

Children’s memory work for 1st quarter (March, April, May) Catechism Cards 1–26

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Question	Answer
Week 1—Catechism Cards 1–2 (to be quoted on March 6)	
What is the chief end of man?	The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.
What must I do in order to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever?	In order to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever, I must know and worship Him in spirit and in truth.
Week 2—Catechism Cards 3–4 (to be quoted on March 13)	
How can I know about God?	I can know about God by His creation, preservation, and government of the universe; <i>which are before my eyes as a most elegant book, wherein all creatures, great and small, are as so many characters leading me to contemplate “the invisible things of God.”</i>
How can I know about God most completely?	I can know about God most completely by the holy scriptures.
Week 3—Catechism Cards 5–6 (to be quoted on March 20)	
What are the holy scriptures?	The holy scriptures are the inerrant Word of God, the Old and New Testaments, the only rule of my faith and obedience, <i>the only rule to direct me how I may glorify God and enjoy Him forever.</i>
How do we know that the holy scriptures are inerrant?	We know that the holy scriptures are inerrant because they claim to be, and because the Spirit of God bears witness with them in our hearts.
Week 4—Catechism Cards 7–8 (to be quoted on March 27)	
How did God give us the holy scriptures?	God gave us the holy scriptures as “men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”
How are we to interpret the holy scriptures?	We are to interpret the holy scriptures by the infallible scriptures themselves <i>and therefore, when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture (which is not manifold, but one), it must be searched and known by other places that speak more clearly.</i>
Week 5—Catechism Cards 9–10 (to be quoted on April 3)	
According to the holy scriptures, what is the only way for me to know and worship God in spirit and in truth?	According to the holy scriptures, the only way for me to know and worship God in spirit and in truth is through Jesus Christ, His only begotten son.
According to the holy scriptures, who is God?	According to the holy scriptures, God is, “I AM WHO I AM,” “the LORD,” “the LORD God.”
Week 6—Catechism Cards 11–12 (to be quoted on April 10)	
According to the holy scriptures, what is God?	According to the holy scriptures, God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.
How many Gods are there?	We all believe with the heart, and confess with the mouth, that there is only one living and true God. <i>And we detest the multitude of gods, because it is expressly written, “The LORD our God is one LORD,” and, “There is no other God besides Me.”</i>
Week 7—Catechism Cards 13–14 (to be quoted on April 17)	
How do we know that God exists in three persons?	We know that God exists in three persons because they are distinguished in Scripture <i>by their personal relations with one another and by their distinctive works.</i>
Who is God the Father?	God the Father is the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that by faith we might become His little children and He our heavenly Father.

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Week 8—Catechism Cards 15–16 (to be quoted on April 24)	
Who is God the Son?	God the Son is “the only begotten from the Father,” “the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature,” <i>Who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.</i>
Who is God the Holy Spirit?	God the Holy Spirit is the eternal Spirit proceeding from the Father, sent by the Father and the Son, but of one and the same essence, majesty and glory with both; <i>and given me, to make me by a true faith, partaker of Christ and all His benefits, that He may comfort me and abide with me forever.</i>
Week 9—Catechism Cards 17–18 (to be quoted on May 1)	
In what sense are the three persons of the Godhead one?	The three persons of the Godhead are one in that they are a single, eternal, indivisible Being, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.
How is God related to all other things?	God is related to all other things as their Creator, Sustainer, and Sovereign. <i>He does by them, for them, or upon them whatever He pleases, and in doing so He is most holy in all His counsels, in all His works, and in all His commands.</i>
Week 10—Catechism Cards 19–20 (to be quoted on May 8)	
What is God’s work of creation?	God’s work of creation is His making all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six [literal] days, and all very good.
How did God create man?	God created man male and female, after His own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.
Week 11—Catechism Cards 21–22 (to be quoted on May 15)	
What is marriage of God’s making?	Marriage of God’s making is the joining by covenant of one male and one female to become one flesh until parted by death.
What is the cause of the death and depravity of man, made in God’s image?	The cause of the death and depravity of man made in God’s image, is the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, so that our nature became so corrupt that we are all conceived and born in sin.
Week 12—Catechism Cards 23–24 (to be quoted on May 22)	
What is the state of sin into which we are all conceived and born?	The state of sin into which we are all conceived and born consists in the guilt of Adam’s first sin, the lack of original righteousness, the corruption of our whole nature (commonly called original sin), and all the actual transgressions which proceed from it.
What is the state of misery into which we are all conceived and born?	The state of misery into which we are all conceived and born consists in lost communion with God, [and] life under His wrath and curse, and liability to all miseries in this life, death itself, and the pains of hell forever.
Week 13—Catechism Cards 25–26 (to be quoted on May 29)	
How did the Fall of man made in God’s image affect the rest of earthly creation?	The Fall of man made in God’s image affected the rest of earthly creation by subjecting it to God’s curse of futility and slavery to corruption.
How does all mankind continue to be related to God after the Fall?	After the Fall, all mankind continues to be subject to God’s providence and to owe to Him whatever He is pleased to require.