All things work together for good**

**28** □ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. *Romans 8:28*

**Promise: God will not forsake His people**

**29** □ For the LORD will not forsake His people; He will not abandon His heritage; *Psalms 94:14*

**Promise: God will not forget His promises**

**30** □ "...I am watching over My word to perform it." *Jeremiah 1:12b*

**Look up, look down**

**31** □ For these light momentary [troubles\*] are preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, *18* as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are [temporary\*], but the things that are unseen are eternal. *2 Corinthians 4:17-18*

*\*Updated words to make it easier to memorize.*

## **God is accomplishing His purposes**

**32** □ The LORD of hosts has sworn: "As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand." *Isaiah 14:24*

## **God is not slow in keeping His promises**

**33** □ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! *14* Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! *Psalms 27:13-14*

## **Faithful to all His promises**

**34** □ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. *Isaiah 40:8*

## **Trusting in the promises**

**35** □ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. *Hebrews 11:1*

## **Failure to trust in promises**

**36** □ For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. *Romans 14:23b*

## **Fighting the fight of faith**

**37** □ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. *11* Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. *Ephesians 6:10-11*

## **Standing on the promises of God**

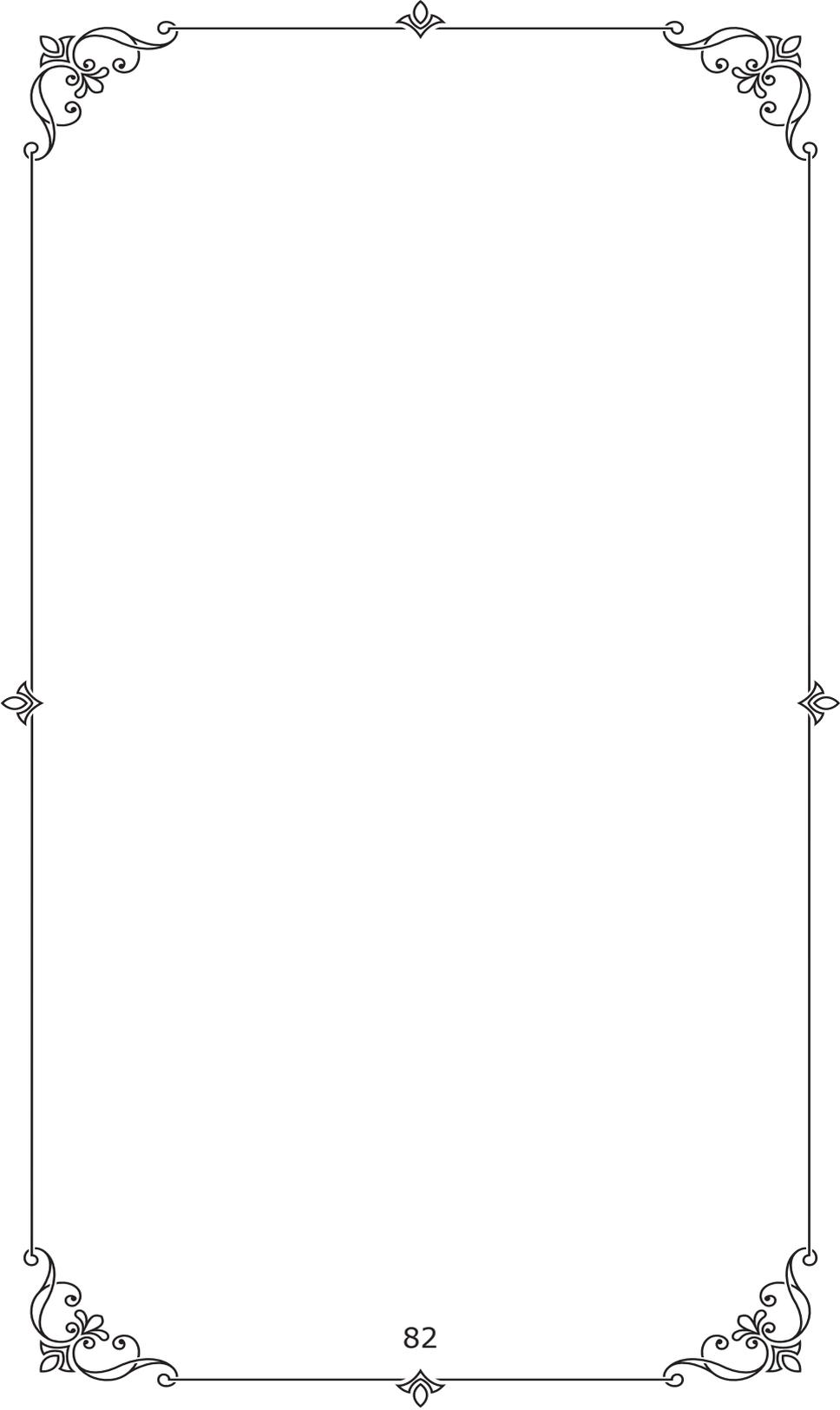
**38** □ Every word of God proves true, He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. *Proverbs 30:5*

## **Trusting in the promises leads to obedience**

**39** □ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. *Romans 10:17*

### **Promise: Eternal life**

**40** □ In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. *John 14:2-3*



# IN THE BEGINNING...JESUS

## third grade

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**01**  No verse this week.

**02**  He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; *Isaiah 53:3a*

**03**  ...and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. *Isaiah 53:3b*

**04**  Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. *Isaiah 53:4*

**05**  But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; *Isaiah 53:5a*

**06**  ...upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. *Isaiah 53:5b*

**07**  All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

**08**  He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; *Isaiah 53:7a*

**09**  ...like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. *Isaiah 53:7b*

**10**  By oppression and judgment he was taken away; *Isaiah 53:8a*

**11** □ ...and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? *Isaiah 53:8b*

**12** □ [REVIEW OF LESSON V. 02-11]

He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? *Isaiah 53:3-8*

**13** □ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. *Isaiah 53:9*

**14** □ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; *Isaiah 53:10a*

**15** □ ...when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. *Isaiah 53:10b*

**16** □ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he

shall bear their iniquities. *Isaiah 53:11*

**17** □ Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, *Isaiah 53:12a*

**18** □ ...because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; *Isaiah 53:12b*

**19** □ ...yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. *Isaiah 53:12c*

**20** □ [REVIEW LESSON VERSES 02-19]

3 He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? 9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide

him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. *Isaiah 53:3-12*

**21** □ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. *John 1:1-2*

**22** □ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. *John 1:3*

**23** □ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. *John 1:4*

**24** □ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. *John 1:5*

**25** □ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. *John 1:6-7*

**26** □ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. *John 1:8*

**27** □ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. *John 1:9*

**28** □ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. *John 1:10*

**29** □ [REVIEW LESSON VERSES 21-28]

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man

sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. *John 1:1-10*

**30** □ He came to His own, and His own people did not receive him. *John 1:11*

**31** □ But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, he gave the right to become children of God, *John 1:12*

**32** □ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. *John 1:13*

**33** □ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, *John 1:14a*

**34** □ and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. *John 1:14b*

**35** □ John bore witness about Him, and cried out, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because He was before me.'" *John 1:15*

**36** □ For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. *John 1:16*

**37** □ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. *John 1:17*

**38** □ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. *John 1:18*

**39** □ [REVIEW LESSON VERSES 1-18]

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the

beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.  
*John 1:1-18*

**40** □ *No verse this week.*

# TO BE LIKE JESUS

## fourth grade

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**01**  So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. *1 Corinthians 10:31*

**02**  but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, *1 Peter 1:15*

So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. *Romans 7:12*

**03**  For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. *Romans 3:20*

**04**  For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. *Hebrews 4:15*

**05**  For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. *17* For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. *John 3:16-17*

**06**  ...He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him... *Ephesians 1:4*

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." *John 10:27*

**07** ☐ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— *Ephesians 2:4-5*

**08** ☐ ...these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name. *John 20:31*

☐ For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation... *2 Corinthians 7:10a*

**09** ☐ For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. *2 Corinthians 5:21*

☐ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Romans 5:1*

**10** ☐ In love 5 He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, *Ephesians 1:4b-5a*

☐ See what kind of love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. *1 John 3:1a*

**11** ☐ ...put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. *Ephesians 4:24*

☐ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, *1 Peter 1:14-15*

**12** ☐ And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 6 whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked. *1 John 2:3,6*

**13** □ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth..." *John 14:15-17a*

**14** □ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.  
*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

**15** □ "Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread, 12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.'" *Matthew 6:9-13*

**16** □ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' *Mark 12:30*

**17** □ ...let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, *Hebrews 12:28b*

**18** □ ...Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. *Ephesians 5:8b-10*

**19** □ The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. *Philippians 4:5b-6*

**20** □ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." *Hebrews 13:5*

**21** □ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. *Colossians 3:23-24*

**22** □ "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." *Matthew 6:20-21*

**23** □ Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. *Proverbs 4:23*

**24** □ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 "that it may go well with you..." *Ephesians 6:1-3a*

**25** □ "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." *Matthew 22:39b*

**26** □ "...Love your enemies and pray for those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. *Luke 6:27b-28*

**27** □ Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. *Ephesians 4:32*

**28** □ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. *Philippians 2:3*

**29** □ "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful." *Luke 6:36*

**30** □ ...whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 *Corinthians 9:6-7*

**31** □ "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." *John 13:34-35*

**32** □ ...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, *1 Peter 3:15*

**33** □ ... "All authority in heaven and on the earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."  
*Matthew 28:18-20a*

**34** □ "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." *Matthew 5:16*

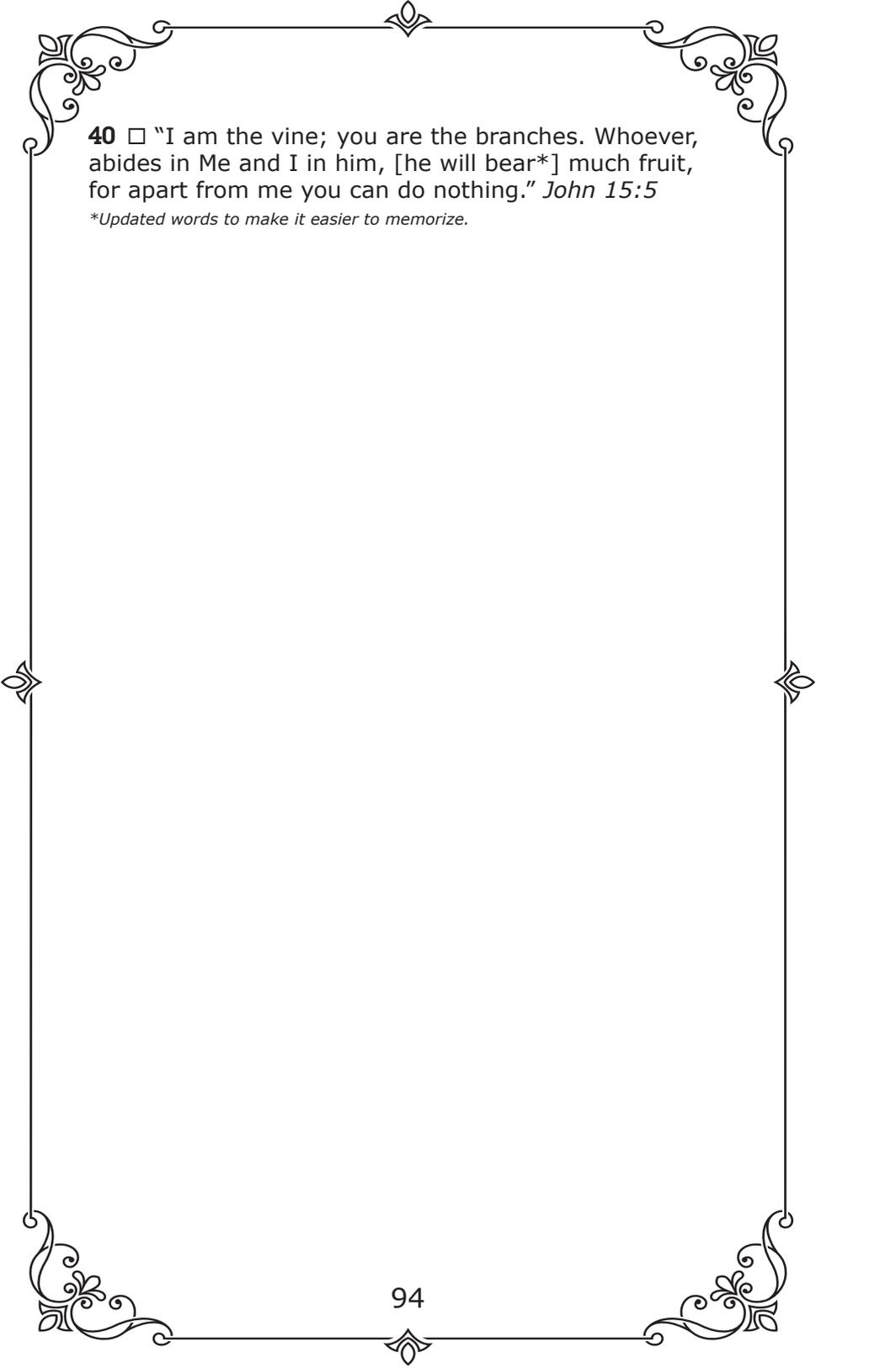
**35** □ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven," *Matthew 5:11-12a*

**36** □ "...If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. **24** For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." *Luke 9:23-24*

**37** □ And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:6*

**38** □ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21** who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. *Philippians 3:20-21*

**39** □ I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.  
*Psalms 86:12*



**40** □ "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever, abides in Me and I in him, [he will bear\*] much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." *John 15:5*

*\*Updated words to make it easier to memorize.*

# HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME

## fifth grade

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with Sunday School lessons.

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**01**  O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens. *Psalm 8:1*

**02**  The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe. *Proverbs 18:10*

**03**  Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who has made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for You. *Jeremiah 32:17*

**04**  The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is He served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. *Acts 17:24-25*

**05**  Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth! *Psalm 96:9*

**06**  I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted. *Job 42:2*

**07**  "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" *Luke 6:46*

**08**  And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:19*

**09** □ The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry. The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. *Psalm 34:15-16*

**10** □ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, *Psalm 103:2-3*

**11** □ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. *Psalm 34:7*

**12** □ Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving might of His right hand. *Psalm 20:6*

**13** □ You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. *Isaiah 26:3*

**14** □ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. *Psalm 23:1*

**15** □ "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." *Joshua 1:9*

**16** □ Every word of God proves true; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. *Proverbs 30:51*

**17** □ Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act. 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. *Psalm 37:5-6*

**18** □ Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations. *Deuteronomy 7:9*

**19** □ This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. *1 John 1:5*

**20** ☐ For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. *Psalm 47:2*

**21** ☐ *No verse this week.*

**22** ☐ There is none like You, O LORD; You are great, and Your name is great in might. *Jeremiah 10:6*

**23** ☐ But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. *Jeremiah 10:10a*

**24** ☐ But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, *John 1:12*

**25** ☐ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. *John 1:1*

**26** ☐ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, *1 Peter 3:18*

**27** ☐ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, *1 Timothy 2:5*

**28** ☐ For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame." *1 Peter 2:6*

**29** ☐ ...He who is in you is greater than He who is in the world. *1 John 4:4b*

**30** ☐ And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, *Philippians 2:8-9*

**31** □ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. *Romans 8:1*

**32** □ For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor? **35** Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid? **36** For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen. *Romans 11:34-36*

**33** □ You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart. *Jeremiah 29:13*

**34** □ No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. *Matthew 6:24*

**35** □ "and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." *John 8:32*

**36** □ And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. *Acts 4:12*

**37** □ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! *Psalms 34:8*

**38** □ You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. *Exodus 20:7*

**39** □ Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, **3** for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. *James 1:2-3*

**40** □ And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you. *Psalms 9:10*

# MY PURPOSE WILL STAND

## sixth grade

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**01** □ I am God, and there is none like god' nothing and no one compares with God. *Isaiah 46:9b*

**02** □ O Lord GOD, you have only begun to show your servant your greatness and your mighty hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as yours? *Deuteronomy 3:24*

**03** □ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. *Colossians 1:17*

**04** □ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. *Psalms 103:19*

**05** □ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. *Psalms 33:11*

**06** □ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will. *Ephesians 1:11*

**07** □ For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God! 4 The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he. *Deuteronomy 32:3-4*

**08** □ I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient of times things not yet done, saying, "My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose." *Isaiah 46:9b-10*

**09** □ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. *Psalm 147:5*

**10** □ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. *Isaiah 55:8-9*

**11** □ God thunders wondrously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend. *Job 37:5*

**12** □ Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? 14 You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. *Psalm 77:13-14*

**13** □ My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand forth together. *Isaiah 48:13*

**14** □ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. *Psalm 139:13-14*

**15** □ Blessed be the name of god forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. 21 he changes times and seasons; he removes kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. *Daniel 2:20b-21*

**16** □ ...so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. *Isaiah 55:11*

**17** □ The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will. *Proverbs 21:1*

**18** □ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. *I Peter 2:24*

**19** □ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. *Luke 19:10*

**20** □ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. *Ephesians 2:8-9*

**21** □ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. *Romans 8:30*

**22** □ Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord has commanded it? 38 Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? *Lamentations 3:37-38*

**23** □ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. *James 1:13-14*

**24** □ The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. *Proverbs 16:4*

**25** □ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. *2 Corinthians 4:17-18*

**26** □ For the Lord will not cast off forever, 32 but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; 33 for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men. *Lamentations 3:31-33*

**27** □ I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things. *Isaiah 45:7*

**28** □ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. *Proverbs 3:5-6*

**29** □ Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand. *Proverbs 19:21*

**30** □ O Lord GOD, you have only begun to show your servant your greatness and your mighty hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as yours? *Deuteronomy 3:24*

**31** □ Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. *Psalms 90:2*

**32** □ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin." *John 8:34*

**33** □ I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. *Psalms 57:2*

**34** □ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. *Romans 8:28*

**35** □ The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. *Psalms 145:17*

**36** □ From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. *Isaiah 6:4*

**37** □ Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! *Psalms 143:10*

**38** □ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. *Psalms 143: 5*

**39** □ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. *Galatians 2:20*

**40** □ "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" **35** "Or how has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" **36** For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. *Romans 11:34-36*

# TEACH ME YOUR WAY

## seventh grade

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**01**  You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. *Psalm 16:11*

**02**  For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. *Romans 1:21*

**03**  Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?  
*Romans 2:4*

**04**  Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." *John 6:35*

**05**  Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.  
*Philippians 3:8*

**06**  All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. *John 6:37*

**07**  For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. *John 6:37*

**08** □ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." *Luke 9:23*

**09** □ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. *John 6:38*

**10** □ Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. *Psalms 86:11*

**11** □ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." *Matthew 5:3*

**12** □ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." *Matthew 5:4*

**13** □ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." *Matthew 5:5*

**14** □ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." *Matthew 5:6*

**15** □ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." *Matthew 5:7*

**16** □ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." *Matthew 5:8*

**17** □ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." *Matthew 5:9*

**18** □ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." *Matthew 5:10*

**19** □ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet." *Matthew 5:13*

**20** ☐ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." *Matthew 5:14*

**21** ☐ "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire."  
*Matthew 5:22*

**22** ☐ I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;  
*I Timothy 2:8*

**23** ☐ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. *Matthew 5:29*

☐ Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways. *Psalms 119:37*

**24** ☐ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. *Romans 12:21*

**25** ☐ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, *Matthew 5:44*

**26** ☐ "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven."  
*Matthew 6:1*

**27** ☐ "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. *Matthew 6:9b-10*

**28** ☐ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.  
*Matthew 6:19-20*

**29** □ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." *Matthew 6:34*

**30** □ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. *Matthew 7:3-5*

**31** □ 7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 12 "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." *Matthew 7:7, 12*

**32** □ "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. *Matthew 7:13-14*

□ And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." *Acts 4:12*

**33** □ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves." *Matthew 7:15*

**34** □ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. *Matthew 7:21*

□ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. *I John 2:3*

**35** □ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, *Philippians 3:20*

□ Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. *Romans 12:2*

**36** □ The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe. *Proverbs 29:25*

**37** □ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." *Genesis 4:7*

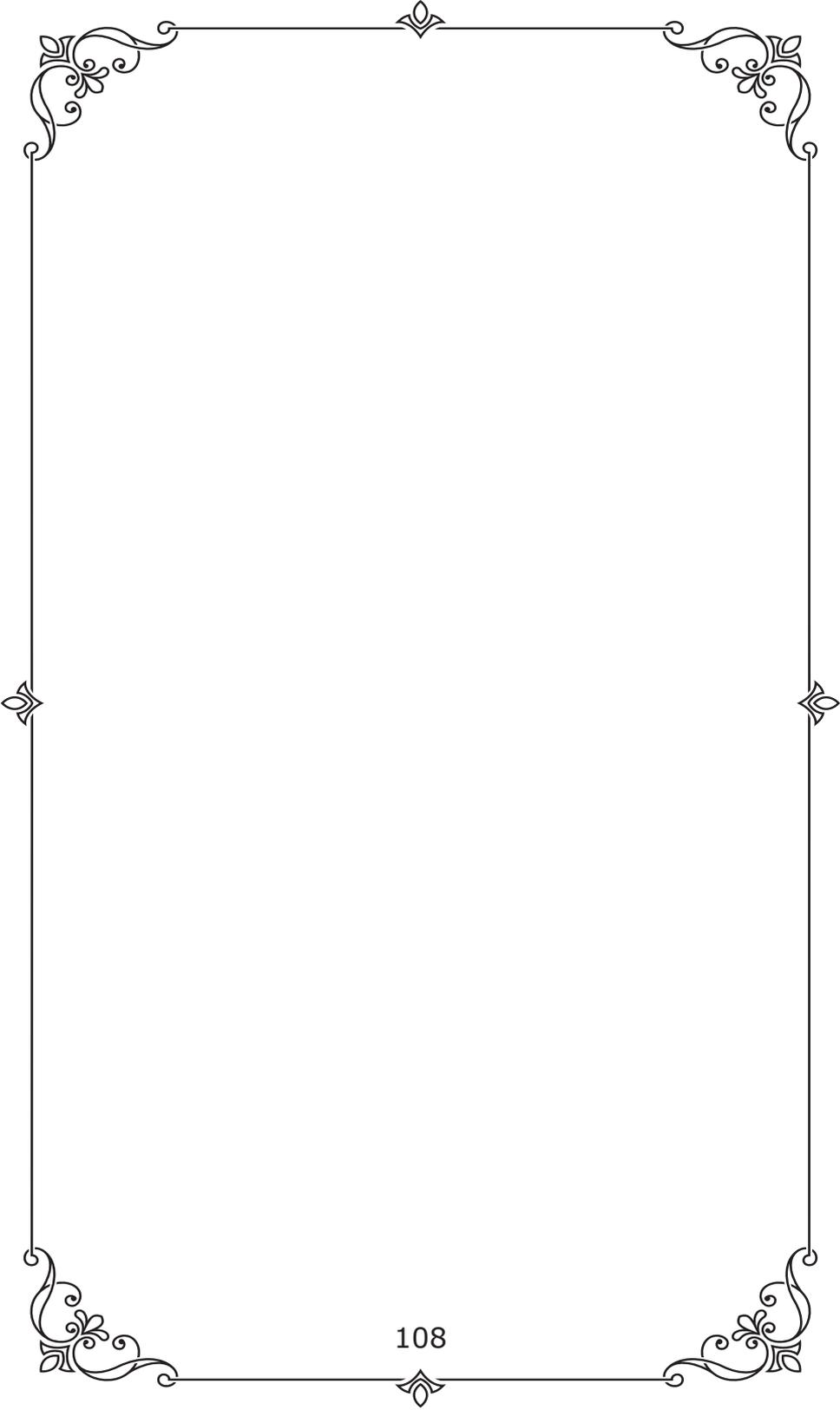
□ Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned? *Proverbs 6:27*

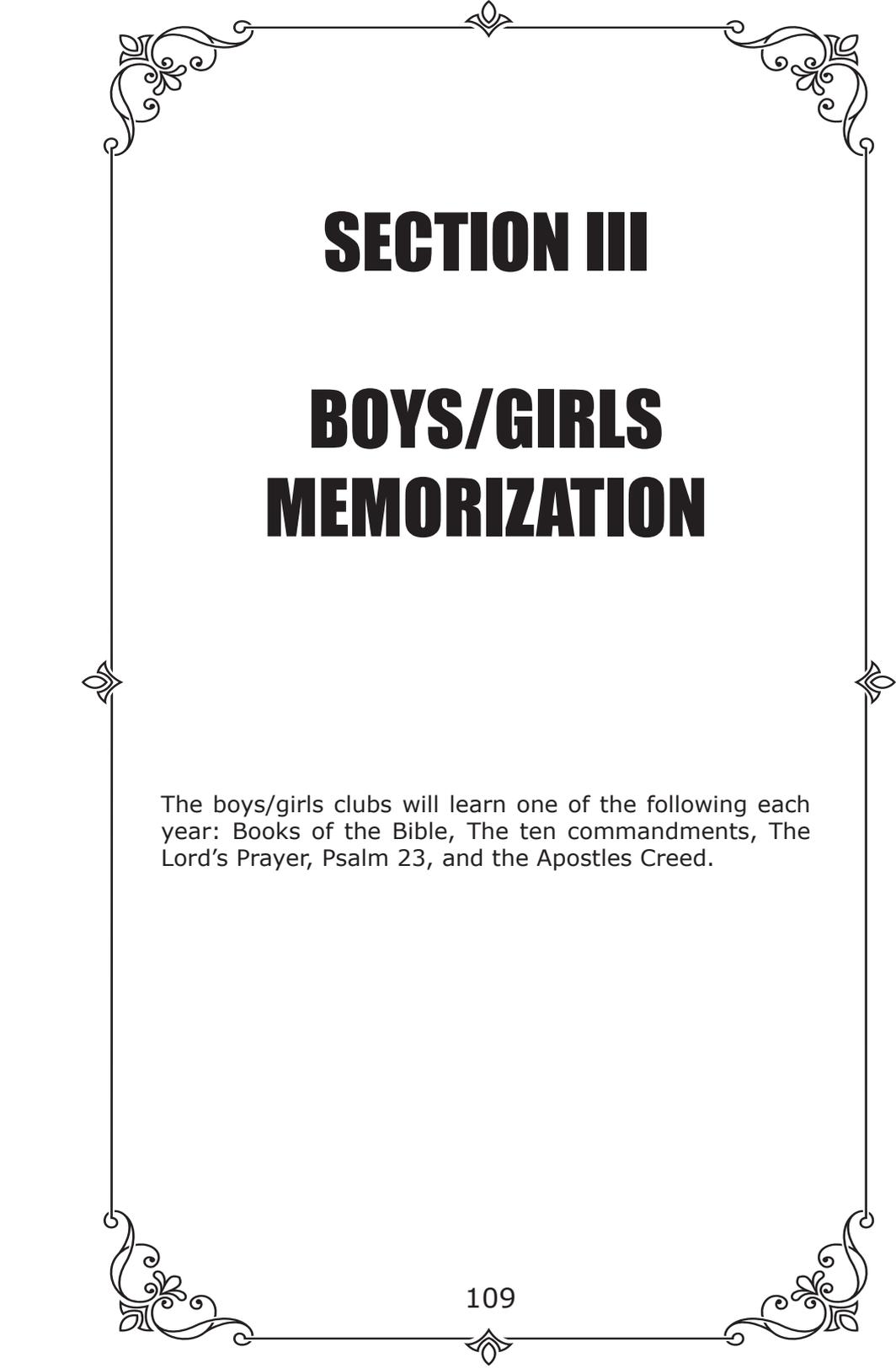
□ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. *James 1:14-15*

**38** □ Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. *Hebrews 3:12-13*

**39** □ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. *Matthew 16:25*

**40** □ Wait for the Lord and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land; you will look on when the wicked are cut off. *Psalms 37:34*





# **SECTION III**

## **BOYS/GIRLS MEMORIZATION**

The boys/girls clubs will learn one of the following each year: Books of the Bible, The ten commandments, The Lord's Prayer, Psalm 23, and the Apostles Creed.

# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

✪ *Free decks of Answers in Genesis Bible books flash cards available upon request.*

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# OLD TESTAMENT

## HISTORY

### (TORAH/PENTATUCH)

#### 01 □ Genesis

*Genre:* A Book of Law

*Author:* Moses

*Theme:* Beginnings

*Key People:* Adam, Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph

#### 02 □ Exodus

*Genre:* A Book of Law

*Author:* Moses

*Theme:* Israelites delivered from Egyptian bondage

*Key People:* Moses, Pharaoh, Aaron, Joshua

#### 03 □ Leviticus

*Genre:* A Book of Law

*Author:* Moses

*Theme:* God's laws to be Holy

*Key People:* Moses, Aaron

#### 04 □ Numbers

*Genre:* A Book of the Law

*Author:* Moses

*Theme:* Israel wanders in the wilderness

*Key People:* Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Caleb

#### 05 □ Deuteronomy

*Genre:* A Book of Law

*Author:* Moses

*Theme:* Law Restated

*Key People:* Moses, Joshua

#### 06 □ Joshua

*Genre:* History

*Author:* Joshua

*Theme:* Conquering Canaan

*Key People:* Joshua, Rahab

## **07 □ Judges**

*Genre:* History

*Author:* Possibly Samuel, Nathan, or Gad

*Theme:* Defeat and Deliverance

*Key People:* Deborah, Gideon, Samson, Delilah

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## **08 □ Ruth**

*Genre:* History

*Author:* Possibly Samuel, Nathan, or Gad

*Theme:* Redeeming Relative

*Key People:* Ruth, Naomi, Boaz

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## **09 □ 1 Samuel**

*Genre:* History

*Author:* Possibly Samuel, Nathan, or Gad

*Theme:* Life of Samuel, Saul, and David

*Key People:* Samuel, Saul, Jonathan, David

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## **10 □ 2 Samuel**

*Genre:* History

*Author:* Possibly Samuel, Nathan, or Gad

*Theme:* David's Reign

*Key People:* David, Bathsheba, Joab, Nathan

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## **11 □ 1 Kings**

*Genre:* History

*Author:* Possibly Jeremiah

*Theme:* Kingdom United; Divided

*Key People:* Solomon, Jeroboam, Rehoboam, Elijah

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## **12 □ 2 Kings**

*Genre:* History

*Author:* Possibly Jeremiah

*Theme:* Israel and Judah

*Key People:* Elisha, Kings of Israel and Judah

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### **13 □ 1 Chronicles**

*Genre:* History

*Author:* Possibly Ezra

*Theme:* Genealogy and History of Israel up to Solomon being crowned king

*Key People:* David, Solomon

### **14 □ 2 Chronicles**

*Genre:* History

*Author:* Possibly Ezra

*Theme:* Judah's Greatness

*Key People:* Solomon, Kings of Judah.

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### **15 □ Ezra**

*Genre:* History

*Author:* Ezra

*Theme:* Return of the Remnant

*Key People:* Ezra, Zerubbabel

### **16 □ Nehemiah**

*Genre:* History

*Author:* Nehemiah

*Theme:* Rebuilding Jerusalem's Walls

*Key People:* Nehemiah, Ezra

### **17 □ Esther**

*Genre:* History

*Author:* Mordecai

*Theme:* God's Providential Care

*Key People:* Esther, Mordecai, King Ahasuerus

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## **WISDOM/POETRY**

### **18 □ Job**

*Genre:* History

*Author:* Moses

*Theme:* Problem of Suffering

*Key People:* Job

## 19 □ Psalms

*Genre:* Wisdom

*Authors:* Many authors, mostly David

*Theme:* Songs of Worship

*Key People:* David

## 20 □ Proverbs

*Genre:* Wisdom

*Author:* many authors, mainly Solomon

*Theme:* Wise Sayings

*Key People:* Solomon

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## 21 □ Ecclesiastes

*Genre:* Wisdom

*Author:* Solomon

*Theme:* Pursuing the things of the world are empty, hollow, and without meaning. Only through God can one obtain wisdom, meaning, and true happiness.

*Key People:* Solomon

## 22 □ Song of Solomon

*Genre:* Wisdom

*Author:* Solomon

*Theme:* Reveals God's design for a man and a woman to get married and share in spiritual, emotional, and physical affection.

*Key People:* Solomon

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# PROPHECY (MAJOR PROPHETS)

## 23 □ Isaiah

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Isaiah

*Theme:* Many messages about God's coming judgment on Israel and many specific prophecies about the coming Messiah.

*Key People:* Isaiah, King Hezekiah

## **24 □ Jeremiah**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Jeremiah

*Theme:* Many messages about God's coming judgment on Israel and a recording of it's destruction.

*Key People:* Jeremiah, last Kings of Judah.

## **25 □ Lamentations**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Jeremiah

*Theme:* Mourning over Jerusalem's destruction

*Key People:* Jeremiah

## **26 □ Ezekiel**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Ezekiel

*Theme:* Judgment of Jerusalem, exile in Babylon, visions of future glory

*Key People:* Ezekiel

## **27 □ Daniel**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Daniel

*Theme:* Exile in Babylon, visions of future glory

*Key People:* Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar

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## **(MINOR PROPHETS)**

## **28 □ Hosea**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Hosea

*Theme:* Hosea's faithfulness to an unfaithful wife is God's faithfulness to His unfaithful people.

*Key People:* Hosea, Gomer

## **29 □ Joel**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Joel

*Theme:* Prophesied plague of locusts. In no repentance an even worse Day of the LORD's judgment would come.

*Key People:* Joel, people of Jerusalem

### **30 □ Amos**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Amos

*Theme:* Condemned the people for sins of idolatry, greed, and abusing the poor. God's judgment on them would come by the destructive hands of Assyria.

*Key people:* Amos, people of northern Israel

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### **31 □ Obadiah**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Obadiah

*Theme:* God's punishment and destruction of Edom

*Key people:* Obadiah, Edomites

### **32 □ Jonah**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Jonah

*Theme:* Prophecies destruction on Assyrians. They repent and God relents.

*Key people:* Jonah, Assyrians of Nineveh

### **33 □ Micah**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Micah

*Theme:* Prophesied God's wrath against northern Israel and saw it happen as Assyria destroyed Samaria.

*Key people:* Micah, people of northern Israel and Judah.

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### **34 □ Nahum**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Nahum

*Theme:* 100 years after repenting to Jonah's preaching, they are back deeply sinning. Prophesied God would use the Babylonians to destroy them. They did.

*Key people:* Nahum, Assyrians of Nineveh

### **35 □ Habakkuk**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Habakkuk

*Theme:* Habakkuk strongly questioned God's fairness in allowing the evil Babylonians to endure. He comes to realize God is both just and merciful. Evil will be punished.

*Key people:* Habakkuk, Babylonians

### **36 □ Zephaniah**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Zephaniah

*Theme:* Severe message of judgment. All nations will see the great and terrible Day of the LORD.

*Key people:* Zephaniah, King Josiah

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### **37 □ Haggai**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Haggai

*Theme:* Having returned from Babylon, he encouraged the people to rebuild Solomon's Temple.

*Key people:* Haggai, Zerubbabel

### **38 □ Zechariah**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Zechariah

*Theme:* Having returned from Babylon, he encouraged the people to rebuild Solomon's Temple. Even greater, he called the people to repentance and obedience to prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

*Key people:* Zechariah, Zerubbabel

### **39 □ Malachi**

*Genre:* Prophecy

*Author:* Malachi

*Theme:* Condemned the Israelites for falling away from God and called for their return. Spoke of the promised coming Messiah.

*Key people:* Malachi

## **400 YEARS OF SILENCE**

# NEW TESTAMENT

## GOSPELS

### SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

*Called the synoptics because Matthew, Mark and Luke tell many of the same stories about Jesus.*

#### 01 □ Matthew

*Genre:* Gospel

*Author:* Matthew

*Theme:* Stories of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah with an emphasis on Jesus the Messiah.

*Key People:* Jesus, Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, the 12 Apostles, Jewish religious leaders

#### 02 □ Mark

*Genre:* Gospel

*Author:* John Mark (words of Peter)

*Theme:* Stories of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah with an emphasis on Jesus as the suffering servant.

*Key People:* Jesus, the 12 Apostles, Jewish religious leaders, Pilate

#### 03 □ Luke

*Genre:* Gospel

*Author:* Luke

*Theme:* Stories of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah with an emphasis on Jesus' life as a perfect man.

*Key People:* Jesus, Elizabeth, Zechariah, John the Baptist, Mary, the 12 Apostles, Pilate

#### 04 □ John

*Genre:* Gospel

*Author:* John

*Theme:* Stories of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah with an emphasis on Jesus' Godness.

*Key People:* Jesus, John the Baptist, the 12 Apostles, Mary, Martha, Lazarus, Pilate

# LETTERS

## 05 □ Acts

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Luke

*Theme:* 1st Century Missions

*Key people:* Paul, Peter, Stephen, Philip, Barnabas, Silas

## 06 □ Romans

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Paul

*Theme:* Paul explains the great sinfulness of all humanity and how Jesus died for our sins. The best explanation of the Gospel in the New Testament.

*Key people:* Paul, church at Rome

## 07 □ 1 Corinthians

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Paul

*Theme:* Christian Conduct

*Key people:* Paul, church at Corinth

## 08 □ 2 Corinthians

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Paul

*Theme:* Paul's Authority

*Key people:* Paul, church at Corinth

## 09 □ Galatians

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Paul

*Theme:* Salvation by Grace

## 10 □ Ephesians

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Paul

*Theme:* The Church, Christ's Body

## **11 □ Philippians**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Paul

*Theme:* Christian Experience and Unity

## **12 □ Colossians**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Paul

*Overview:* Christ's Preeminence

## **13 □ 1 Thessalonians**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Paul

*Theme:* Christ's Return

## **14 □ 2 Thessalonians**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Paul

*Theme:* Day of the Lord

## **15 □ 1 Timothy**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Paul

*Theme:* Church Order

## **16 □ 2 Timothy**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Paul

*Theme:* Holding the Truth

## **17 □ Titus**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Paul

*Overview:* Church Order

## **18 □ Philemon**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Paul

*Theme:* Love Exemplified

**19 □ Hebrews**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Unknown. Paul (Traditionally) but most likely not him. Perhaps Apollos.

*Theme:* Priesthood of Christ

**20 □ James**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* James (the brother of Jesus)

*Theme:* Practical Christian Living

**21 □ 1 Peter**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Peter

*Theme:* Suffering and Glory

**22 □ 2 Peter**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Peter

*Theme:* Last Days

**23 □ 1 John**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* John

*Theme:* Fellowship

**24 □ 2 John**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* John

*Theme:* Christ's Commandment

**25 □ 3 John**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* John

*Theme:* Walking in Truth

**26 □ Jude**

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* Jude

*Theme:* Contending for the Faith

# (APOCALYPSE)

## 27 □ Revelation

*Genre:* Letter

*Author:* John

*Theme:* Consummation

# TEN COMMANDMENTS

## 1ST TABLE - LOVING GOD

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make yourselves a carved image of God.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy.

## 2ND TABLE - LOVING NEIGHBOR

5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet what your neighbor has.

## LORDS PRAYER

9b Our Father in Heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
10 Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
11 Give us this day our daily bread,  
12 and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
13 And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

**Matthew 6:9b-13**

## PSALM 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

for His name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me

in the presences of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.

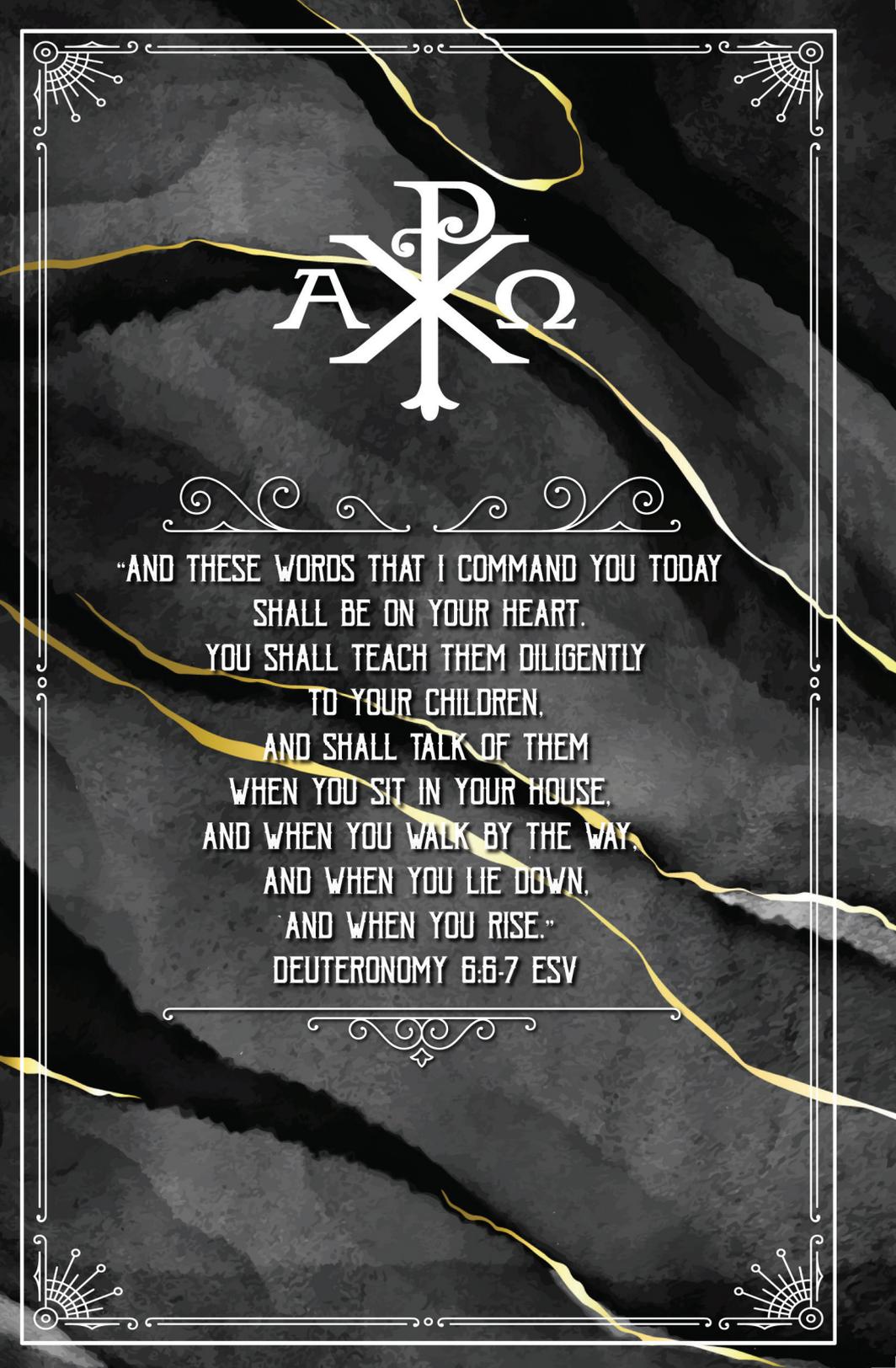
The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

*\*catholic (small "c") means "universal"*



Α Χ Ω

“AND THESE WORDS THAT I COMMAND YOU TODAY  
SHALL BE ON YOUR HEART.  
YOU SHALL TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY  
TO YOUR CHILDREN,  
AND SHALL TALK OF THEM  
WHEN YOU SIT IN YOUR HOUSE,  
AND WHEN YOU WALK BY THE WAY,  
AND WHEN YOU LIE DOWN,  
AND WHEN YOU RISE.”  
DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7 ESV