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DEDICATION

This work is dedicated to the people and leadership of Christ Memorial Church of Williston, Vermont, on their 10th Anniversary. They had a dream to see a new church established in Hanover, New Hampshire and followed through with the faith, courage and sacrifice to see it come to fruition.

Praise God for the example that you have set for us and for all God's people!

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INTRODUCTION

The Scriptures command us to nurture our children in the training and instruction of the Lord. The Apostle Paul writes: “Fathers do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4 NIV) The Old Testament, likewise, requires this sort of intentional passing on of biblical instruction. “These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” (Deuteronomy 6:6-9 NIV) In other words, we are not only to immerse ourselves in the teaching of God’s Word, but we are to do it in such a way that God’s truth rubs off onto our children. God’s Word ought to be and, indeed is, contagious.

The reality is, however, that for most of us this seems like an overwhelming task. Many ask: “Practically speaking, how do I do this? Where do I begin?” I find that there are many parents who are desirous of training their children in the Gospel, but fewer that are confident in knowing how to do this. Therefore, it is with a view to helping you teach your children that this tool is given. This devotional guide is specifically intended to assist you in that task of teaching your children the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To those without small children, I would also like to add that this material should be just as helpful for you to teach yourself basic doctrine, etc. as it would be for parents to teach their kids. We are all called to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul *and* mind. It is difficult if not impossible to love one that we do not know or do not know well. Therefore, if you do not already have a plan for growing in your knowledge of Christ and His Word, I would encourage you to make the most of the memory work and readings given here.

FORMAT

This guide is divided into weekly lessons. Each lesson includes a basic and an advanced catechism question, a Scripture reading plan, and a hymn. The goal is to start each lesson on Sunday and complete it by the following Sunday. You may start with “Week One” at any point in the year; however, it is recommended that you begin “Week One” on the fourth Sunday in September. That would allow the congregation to work through the guide together.

BASIC CATECHISM

Over the centuries catechisms were the traditional way of teaching the Christian faith. From Roman Catholics to Lutherans to Baptists, it was the accepted means of passing on the faith to new converts and to the next generation. There was sound reason for this. The simple question-answer format of catechisms facilitated their memorization and thereby inculcated the basic building blocks of a truly Christian mind. Unfortunately, over the past hundred years or so, nearly every Christian tradition and denomination abandoned the priority of catechetical teaching for its children. The reasons seem to be that they were swayed by the notion that such rote memorization was too crude a form of education and that knowledge of doctrine really did not matter much anyway.

It is our opinion that this trend has been disastrous for the church, not to mention the state of biblical knowledge in the broader culture. It is our prayer that the use of this material will prove helpful in reversing the current malaise of doctrinal ignorance among professing Christians and their children.

The Basic Catechism included in this guide is a standard children's catechism that has been edited and appended to bring greater clarification to the Gospel. It is intended to be used with children 3rd Grade and younger. We strongly encourage that the children, as well as the parents, commit these questions and answers to memory.

SAMPLE:

BASIC CATECHISM *Revelation 4:11*

Who made you? God.

What else did God make? God made all things.

Why did God make all things? For His own pleasure and glory.

One more thing: the Scripture references found next to the *Basic Catechism* heading are recommended Scripture memory verses for the week.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

The Advanced Catechism is an adaptation of Spurgeon's Catechism, the catechism compiled by the famous 19th century British preacher/pastor Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Spurgeon himself had taken a version of the Westminster Shorter Catechism (1647) and adapted it to his contemporary situation. In the same way, this catechism is an adaptation of Spurgeon's, borrowing material from such places as Martin Luther's Smaller Catechism as well as some original editing for the purpose of further clarifying the Gospel message.

I recommend that the advanced catechism be used with children who are fourth grade and older, though younger children may stand to benefit, providing that there is further explanation. As you can see from the sample below, Scripture references are included in the text of the catechism for further study.

SAMPLE:

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is the chief purpose of man? Man's chief purpose is to glorify God (1Cor.10:31) and to enjoy him forever. (Ps. 73:25, 26)

Some may object to the "big words" that are used in this catechism. First, it should be noted that the fact that we think these are "big words" is evidence of how far we have fallen culturally in our biblical/theological knowledge. As mentioned earlier, this catechism finds its roots in the Westminster Shorter Catechism, which was THE standard catechism across our nation up until the last century. It had been used in a variety of forms by Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Baptist, and many Episcopalians to teach their *youngest* children the faith. In drawing on this tradition we are seeking to raise the standard once again in educating our children. In this case educating them means exposing them to things of which we are ignorant, such as these words and concepts. Certainly over the years it is our duty as parents to help explain the meaning of these things. However, if they are not first exposed to them, how will they ever learn their meaning?

SCRIPTURE READING

The importance of reading Scripture cannot be underestimated. The method outlined in this section will allow the reader to work systematically through God’s word in the space of three years (each row representing the respective year of progress through this family devotional guide).

SAMPLE:

SCRIPTURE READING						
Year 1	Genesis 1-2	Psalms 1	Proverbs 1	Job 1-2	John 1	Romans 1
Year 2	Numbers 3-4	Psalms 53	Proverbs 1	Isaiah 53-54	Mark 4	Eph. 2
Year 3	1 Samuel 7-9	Psalms 105	Proverbs 1	Ezekiel 37-38	Acts 16	James 5

The six columns generally represent different genre of biblical literature: Law/History, Psalms, Wisdom, Prophets, Gospel/Acts, NT Letters (respectively). Since there are six readings for each week, this would allow daily readings with one day off per week.

There are two suggested settings for reading the Scripture as a family. First, you may find it helpful to read a chapter before a family meal. This actually could lead to a fruitful discussion over the dinner table. Families with older children may allow them to participate in the reading. Another suggestion is to read it at bedtime. For those with younger children, you may want to simply read to them as they fall asleep.

HYMNS

A hymn has been included for each week, not only as a way to worship but also as a way to learn doctrine. Over the years you and your children will not regret committing these historic declarations of God’s greatness and goodness to memory.

A good hymn is the explosion of a heart that has been captivated by the greatness of God and the good news of His kindness toward us through His Son. Some of the church’s most beautifully articulated doctrine is found in her hymns. One can hardly think of “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” by Martin Luther, “Hark the Herald Angels” by Charles Wesley or “All Creatures of Our God and King” by St. Francis, without being irresistibly drawn to ponder, adore and worship the One of whom they speak. Hymns are both the kindling and fire of worship.

GENERAL COMMENTS TO PARENTS

Finally, a few general comments are in order. First, this guide is not a “one size fits all” curriculum. Everyone is different. Therefore, you will need to adjust it to the needs and personality of you and your children. Some children may need to begin slowly and therefore you might choose to implement just a few selections from the suggested weekly teaching. Other children may be able to tackle the entire week’s teaching and perhaps even go beyond it. Regardless of what level your child is at, my advice is that you do *something* and that you do it *consistently*.

Second, I must stress that this tool is not intended to “educate” your child into the kingdom of God. Repentance and faith in Christ are not merely an issue of acquiring information. Entrance into the kingdom of God can only come through the new birth. It is a miracle of God. In the words of Jesus, “You must be born again.” (John 3:7)

Having said this, however, it is clear from Scripture that God works through means in the conversion of sinners. Our faith in Christ is not produced in a vacuum but rather in a context where we hear the message of Christ proclaimed (Romans 10:13-17). “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ.” It is for this reason that He calls us to *proclaim* the good news. Accordingly, we must communicate the rudiments of the Gospel to our children and subsequently call them to repentance. This guide simply provides a method for that process.

Finally, I feel it necessary also to warn that this tool is not intended to be used as a way of “forcing” our children into the kingdom. Remember you are dealing with *children*. Patience and persistent love are the order of the day. Remember that in parenting the old dictum rings especially true: “Your talk talks, and your walk talks. But your walk talks better than your talk talks.” Your children are more likely to become what *you are* and not what you tell them to be or what you try to force them to become. If the truth be told, you, as a parent, will likely learn far more from teaching this material than your children will learn from being taught. Perhaps, this is the way it ought to be.

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WEEK 1

BASIC CATECHISM *Revelation 4:11*

Who made you? God.

What else did God make? God made all things.

Why did God make all things? For His own pleasure and glory.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is the chief purpose of man? Man's chief purpose is to glorify God (1Cor.10:31) and to enjoy him forever. (Ps. 73:25, 26)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 1-2	Psalm 1	Proverbs 1	Job 1-2	John 1	Romans 1
Year 2	Numbers 3-4	Psalm 53	Proverbs 1	Isaiah 53-54	Mark 4	Ephesians 2
Year 3	1 Samuel 7-9	Psalm 105	Proverbs 1	Ezekiel 37-38	Acts 16	James 5

HYMN ~ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(Reginald Heber 1783-1826 & John B. Dykes)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!

God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Tho' the darkness hide Thee,

Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy---there is none beside Thee

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!

God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

WEEK 2

BASIC CATECHISM *Romans 1:20*

How do we learn about God? God tells us about Himself.

Where does God tell us about Himself? In nature and in His Word.

What does God tell us about Himself in nature? His character, law, wrath and glory.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What are the decrees of God? The decrees of God are His eternal purpose according to the counsel of His own will, in which for His own glory He has foreordained whatever comes to pass. (Eph 1:11,12)

How does God execute His decrees? God executes His decrees in the works of creation, (Re 4:11) and providence (Da 4:35) to teach His creatures the good news of Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 3-4	Psalm 2	Proverbs 2	Job 3-4	John 2	Romans 2
Year 2	Numbers 5-6	Psalm 54	Proverbs 2	Isaiah 55-56	Mark 5	Ephesians 3
Year 3	1 Samuel 10-12	Psalm 105	Proverbs 2	Ezekiel 39-40	Acts 17	1 Peter 1

HYMN ~ ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

(St. Francis)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That gives to us both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the
Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God from whom all blessings
flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

WEEK 3

BASIC CATECHISM 2 Timothy 3:16

What special message does God tell us in His Word? The good news of God's love and mercy toward His people.

Where can we find God's Word today? In the Bible alone.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify him? The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (Eph 2:20; 2Ti 3:16) is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify God and enjoy him. (1Jo 1:3)

What do the Scriptures principally teach? The Scriptures principally teach what God requires of His creatures and how Jesus Christ has fulfilled that requirement on behalf of all who trust Him. (Luke 24:44-49; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 1 Timothy 1:15)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 5-6	Psalm 3	Proverbs 3	Job 5-6	John 3	Romans 3
Year 2	Numbers 7-8	Psalm 55	Proverbs 3	Isaiah 57-58	Mark 6	Ephesians 4
Year 3	1 Samuel 13-15	Psalm 107	Proverbs 3	Ezekiel 41-42	Acts 18	1 Peter 2

HYMN ~ HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame will not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

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WEEK 4

BASIC CATECHISM *Revelation 4:8b*

Where is God? He is everywhere.

How long has God existed? Forever: He has always been.

Does God know all things? Yes, God knows all things.

Can you see God? No, but He can always see me.

Can God do all things? Yes, God can do all His holy will.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is God? God is Spirit, (Joh 4:24) infinite, (Job 11:7) eternal, (Ps 90:2, 1Ti 1:17) and unchangeable (Jas 1:17) in his being, (Ex 3:14) wisdom, power, (Ps 147:5) holiness, (Re 4:8) justice, goodness, love, purity and truth. (Ex 34:6,7)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 7-8	Psalm 4	Prov. 4	Job 7-8	John 4	Romans 4
Year 2	Numbers 9-10	Psalm 56	Prov. 4	Isaiah 59-60	Mark 7	Ephesians 5
Year 3	1 Samuel 16-18	Psalm 108	Prov. 4	Ezekiel 43-44	Acts 19	1 Peter 3

HYMN ~ O WORSHIP THE KING

(Robert Grant; from Ps. 104)

O Worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

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WEEK 5

BASIC CATECHISM *Deuteronomy 6:4*

How many Gods are there? There is only one true God.

How many persons is this one true God? Three. The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

Are there more Gods than one? There is but one only, (De 6:4) the living and true God. (Jer 10:10)

How many persons are there in the Godhead? There are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one God, the same in essence, equal in power and glory. (1Jo 5:7; Mt 28:19)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 9-10	Psalm 5	Proverbs 5	Job 9-10	John 5	Romans 5
Year 2	Number 11-12	Psalm 57	Proverbs 5	Isaiah 61-62	Mark 8	Ephesians 6
Year 3	1 Samuel 19-21	Psalm 109	Proverbs 5	Ezekiel 45-46	Acts 20	1 Peter 4

HYMN ~ COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

(Author Unknown, music by Felice De Giardini)

Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayers attend: Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success: Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three Eternal praises be
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty,
May we in glory see, And to eternity
Love and adore.

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WEEK 6

BASIC CATECHISM *Psalm 115:3*

What does God do for His creation? He rules and cares for it.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is the work of creation? The work of creation is a picture of redemption through Christ Jesus, with God making all things (Ge 1:1) of nothing, by the Word of His power, (Heb 11:3) in the space of six days, (Ex 20:11) and all very good. (Ge 1:31)

What is God's providence? God's providence is His wise and absolute rule over all of His creation, including all of man's actions, in order to reveal the glorious Gospel of His Son for His eternal glory. (Ps 115:3; Dan 4:34-35; Eph 1:3-14)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 11-12	Psalm 6	Proverbs 6	Job 11-12	John 6	Romans 6
Year 2	Number 13-14	Psalm 58	Proverbs 6	Isaiah 63-64	Mark 9	Philippians 1
Year 3	1 Samuel 22-24	Psalm 110	Proverbs 6	Ezekiel 47-48	Acts 21	1 Peter 5

HYMN ~ PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

(Joachim Neander)

Praise ye the Lord, The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord, Who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee!
Decked thee with health, And with loving hand guided and stayed thee;
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,
Spreading His wings for to shade thee!

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, Come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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WEEK 7

BASIC CATECHISM *Genesis 1:27*

How are people different from the rest of creation? We alone are made in God's image.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

How did God create man? God created man, male and female, after His own image, (Ge 1:27) in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness (Col 3:10; Eph 4:24) with dominion over the creation. (Ge 1:28)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 13-14	Psalm 7	Proverbs 7	Job 13-14	John 7	Romans 7
Year 2	Numbers 15-16	Psalm 59	Proverbs 7	Isaiah 65-66	Mark 10	Philippians 2
Year 3	2 Samuel 1-3	Psalm 111	Proverbs 7	Daniel 1-2	Acts 22	2 Peter 1

HYMN ~ I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

(Isaac Watts 1674-1748)

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
And all the stars obey.

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that man can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

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I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed
Where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky!

WEEK 8

BASIC CATECHISM *Genesis 2:16-17*

Who were the first people that God created? Adam and Eve were our first parents.

What were Adam and Eve like when God made them? They were very good.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What special act of providence did God exercise toward man when he was first created? When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; (Ga 3:12) forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death. (Ge 2:17)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 15-16	Psalms 8	Proverb 8	Job 15-16	John 8	Romans 8
Year 2	Numbers 17-18	Psalms 60	Proverb 8	Jeremiah 1-2	Mark 11	Philippians 3
Year 3	2 Samuel 4-6	Psalms 112	Proverbs 8	Daniel 3-4	Acts 23	2 Peter 2

HYMN ~ IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE

(Walter Chambers Smith)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious---Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains, of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest---to both great and small,
In all life Thou livest---the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
And wither and perish---but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render---O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

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WEEK 9

BASIC CATECHISM *1 John 3:4*

Did Adam and Eve remain good? No, they sinned.

What is sin? Disobedience to God's law.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

Did our first parents continue in the state in which they were created? Our first parents being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the state in which they were created, by sinning against God, (Ec 7:29) by eating the forbidden fruit. (Ge 3:6-8)

What is sin? Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of the law of God. (1Jo 3:4)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 17-18	Psalm 9	Proverb 9	Job 17-18	John 9	Romans 9
Year 2	Numbers 19-20	Psalm 61	Proverbs 9	Jeremiah 3-4	Mark 12	Philippians 4
Year 3	2 Samuel 7-9	Psalm 113	Proverbs 9	Daniel 5-6	Acts 24	2 Peter 3

HYMN ~ O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

(Latin Hymn, 12th Century)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
O drive away the shades of night
And pierce the clouds and bring us light.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David,
Come and open wide our heav'nly home
Where all Thy saints with Thee shall dwell.
O come, O come Emmanuel!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!
Shall come to thee, O Israel.
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O come, Thou Rod of Jesse,
Free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depth of hell Thy people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

WEEK 10

BASIC CATECHISM *Romans 5:12*

What happened because of Adam's sin? Death and condemnation came to all people.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

Did all man kind fall in Adam's first transgression? Because the covenant was made with Adam and his posterity, all mankind descending from him by ordinary generation sinned in him and fell with him in his first transgression. (1Co 15:22, Ro 5:12)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 19-20	Psalms 10	Proverbs 10	Job 19-20	John 10	Romans 10
Year 2	Numbers 21-22	Psalms 62	Proverbs 10	Jeremiah 5-6	Mark 13	Colossians 1
Year 3	2 Samuel 10-12	Psalms 114	Proverbs 10	Daniel 7-8	Acts 25	1 John 1

HYMN ~ O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

(Phillips Brooks & Lewis H. Redner 1835- 1893)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark street shineth, the everlasting Light---
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in---be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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WEEK 11

BASIC CATECHISM *Romans 5:18*

Why did Adam's sin affect all people? Because we all sinned in Adam.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

Into what state did the fall bring mankind? The fall brought mankind into a state of sin and misery. (Ro 5:18)

Why is mankind's fallen state sinful? Mankind's fallen state is sinful because of the guilt of Adam's first sin, (Ro 5:19) the lack of original righteousness, (Ro 3:10) and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin, (Eph 2:1; Ps 51:5) together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it. (Mt 15:19)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 21-22	Psalms 11	Proverbs 11	Job 21-22	John 11	Romans 11
Year 2	Numbers 23-24	Psalms 63	Proverbs 11	Jeremiah 7-8	Mark 14	Colossians 2
Year 3	2 Samuel 13-15	Psalms 115	Proverbs 11	Daniel 9-10	Acts 26	1 John 2

HYMN ~ ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

(Traditional French carol & Traditional French melody)

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Glo-----ria, in excelsis Deo. (Repeat)

Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Glo-----ria, in excelsis Deo. (Repeat)

Come, to Bethlehem, and see,
Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord the new born King.
Glo-----ria, in excelsis Deo. (Repeat)

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WEEK 12

BASIC CATECHISM *Ephesians 2:1*

What did sin do to our relationship with God? It brought us under His eternal judgment.

Can we rescue ourselves from this judgment? Absolutely not.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is the misery of mankind's fallen state? All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God, (Ge 3:8,24) are under His wrath and curse, (Eph 2:3; Ga 3:10) and so made liable to all the miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever. (Ro 6:23 Mt 25:41).

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 23-24	Psalms 12	Proverbs 12	Job 23-24	John 12	Romans 12
Year 2	Numbers 25-26	Psalms 64	Proverbs 12	Jeremiah 9-10	Mark 15	Colossians 3
Year 3	2 Samuel 16-18	Psalms 116	Proverbs 12	Daniel 11-12	Acts 27	1 John 3

HYMN ~ WHAT CHILD IS THIS

(William Dix 1837-1898)

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping.

REFRAIN:

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud---
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading. (REFRAIN)

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come, rich and poor, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. (REFRAIN)

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WEEK 13

BASIC CATECHISM *Romans 3:23-24*

Must everyone be condemned forever because of sin? No, God has chosen to rescue some through Jesus Christ.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

Did God leave all mankind to perish in the state of sin and misery? God having, out of his good pleasure from all eternity, chosen some for everlasting life, (2Th 2:13) did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the state of sin and misery, and to bring them into a state of salvation by a Redeemer. (Ro 5:21)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 25-26	Psalms 13	Proverbs 13	Job 25-26	John 12	Romans 12
Year 2	Numbers 27-28	Psalms 65	Proverbs 13	Job 11-12	Mark 16	Colossians 4
Year 3	2 Samuel 19-21	Psalms 117	Proverbs 13	Hosea 1-2	Acts 28	1 John 4

HYMN ~ O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

(Oakeley & John F. Wade.)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

REFRAIN:

O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Oh sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest. (REFRAIN)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. (REFRAIN)

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WEEK 14

BASIC CATECHISM *Colossians 2:9*

Who is Jesus Christ? God's only begotten Son - fully God and fully human.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect? The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, (1Ti 2:5) who being the eternal Son of God, became man, (Joh 1:14) and so was and continues to be God and man, in two distinct natures and one person for ever. (1Ti 3:16; Col 2:9)

How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man? Christ, the son of God, became man by taking to himself a true body, (Heb 2:14) and a reasonable soul, (Mt 26:38, Heb 4:15) being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary, and born of her, (Lu 1:31,35) yet without sin. (Heb 7:26)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 27-28	Psalms 14	Proverbs 14	Job 27-28	John 14	Romans 14
Year 2	Numbers 29-30	Psalms 66	Proverbs 14	Jeremiah 13-14	Luke 1	1 Thess. 1
Year 3	2 Samuel 22-24	Psalms 118	Proverbs 14	Hosea 3-4	John 1	1 John 5

HYMN ~ SILENT NIGHT

(Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber)

Silent night, Holy night,
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born,
Christ, the Savior is born.

Silent night, Holy night.
Son of God, love's pure light!
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

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WEEK 15

BASIC CATECHISM *John 1:14*

How does Jesus rescue His people? By being for them their final Prophet, Priest and King.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer? Christ as our Redeemer executes the offices of a prophet, (Ac 3:22) of a priest, (Heb 5:6) and of a king, (Ps 2:6) both in his state of humiliation and exaltation.

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 29-30	Psalm 15	Proverbs 15	Job 29-30	John 15	Romans 15
Year 2	Numbers 31-32	Psalm 67	Proverbs 15	Isaiah 15-16	Luke 2	1 Thess. 2
Year 3	1 Kings 1-3	Ps. 119:1-24	Proverbs 15	Hosea 5-6	John 2	2 John

HYMN ~ HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING!

(Charles Wesley)

Hark, the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinner reconciled.”
Joyful all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.”
Hark, the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King.”

Hail the heav’n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild he lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark, the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th’ incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark, the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King.”

Come, Desire of Nations, come!
Fix in us Thy humble home:
Rise, the woman’s conq’ring seed,
Bruise in us the serpent’s head.
Adam’s likeness now efface,
Stamp Thine image in its place;
Second Adam from above,
Reinstate us in Thy love.
Hark, the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King.”

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WEEK 16

BASIC CATECHISM *John 1:18*

What does Christ do as their final Prophet? He fully reveals God to His people, teaching them through God's Word.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

How does Christ execute the office of a prophet? Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, (Joh 1:18) by his Word, (Joh 20:31) and Spirit, (Joh 14:26) the will of God for our salvation.

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 31-32	Psalm 16	Proverbs 16	Job 31-32	John 16	Romans 16
Year 2	Numbers 33-34	Psalm 68	Proverbs 16	Jeremiah 17-18	Luke 3	1 Thess. 3
Year 3	1 Kings 4-6	Ps. 119:25-48	Proverbs 16	Hosea 7-8	John 3	3 John

HYMN ~ JOY TO THE WORLD

(Isaac Watts 1674-1748)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n nature sing,

And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His blessings flow

Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,

Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders of His love.

WEEK 17

BASIC CATECHISM *Hebrews 2:17*

What did Christ do as their final Priest? He perfectly obeyed God, died as an offering for sin, rose from the dead, and now intercedes for them.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

How does Christ execute the office of a priest? Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, (Heb 9:28) and to reconcile us to God, (Heb 2:17) and in making continual intercession for us. (Heb 7:25)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 33-34	Psalms 17	Proverbs 17	Job 33-34	John 17	1 Cor. 1
Year 2	Numbers 35-36	Psalms 69	Proverbs 17	Jeremiah 19-20	Luke 4	1 Thess. 4
Year 3	1 Kings 7-9	Ps. 119:49-72	Proverbs 17	Hosea 9-10	John 4	Jude

HYMN ~ DOXOLOGY

(Thomas Ken & Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

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WEEK 18

BASIC CATECHISM *1 Corinthians 15:25*

What does Christ do as their King? He conquers their enemies, sin, death and the devil, and rules over them at the right hand of God.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

How does Christ execute the office of a king? Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to himself, (Ps 110:3) in ruling and defending us, (Mt 2:6, 1Co 15:25) and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 35-36	Psalm 18	Proverbs 18	Job 35-36	John 18	1 Cor. 2
Year 2	Deut. 1-2	Psalm 70	Proverbs 18	Jeremiah 21-22	Luke 5	1 Thess. 5
Year 3	1 Kings 10-12	Ps. 119:73-96	Proverbs 18	Hosea 11-12	John 5	Revelation 1

HYMN ~ GLORIA PATRI

(2nd Century)

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end.

Amen, amen.

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WEEK 19

BASIC CATECHISM *Philippians 2:8-9*

Was Christ always exalted as King? No, first He humbled Himself in death.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is Christ's humiliation? Christ's humiliation is his being born, and that in a low condition, (Lu 2:7) made under the law, (Ga 4:4) undergoing the miseries of this life, (Isa 53:3) the wrath of God, (Mt 27:46) and the cursed death of the cross; (Php 2:8) in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time. (Mt 12:40)

What is Christ's exaltation? Christ's exaltation is his rising again from the dead on the third day, (1Co 15:4) ascending up into heaven, and sitting at the right hand of God the Father, (Mr 16:19) and coming to judge the world at the last day. (Ac 17:31)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 37-38	Psalms 19	Proverbs 19	Job 37-38	John 19	1 Cor. 3
Year 2	Deut. 3-4	Psalms 71	Proverbs 19	Jeremiah 23-24	Luke 6	2 Thess. 1
Year 3	1 Kings 13-15	Ps. 119:97-120	Proverbs 19	Hosea 13-14	John 6	Rev. 2

HYMN ~ O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

(Isaac Watts)

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

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WEEK 20

BASIC CATECHISM *John 1:12-13*

How do I become a part of God's people? By the Holy Spirit.

Who are God's people? They are the Church.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ? We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ by the effectual application of it to us (Joh 1:12) by his Holy Spirit. (Tit 3:5,6)

How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ? The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, (Eph 2:8) and by it uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling. (Eph 3:17)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 39-40	Psalms 20	Prov. 20	Job 39-40	John 20	1 Cor. 4
Year 2	Deut. 5-6	Psalms 72	Prov. 20	Jeremiah 25-26	Luke 7	2 Thess. 2
Year 3	1 Kings 16-18	Ps. 119:121-144	Prov. 20	Joel 1-3	John 7	Revelation 3

HYMN ~ A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

(Martin Luther 1483-1546)

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
Doth see to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus it is He,
The Lord Sabaoth, His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world
With devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim---
We tremble not at him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

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WEEK 21

BASIC CATECHISM *Ezekiel 36:26-27*

What does the Holy Spirit do for God's people? He gives them faith and repentance, conforming them to the image of Christ.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is effectual calling? Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit (2Ti 1:9) in which, by convincing us of our sin and misery, (Ac 2:37) enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, (Ac 26:18) and renewing our wills, (Eze 36:26) He persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ freely offered to us in the Gospel. (Joh 6:44,45)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 41-42	Psalm 21	Prov. 21	Job 41-42	John 21	1 Cor. 5
Year 2	Deut. 7-8	Psalm 73	Prov. 21	Jeremiah 27-28	Luke 8	2 Thess. 3
Year 3	1 Kings 19-22	Ps. 119:145-176	Prov.21	Amos 1-2	John 8	Rev. 4

HYMN ~ O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

(Charles Wesley)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinners ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind behold your Savior come;
And leap ye lame for joy.

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WEEK 22

BASIC CATECHISM *Ephesians 1:4-5*

What do God's people gain through faith in Christ? They are made to be friends of God and children of God, righteous and holy before Him.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What benefits do they who are effectually called, benefit from in this life?

They who are effectually called, do in this life benefit from justification, (Ro 8:30) adoption, (Eph 1:5) sanctification, and the various benefits which in this life do either accompany, or flow from them. (1Co 1:30)

What are the benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification? The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, (Ro 5:1,2,5) are assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, (Ro 14:17) increase of grace, perseverance in it to the end. (Pr 4:18; 1Jo 5:13; 1Pe 1:5)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 43-44	Psalm 22	Proverbs 22	Song 1-2	Matt. 1	1 Cor. 6
Year 2	Deuteronomy 9-10	Psalm 74	Proverbs 22	Jeremiah 29-30	Luke 9	1 Timothy 1
Year 3	2 Kings 1-4	Psalm 120	Proverbs 22	Amos 3-4	John 9	Rev. 5

HYMN ~ FAIREST LORD JESUS

(17th Century German hymn)

Fairest Lord Jesus! Ruler of all nature!

O Thou of God and man the Son!

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,

Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown!

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,

Robed in the blooming garb of spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

Who makes the woeful heart to sing!

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,

And all the twinkling starry host;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,

Than all the angels heaven can boast!

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,

Now and forevermore be Thine!

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WEEK 23

BASIC CATECHISM *2 Corinthians 5:21*

Why are God's people called "righteous?" Because Christ has taken away their sin and given them His righteousness.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is justification? Justification is an act of God's free grace, in which He pardons all our sins, (Ro 3:24, Eph 1:7) and accepts us as righteous in His sight (2Co 5:21) only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, (Ro 5:19) and received by faith alone. (Ga 2:16; Php 3:9)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 45-46	Psalms 23	Proverbs 23	Song 3-4	Matt. 2	1 Cor. 7
Year 2	Deut. 11-12	Psalms 75	Proverbs 23	Jeremiah 31-32	Luke 10	1 Tim. 2
Year 3	2 Kings 5-8	Psalms 121	Proverbs 23	Amos 5-6	John 10	Rev. 6

HYMN ~ WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

(Joseph Scriven & Charles C. Converse)

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and grief to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.
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Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

WEEK 24

BASIC CATECHISM *1 Peter 2:9*

Why are God's people called "holy?" Because they are set apart by God for His special purpose.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is adoption? Adoption is an act of God's free grace, (1Jo 3:1) through which we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God. (Joh 1:12, Ro 8:17)

What is sanctification? Sanctification is the work of God's Spirit, (2Th 2:13) through which we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, (Eph 4:24) and are enabled more and more to die to sin, and live to righteousness. (Ro 6:11)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 47-48	Psalm 24	Proverbs 24	Song 5-6	Matt. 3	1 Cor. 8
Year 2	Deut. 13-14	Psalm 76	Proverbs 24	Jeremiah 33-34	Luke 11	1 Tim. 3
Year 3	2 Kings 9-12	Psalm 122	Proverbs 24	Amos 7-9	John 11	Rev. 7

HYMN ~ JESUS LOVES ME

(Anna B. Warner & William B. Bradbury)

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.

Jesus loves me, loves me still,
Though I'm very weak and ill;
From His shining throne on high
Comes to watch me where I lie.
(REFRAIN)

REFRAIN:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, He will stay
Close beside me all the way:
If I love Him, when I die
He will take me home on high.
(REFRAIN)

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Jesus loves me, He who died,
Heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.
(REFRAIN)

WEEK 25

BASIC CATECHISM *Philippians 1:6*

Is Christ's Church perfect? Not yet, but it is being perfected.

When will the Church be perfect? When our bodies are resurrected from the dead.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What benefits do believers receive from Christ at their death? The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, (Heb 12:23) and immediately pass into glory, (Php 1:23, 2Co 5:8, Lu 23:43) and their bodies, being still united to Christ, (1Th 4:14) rest in their graves (Isa 57:2) till the resurrection. (Job 19:26)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Genesis 49-50	Psalm 25	Proverbs 25	Song 7-8	Matt. 4	1 Cor. 9
Year 2	Deut. 15-16	Psalm 77	Proverbs 25	Jeremiah 35-36	Luke 12	1 Tim. 4
Year 3	2 Kings 13-16	Psalm 123	Proverbs 25	Obadiah	John 12	Rev. 8

HYMN ~ DEPTH OF MERCY

(Charles Wesley & Bob Kauffman)

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy
Reaching even me? God, the just, His wrath
Forbears, me, the chief of sinners spares.
So many times my heart has strayed
From His kind and perfect ways,
Making clear my desp'rate need for His blood
Poured out for me.

Give me grace, Lord, let me own
All the wrongs that I have done.
Let me just my sins deplore,
Look to you and sin no more.
There, for me the Savior stands
Holding forth His wounded hands,
Scars which ever cry for me;
Once condemned but now set free.

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WEEK 26

BASIC CATECHISM *1 Thessalonians 4:17*

What happens at the resurrection? Christ judges everyone's deeds.

What happens to those Christ forgives and deems righteous? They will live with Him forever.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection? At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, (1Co 15:43) shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, (Mt 10:32) and made perfectly blessed both in soul and body in the full enjoying of God (1Jo 3:2) to all eternity. (1Th 4:17)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Exodus 1-3	Psalm 26	Proverbs 26	Isaiah 1-2	Matt. 5	1 Cor. 10
Year 2	Deut. 17-18	Psalm 78	Proverbs 26	Jeremiah 37-38	Luke 13	1 Timothy 5
Year 3	2 Kings 17-20	Psalm 124	Proverbs 26	Jonah 1-2	John 13	Rev. 9

HYMN ~ O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

(Bernard of Clairvaux)

O sacred head now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down.
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

O noblest Brow and dearest,
In other days the world
All feared when Thou appearedst;
What shame on Thee is hurled!
How art Thou pale with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn!

What Thou, my Lord, has suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor
Vouch safe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
And, should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee!

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WEEK 27

BASIC CATECHISM 2 Thessalonians 1:9

What happens to those Christ condemns? They will suffer punishment forever.

What does this judgment do for God? It magnifies His glory.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What shall be done to the wicked at their death? The souls of the wicked shall at their death be cast into the torments of hell, (Lu 16:22-24) and their bodies lie in their graves till the resurrection, and judgement of the great day. (Ps 49:14)

What shall be done to the wicked at the day of judgment? At the day of judgment the bodies of the wicked will be raised out of their graves, and shall be sentenced, together with their souls, to unspeakable torments with the devil and his angels for ever. (Da 12:2; Joh 5:28,29; 2Th 1:9; Mt 25:41)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Exodus 4-6	Psalm 27	Proverbs 27	Isaiah 3-4	Matt. 6	1 Cor. 11
Year 2	Deuteronomy 19-20	Psalm 79	Proverbs 27	Jeremiah 39-40	Luke 14	1 Tim. 6
Year 3	2 Kings 21-25	Psalm 125	Proverbs 27	Jonah 3-4	John 14	Rev. 10

HYMN ~ HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOR!

(Philip P. Bliss)

“Man of Sorrows,” what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die,
“It is finished” was His cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high,
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood;
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All the ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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Guilty, vile and helpless, we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
“Full atonement!” can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

WEEK 28

BASIC CATECHISM *Matthew 22:37-38*

What is God's law? God requires that we love Him with all of our heart, soul and mind and love our neighbors as ourselves.

What law did God reveal to His people at Mt. Sinai? The Ten Commandments.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is the sum of God's law for all mankind? Jesus taught: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.(Mt 22:37-40)

What law did God reveal to Israel at Mt. Sinai? The law God revealed to Israel at Mt. Sinai was the Ten Commandments.

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Exodus 7-9	Psalm 28	Proverbs 28	Isaiah 5-6	Matt. 7	1 Cor. 12
Year 2	Deut. 21-22	Psalm 80	Proverbs 28	Jeremiah 41-42	Luke 15	2 Tim. 1
Year 3	1 Chronicles 1-4	Psalm 126	Proverbs 28		John 15	Rev. 11

HYMN ~ ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME

(Edward Perronet & James Ellor)

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.

Let angels prostrate fall,

Bring forth the royal diadem

Let every kindred, every tribe,

On this terrestrial ball,

On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe,

(REFRAIN)

REFRAIN:

And crownHim, crown Him,

Crown Him, crown Him

And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall,

We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song,

(REFRAIN)

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace.

(REFRAIN)

WEEK 29

BASIC CATECHISM *Matthew 22:39*

Which is the First Commandment? You shall have no other gods before Me.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is required in the First Commandment? We should fear, love and trust in God alone above all things. (Ex. 20:2-3)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Exodus 10-12	Psalm 29	Proverbs 29	Isaiah 7-8	Matt. 8	1 Cor. 13
Year 2	Deuteronomy 23-24	Psalm 81	Proverbs 29	Jeremiah 43-44	Luke 16	2 Tim. 2
Year 3	1 Chronicles 5-8	Psalm 127	Proverbs 29		John 16	Rev. 12

HYMN ~ CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

(Matthew Bridges 1800-1894 & Godfrey Thring 1873-1903 Music by George J. Elvey)

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne:
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life:
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife
For those He came to save;
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love:
Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n:
One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise,
For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days
Adored and magnified.

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WEEK 30

BASIC CATECHISM *Matthew 22:40*

Which is the Second Commandment? You shall not make for yourself an idol.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is required in the Second Commandment? We should fear and love God so that we worship Him only in the way He has prescribed. (Ex. 20:4-6, Lev. 10:1-7)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Exodus 13-15	Psalm 30	Proverbs 30	Isaiah 9-10	Matt. 9	1 Cor. 14
Year 2	Deut. 25-26	Psalm 82	Proverbs 30	Jeremiah 45-46	Luke 17	2 Tim. 3
Year 3	1 Chronicles 9-12	Psalm 128	Proverbs 30		John 17	Rev. 13

HYMN ~ ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

(Theodulph of Orleans c. 820)

All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and Blessed One.

To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

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The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present.

WEEK 31

BASIC CATECHISM *Matthew 7:12*

Which is the Third Commandment? You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is required in the Third Commandment? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, conjure, lie or deceive by His name, but call upon Him in every time of need and worship Him with praise, prayer and thanksgiving. (Ex. 20:7)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Exodus 16-18	Psalms 31	Proverbs 31	Isaiah 11-12	Matthew 10	1 Cor. 15
Year 2	Deut. 27-28	Psalms 83	Proverbs 31	Jeremiah 47-48	Luke 18	2 Tim. 4
Year 3	1 Chronicles 13-16	Psalms 129	Proverbs 31		John 18	Rev. 14

HYMN ~ CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

(Charles Wesley)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King: Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, He all doth save: Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight the battle won; Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now, where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

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WEEK 32

BASIC CATECHISM *Hebrews 10:24-25*

Which is the Fourth Commandment? Remember the Sabbath day, by keeping it holy.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is required in the Fourth Commandment? That we should so fear and love God that we despise not the preaching of His Word, but seek diligently to hear and believe it all the days of our lives, ceasing from our evil works, and yielding ourselves to the Lord, to work by His Holy Spirit in us; and thus begin in this life the eternal Sabbath. (Heb. 4)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Exodus 19-21	Psalms 32	Prov. 1	Isaiah 13-14	Matthew 11	1 Cor. 16
Year 2	Deuteronomy 29-30	Psalms 84	Prov. 1	Jeremiah 49-50	Luke 19	Titus 1
Year 3	1 Chronicles 17-20	Psalms 130	Prov. 1		John 19	Rev. 15

HYMN ~ AND CAN IT BE?

(Charles Wesley)

And can it be that I should gain,
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me!
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray.
I woke the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off my heart was free.
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread,
Jesus and all in Him is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown
Through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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WEEK 33

BASIC CATECHISM *Colossians 3:20*

Which is the Fifth Commandment? Honor your father and mother.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is required in the Fifth Commandment? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise our parents and superiors, nor provoke them to anger, but honor, serve, obey, love, and esteem them. (Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:1-9)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Exodus 22-24	Psalms 33	Prov. 2	Isaiah 15-16	Matthew 12	2 Cor. 1
Year 2	Deuteronomy 31-32	Psalms 85	Prov. 2	Jeremiah 51-52	Luke 20	Titus 2
Year 3	1 Chronicles 21-24	Psalms 131	Prov. 2		John 20	Rev. 16

HYMN ~ THERE IS A FOUNTAIN

(William Cowper)

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away,
Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved, to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more,
Be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

When this poor lispings,
stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave;
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy power to save,
I'll sing Thy power to save,
I'll sing Thy power to save;
Then in a nobler sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy power to save?
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WEEK 34

BASIC CATECHISM *Matthew 5:21*

Which is the Sixth Commandment? You shall not murder.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is required in the Sixth Commandment? We should fear and love God so that we do our neighbor no bodily harm nor cause him any suffering, but help and befriend him in every need. (Ex. 20:13)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Exodus 25-27	Psalm 34	Prov. 3	Is. 17-18	Matthew 13	2 Cor. 2
Year 2	Deuteronomy 33-34	Psalm 86	Prov. 3		Luke 21	Titus 3
Year 3	1 Chronicles 25-29	Psalm 132	Prov. 3		John 21	Rev. 17

HYMN ~ CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

(7th Century Latin Hymn, translated by John M. Neale)

Christ is made the sure foundation.
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain,
What they gain from Thee forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign.

To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today.
With accustomed loving kindness
Hear Thy people as they pray,
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always.

Laud and honor to the Father;
Laud and honor to the Son.
Laud and honor to the Spirit;
Ever Three and ever One.
One in might and One in glory
While unending ages run.

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WEEK 35

BASIC CATECHISM *Matthew 5:27-28*

Which is the Seventh Commandment? You shall not commit adultery.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is required in the Seventh Commandment? We should fear and love God so that we lead a chaste and pure life in thought, word and deed, and that husband and wife love and honor each other. (Ex. 20:14)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Exodus 28-30	Psalm 35	Prov. 4	Is. 19-20	Matthew 14	2 Cor. 3
Year 2	Joshua 1-3	Psalm 87	Prov. 4	Ezekiel 1-2	Luke 22	Philemon
Year 3	2 Chronicles 1-4	Psalm 133	Prov. 4			Rev. 18

HYMN ~ REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

(Charles Wesley)

Rejoice, the Lord is King;
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore.

He sits at God's right hand
Till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command,
And fall beneath His feet.
(REFRAIN)

REFRAIN:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home.

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Jesus the Savior reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above.
(REFRAIN)

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n.
(REFRAIN)

WEEK 36

BASIC CATECHISM *Ephesians 4:28*

Which is the Eighth Commandment? You shall not steal.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is required in the Eighth Commandment? We should fear and love God so that we do not rob our neighbor of his money or property, nor bring them into our possession by unfair dealing or fraud, but help him to improve his property and living. (Ex. 20:15)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Exodus 31-33	Psalms 36	Prov. 5	Is. 21-22	Matthew 15	2 Corinthians 4
Year 2	Joshua 4-6	Psalms 88	Prov. 5	Ezekiel 2-4	Luke 23	Hebrews 1
Year 3	2 Chronicles 5-8	Psalms 134	Prov. 5	Micah 1-2		Revelation 19

HYMN ~ THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

(Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901)

This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me every where.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so
strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

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WEEK 37

BASIC CATECHISM *Colossians 3:9*

Which is the Ninth Commandment? You shall not give false testimony.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is required in the Ninth Commandment? We should fear and love God so that we do not deceitfully belie, betray, backbite, nor slander our neighbor, but apologize for him, speak well of him, and put the most charitable construction on all that he does. (Ex. 20:16)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Exodus 34-36	Psalms 37	Prov. 6	Is. 23-24	Matthew 16	2 Corinthians 5
Year 2	Joshua 7-9	Psalms 89	Prov. 6	Ezekiel 5-6	Luke 24	Hebrews 2
Year 3	2 Chronicles 9-12	Psalms 135	Prov. 6	Micah 3-4	Mark 1	Revelation 20

HYMN ~ HOW GREAT THOU ART

(Carl Boberg; trans. by Stuart K. Hine)

O Lord my God!
When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed;

REFRAIN:

Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art,
how great Thou art!

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze;
(REFRAIN)

And when I think that God,
His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
to take away my sin;
(REFRAIN)

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation,
And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
in humble adoration,
And there proclaim,
my God how great Thou art!
(REFRAIN)

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WEEK 38

BASIC CATECHISM *Matthew 6:24*

Which is the Tenth Commandment? You shall not covet.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is required in the Tenth Commandment? We should fear and love God so that we do not seek by craftiness to gain possession of our neighbor's inheritance or home, nor obtain them under pretense of a legal right, but assist and serve him in keeping the same. (Ex. 20:17)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Exodus 37-40	Psalm 38	Prov. 7	Is. 25-26	Matthew 17	2 Corinthians 6
Year 2	Joshua 10-12	Psalm 90	Prov. 7	Ezekiel 7-8	Acts 1	Hebrews 3
Year 3	2 Chronicles	Psalm 136	Prov. 7	Micah 5-7	Mark 2	Revelation 21

HYMN ~ JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

(Henry van Dyke/Ludwig van Beethoven)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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WEEK 39

BASIC CATECHISM *Genesis 6:5*

Can I obey God's law perfectly? No, I'm a sinner in need of grace.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

Is any man able perfectly to keep the law of God? No mere man, since the fall, is able in this life perfectly to keep the laws of God, (Ec 7:20) but daily breaks them in thought, (Ge 8:21) word, (Jas 3:8) and deed. (Jas 3:2)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Leviticus 1-2	Psalm 39	Prov. 8	Isaiah 27-28	Matthew 18	2 Cor. 7
Year 2	Joshua 13-15	Psalm 91	Prov. 8	Ezekiel 9-10	Acts 2	Hebrews 4
Year 3	2 Chron. 17-21	Psalm 137	Prov. 8	Nahum 1-2	Mark 3	Rev. 22

HYMN ~ LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

(John Newton)

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with His blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace, and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with His blood,
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation
Threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:
He who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ
Our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us in His blood
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us,
Now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us
with Your blood;
You are worthy, Lamb of God!"

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WEEK 40

BASIC CATECHISM *Romans 6:23*

What is the penalty for sin? Death and condemnation.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous? Some sins in themselves, and because of various aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others. (Joh 19:11, 1Jo 5:15)

What does every sin deserve? Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life and that which is to come. (Eph 5:6, Ps 11:6)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Leviticus 3-4	Psalm 40	Prov. 9	Isaiah 29-30	Matthew 19	2 Cor. 8
Year 2	Joshua 16-18	Psalm 92	Prov. 9	Ezekiel 11-12	Acts 3	Hebrews 5
Year 3	2 Chron. 22-26	Psalm 138	Prov. 9	Nahum 3-4	Mark 4	Hebrews 1

HYMN ~ ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE!

(Charles Wesley)

Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice
In my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands:
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above,
For me to intercede,
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for all our race,
His blood atoned for all our race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears,
Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And, "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

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WEEK 41

BASIC CATECHISM *John 3:16*

How may we be rescued from sin and death? Only through faith in Jesus Christ.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

How may we escape His wrath and curse due to us for sin? To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, we must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, (Joh 3:16) trusting alone to His blood and righteousness to forgive our sin. This faith is attended by repentance for the past (Ac 20:21) and leads to holiness in the future.

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Leviticus 5-6	Psalms 41	Eccl. 1	Isaiah 31-32	Matthew 20	2 Cor. 9
Year 2	Joshua 19-21	Psalms 93	Eccl. 1	Ezekiel 13-14	Acts 4	Heb. 6
Year 3	2 Chron. 27-31	Psalms 139	Eccl. 1	Habakkuk	Mark 5	Heb. 2

HYMN ~ BE THOU MY VISION

(Traditional Irish hymn, translated by Mary E. Byrne; Versified by Eleanor H. Hull)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I need not nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

WEEK 42

BASIC CATECHISM *Ephesians 2:8-9*

What is faith? Trusting in Christ alone for salvation.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is faith in Jesus Christ? Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, (Heb 10:39) through which we receive, (Joh 1:12) and rest upon Him alone for salvation, (Php 3:9) as He is set forth in the Gospel. (Isa 33:22)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Leviticus 7-8	Psalm 42	Eccl. 2	Isaiah 33-34	Matthew 21	2 Cor. 10
Year 2	Joshua 22-24	Psalm 94	Eccl. 2	Ezekiel 15-16	Acts 5	Heb. 7
Year 3	2 Chron. 32-36	Psalm 140	Eccl. 2	Zephaniah	Mark 6	Heb. 3

HYMN ~ COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

(Joseph Hart)

Come, ye sinners poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and
welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms.

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Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.

WEEK 43

BASIC CATECHISM *Ephesians 2:10*

How do we recognize true faith? It produces good works flowing from a changed life.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is repentance to life? Repentance to life is a saving grace, (Ac 11:18) through which a sinner, out of a true sense of his sins, (Ac 2:37) and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, (Joe 2:13) with grief and hatred of his sin and self-righteousness turns from it to God, (Jer 31:18,19) with full purpose to strive after new obedience and love. (Ps 119:59)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Leviticus 9-10	Psalms 43	Eccl. 3	Isaiah 15-16	Matthew 22	2 Cor. 11
Year 2	Judges 1-3	Psalms 95	Eccl. 3	Ezekiel 17-18	Acts 6	Hebrews 8
Year 3	Ezra 1-3	Psalms 141	Eccl. 3	Haggai	Mark 7	Hebrews 4

HYMN ~ MY HOPE IS BUILT

(Edward Mote & William B. Bradbury)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

REFRAIN:

On Christ the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely
face,

I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

(REFRAIN)

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
(REFRAIN)

When He shall come
With trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

(REFRAIN)

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WEEK 44

BASIC CATECHISM *Colossians 1:18*

Who is the Head of the Church? Jesus Christ alone.

What offices has Christ appointed to care for His Church? Elders and deacons.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

How is the Church to be governed? Although Christ alone is the Head of His Church, God has commanded that elders and deacons be established for the care and administration of His Church. (Col. 1:18; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; Phil. 1:1)

How do the roles of elders and deacons differ? Elders are responsible for shepherding the flock through prayer, instruction in the Word, and the example of their own lives. Deacons are to assist the elders by handling the more practical concerns of the church. (Heb. 13:17; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Acts 20:28; Acts 6:1-7)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Lev. 11-12	Psalm 44	Eccl. 4	Isaiah 35-36	Matthew 23	2 Cor. 12
Year 2	Judges 4-6	Psalm 96	Eccl. 4	Ezekiel 19-20	Acts 7	Hebrews 9
Year 3	Ezra 4-6	Psalm 142	Eccl. 4	Zechariah 1-2	Mark 8	Hebrews 5

HYMN ~ JESUS SHALL REIGN

(Isaac Watts, 1719)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessing abound where'er he reigns;
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

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WEEK 45

BASIC CATECHISM Acts 2:42

What are the traits of Christ's Church? The Gospel, the sacraments, and discipline.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What are the outward means through which the Holy Spirit communicates to us the benefits of redemption? The outward and ordinary means through which the Holy Spirit communicates to us the benefits of Christ's redemption, are the Word, by which souls are begotten to spiritual life; Baptism, the Lord's Supper, Fellowship, Prayer, and Meditation, which, by all, believers are further edified in their most holy faith. (Ac 2:41,42; Jas 1:18)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Lev. 13-14	Psalm 45	Eccl. 5	Isaiah 37-38	Matthew 24	2 Cor. 13
Year 2	Judges 7-9	Psalm 97	Eccl. 5	Ezekiel 21-22	Acts 8	Heb. 10
Year 3	Ezra 7-10	Psalm 143	Eccl. 5	Zechariah 3-4	Mark 9	Heb. 6

HYMN ~ AMAZING GRACE

(John Newton)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;

'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand
years,

Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we first begun.

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WEEK 46

BASIC CATECHISM *Romans 1:16-17*

How is the Gospel a trait of Christ's Church? The good news of Christ from all the Bible is preached and obeyed.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

How is the Word made effectual to salvation? The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of convicting and converting sinners, (Ps 19:7) and of building them up in holiness and comfort, (1Th 1:6) through faith to salvation. (Ro 1:16)

How is the Word to be read and heard that it may become effectual to salvation? That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend to it with diligence, (Pr 8:34) preparation, (1Pe 2:1,2) and prayer, (Ps 119:18) receive it with faith, (Heb 4:2) and love, (2Th 2:10) lay it up into our hearts, (Ps 119:11) and practice it in our lives. (Jas 1:25)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Lev. 15-16	Psalm 46	Eccl. 6	Isaiah 39-40	Matthew 25	Galatians 1
Year 2	Judges 10-12	Psalm 98	Eccl. 6	Ezekiel 23-24	Acts 9	Hebrews 11
Year 3	Nehemiah 1-3	Psalm 144	Eccl. 6	Zechariah 5-6	Mark 10	Hebrews 7

HYMN ~ ROCK OF AGES

(Augustus M. Toplady & Thomas Hastings)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy laws demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgement throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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WEEK 47

BASIC CATECHISM *1 Corinthians 11:24*

What are the two sacraments? Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

How do Baptism and the Lord's Supper become spiritually helpful?

Baptism and the Lord's Supper become spiritually helpful, not from any virtue in them, or in him who administers them, (1Co 3:7, 1Pe 3:21) but only by the blessing of Christ, (1Co 3:6) and the working of the Spirit in those who by faith receive them. (1Co 12:13)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Lev. 17-18	Psalms 47	Eccl. 7	Isaiah 41-42	Matthew 26	Galatians 2
Year 2	Judges 13-15	Psalms 99	Eccl. 7	Ezekiel 25-26	Acts 10	Hebrews 12
Year 3	Nehemiah 4-6	Psalms 145	Eccl. 7	Zechariah 7-8	Mark 11	Hebrews 8

HYMN ~ BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

(Charitie Bancroft 1841-1892)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look to see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

WEEK 48

BASIC CATECHISM *1 Corinthians 12:13*

What are sacraments? They are pictures of what God has done for His people in salvation.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is Baptism? Baptism is an ordinance of the New Testament, instituted by Jesus Christ, (Mt 28:19) to be to the person baptized a sign of his fellowship with Him, in His death, burial, and resurrection, (Ro 6:3, Col 2:12) of his being ingrafted into Him, (Ga 3:27) of remission of sins, (Mr 1:4, Ac 22:16) and of his giving up himself to God through Jesus Christ, to live and walk in newness of life. (Ro 6:4,5)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Lev. 19-20	Psalm 48	Eccl. 8	Isaiah 43-44	Matthew 27	Galatians 3
Year 2	Judges 16-18	Psalm 100	Eccl. 8	Ezekiel 27-28	Acts 11	Hebrews 13
Year 3	Nehemiah 7-9	Psalm 146	Eccl. 8	Zechariah 9-10	Mark 12	Hebrews 9

HYMN ~ ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

(Sabine Baring-Gould & Sir Arthur S. Sullivan)

Onward, Christian soldiers,

Marching as to war,

With the cross of Jesus

Going on before:

Christ the royal Master

Leads against the foe;

Forward into battle,

See, His banners go.

At the sign of triumph

Satan's host doth flee;

On then, Christian soldiers,

On to Victory:

Hell's foundations quiver

At the shout of praise;

Brothers lift your voices,

Loud your anthems raise.

Like a mighty army

Moves the church of God;

Bothers, we are treading

Where the saints have trod;

We are not divided,

All one body we,

One in hope and doctrine,

One in charity.

Crowns and thrones may perish,

Kingdoms rise and wane,

But the church of Jesus

Constant will remain;

Gates of hell can never

'Gainst that church prevail;

We have Christ's own promise,

And that cannot fail.

Onward, then, ye people,

Join our happy throng,

Blend with ours your voices

In the triumph song;

Glory, laud, and honor

Unto Christ the King;

This through countless ages

Men and angels sing.

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WEEK 49

BASIC CATECHISM *Romans 2:29*

Who should be baptized? Only believers in Christ.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

To whom is baptism to be administered? Baptism, being a visible sign of an inward reality, is to be administered only to those who actually and genuinely profess repentance towards God, (Acts 2:38; Matt. 3:6; Acts 8:12, 36-37, Acts 10:47-48) and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and to none other. (Ex 23:13, Pr 30:6).

Are not infants of professing believers to be baptized as well? No.

Although parents have the serious responsibility to nurture their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, (Eph. 6:4) we must be careful not to presume upon the sovereign work of the Spirit (John 3:3-8; Matt. 3:7-10). The Church, unlike Old Testament Israel, is comprised of those born of the Spirit and not of mere physical descent. (John 1:12-13; Ez. 36:26; Matt. 3:9; Ro. 9)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Leviticus 21-22	Psalms 49	Eccl. 9	Isaiah 45-46	Matthew 28	Galatians 4
Year 2	Judges 19-21	Psalms 101	Eccl. 9	Ezekiel 29-30	Acts 12	James 1
Year 3	Nehemiah 10-13	Psalms 147	Eccl. 9	Zechariah 11-12	Mark 13	Hebrews 10

HYMN ~ JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

(Charlotte Elliott & William B. Bradbury)

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my Soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse,
relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

WEEK 50

BASIC CATECHISM *Romans 6:4*

How is baptism a picture of our salvation? We are buried and raised just as Christ was buried and raised.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

How is baptism rightly administered? Baptism is rightly administered by immersion, or dipping the whole body of the person in water, (Mt 3:16, Joh 3:23) in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, according to Christ's institution, and the practice of the apostles, (Mt 28:19,20, Joh 4:1,2, Ac 8:38,39)

What is the duty of such as are rightly baptized? It is the duty of such as are rightly baptized, to join themselves to a local church that is assembled according to the dictates of Christ (Acts 2:47, 9:26; 1Peter 2:5) so that they may walk in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless (Luke 1:6).

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Lev. 23-24	Psalm 50	Ecclesiastes 10	Isaiah 47-48	Mark 1	Galatians 5
Year 2	Judges 22-24	Psalm 102	Ecclesiastes 10	Ezekiel 31-32	Acts 13	James 2
Year 3	Esther 1-3	Psalm 148	Ecclesiastes 10	Zechariah 13-14	Mark 14	Hebrews 11

HYMN ~ IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

(Horatio G. Spafford & Philip P. Bliss)

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

REFRAIN:

It is well (It is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Tho' Satan should buffet,
Tho' trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded
My helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
(REFRAIN)

My sin, O the bliss of this
glorious tho't
My sin, not in part
but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross,
and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul!
(REFRAIN)

And, Lord, haste the day
When my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.
(REFRAIN)
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WEEK 51

BASIC CATECHISM *1 Corinthians 11:27*

Who should receive of the Lord's Supper? Only believers in Christ.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is the Lord's Supper? The Lord's Supper is an ordinance of the New Testament, instituted by Jesus Christ; wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to His appointment, His death is shown forth, (1Co 11:23-26) and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporeal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of His body and blood, with all His benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace. (1Co 10:16)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Lev. 25-27	Psalms 51	Ecclesiastes 11	Isaiah 49-50	Mark 2	Galatians 6
Year 2	1 Samuel 1-3	Psalms 103	Ecclesiastes 11	Ezekiel 33-34	Acts 14	James 3
Year 3	Esther 4-6	Psalms 149	Ecclesiastes 11	Malachi 1-2	Mark 15	Hebrews 12

HYMN ~ WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDEROUS CROSS

(Isaac Watts 1674-1748)

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God.
All the vain things that charm me most---
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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WEEK 52

BASIC CATECHISM *Colossians 1:28*

How is discipline a trait of Christ's Church? God's people are protected and perfected in Christ.

ADVANCED CATECHISM

What is required for the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper? It is required of them who would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, (1Co 11:28,29) of their faith to feed upon Him, (2Co 13:5) of their repentance, (1Co 11:31) love, (1Co 11:18-20) and new obedience, (1Co 5:8) lest coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves. (1Co 11:27-29)

What is meant by the words, "until He comes," which are used by the apostle Paul in reference to the Lord's Supper? They plainly teach us that our Lord Jesus Christ will come a second time; which is the joy and hope of all believers. (Ac 1:11 1Th 4:16)

SCRIPTURE READING

Year 1	Numbers 1-2	Psalms 52	Ecclesiastes 12	Isaiah 51-52	Mark 3	Ephesians 1
Year 2	1 Samuel 4-6	Psalms 104	Ecclesiastes 12	Ezekiel 35-36	Acts 15	James 4
Year 3	Esther 7-10	Psalms 150	Ecclesiastes 12	Malachi 3-4	Mark 16	Hebrews 13

HYMN ~ GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

(Thomas O. Chisholm)

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou has been Thou forever will be.

Summer and winter,
Springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars
in their courses above,
Join with all nature
in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness,
Mercy and love. (REFRAIN)

REFRAIN:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me.

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer
And to guide;
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
With ten thousand beside!
(REFRAIN)

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APPENDIX: HISTORIC CREEDS OF THE CHURCH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in GOD THE FATHER Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth;

And in JESUS CHRIST, his only-begotten SON, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall 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.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one GOD THE FATHER Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one LORD JESUS CHRIST, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontious Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the HOLY SPIRIT, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CREED OF CHALCEDON

We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable [rational] soul and body; consubstantial [co-essential] with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages

of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the unity, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ; as the prophets from the beginning [have declared] concerning him, and the Lord Jesus Christ himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else,
hold to the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points
will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three person in one God,
without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person-the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit-is distinct,
but the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;
yet they are not three who are eternal, but one who is eternal,
just as there are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,
but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

In the same way

the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;
yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess
each person individually to be God and Lord

so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,
but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers;
one Son not three Sons;

one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
And within this Trinity none comes before or after;
 none is greater or inferior,
 but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,
 so that in every way, as stated before,
all three persons are to be worshiped as one God
 and one God worshiped as three persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation
truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,
 is both God and man.

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man,
 born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man,
 with rational soul and human flesh,

equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;
and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one,
 one, not by changing the deity into flesh,
 but by taking the humanity into God;

one, indeed, not by mixture of the nature, but by unity in one person;
for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being,
 so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell,
 rose the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies
 to answer for their personal deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life,
but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.