

Countryside Kids Catechism

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- 1) Who is God? God is the only living and true God. *[He's the all-glorious, almighty, all-knowing, sovereign Creator and Lord of the whole universe. God is perfect and holy, infinite, eternal, and unchanging.]*
- 2) Who made God? Nobody made God.
- 3) Has God ever had a beginning? No, God has always been.
- 4) Will God ever die? No, God lives forever!
- 5) Are there more gods than one? No, there is only one true God.
- 6) In how many persons does this one God exist? God exists in three persons.
- 7) Who are the three persons of God? The three persons of God are the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- 8) Where is God? God is everywhere.
- 9) Can you see God? *[No, God is a spirit, and He doesn't have a body like man.]* Though I cannot see God, I know He always sees me.
- 10) Does God know all things? Yes, God knows all things. *[Nothing can be hidden from God.]*
- 11) Can God do all things? Yes, God can do all His holy will.
- 12) Who made you? God made me.
- 13) Why did God make you? I was made to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.
- 14) What else did God make? God made all things.
- 15) Why did God make all things? For His own glory.
- 16) How can you glorify God? I can glorify God by loving Him and doing what He commands.
- 17) Why should you glorify God? I should glorify God because He made me and takes care of me.
- 18) Who were our first parents? Adam and Eve were our first parents.
- 19) What were Adam and Eve like when God made them? God made them holy and happy.
- 20) Did Adam obey God? No, Adam chose to disobey God.
- 21) How did God punish Adam's disobedience? Adam's punishment was death and separation from God.

- 22) What is sin? Sin is disobedience *[against God's perfect law by failing to do what God commands or doing what God forbids.]*
- 23) What happened to Adam and Eve when they sinned? Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.
- 24) What did Adam's sin do to you? It made me guilty and sinful.
- 25) What does every sin deserve? The wrath and curse of God.
- 26) How sinful are you by nature? I am corrupt in every part of my being.
- 27) Can you go to Heaven with a sinful nature? No, my heart must be changed before I can go to Heaven.
- 28) What is this change of heart called? Regeneration, being "born again."
- 29) Who can change a sinner's heart? Only God can change a sinner's heart.
- 30) Who is the Redeemer of God's elect? The only Savior of men is the Lord Jesus Christ, *[who being the eternal Son of God, became man and so is both God and man in two natures and one person.]*
- 31) How is your heart changed? My heart is changed by the Holy Spirit because of the grace of God.
- 32) What is Grace? Grace is God's kindness to us when we deserve punishment.
- 33) What work did Christ do to save you? Christ perfectly kept the law of God and suffered the punishment due for my sins.
- 34) Can anyone be saved by his own works? No one can be saved by his own works.
- 35) What do we gain from the work of Christ? God regenerates, justifies, and sanctifies those who believe in Christ.
- 36) What is justification? Justification is God forgiving all my sins and declaring me to be righteous.
- 37) What is sanctification? Sanctification is God making me holy in heart and behavior.
- 38) What are the two parts of sanctification? Dying to sin and living to righteousness.
- 39) Who will be saved? Whoever repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 40) What does it mean to repent? To repent is to be sorry for sin, and to hate and forsake it *[because it displeases God.]*
- 41) What is faith in Christ? Faith in Christ is trusting in Him alone for salvation.
- 42) How were people saved before the coming of Christ? People were saved by believing in a Savior to come.

- 43) Did Jesus ever sin? No, Jesus lived a sinless life.
- 44) What kind of death did Christ die? A painful and shameful death on the cross.
- 45) What are the offices Christ fulfilled as the promised Messiah? Prophet, Priest, and King
- 46) How is Christ your prophet? Christ teaches me the will of God.
- 47) How is Christ your priest? Christ died for me; He prays for me, *[He washed away my every sin.]*
- 48) How is Christ your king? Christ rules over me; He defends me; *[He will establish His Kingdom on earth.]*
- 49) Did Christ remain in the tomb? No, Christ is risen on the third day, *[just as He did say.]*
- 50) Where is Christ now? Christ is in heaven, *[and He's praying for me;]* He sits at the right hand of God.
- 51) Will Christ come again? Yes, He is coming soon.
- 52) When will Christ return? No one knows when Christ will return.
- 53) What happens to a man when he dies? The body returns to the dust, and the spirit will go to either heaven or hell.
- 54) What will happen when Christ returns? Our bodies will be raised from the dust, and united again with our spirits.
- 55) What will happen to the wicked on Judgment day? The wicked will go down on judgment day and will be cast into the lake of fire.
- 56) What will happen to every Christian on the last day? Every Christian will live with Jesus in the new heavens and the new earth.
- 57) Where do we learn to love and obey God? In the Bible, we learn to love and obey God.
- 58) Who wrote the Bible? Holy men of God, who were taught and chosen by God, wrote the Bible.
- 59) What is the greatest command? Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind; *[and the second is like it, love your neighbor as yourself.]*
- 60) Of what use are the ten commandments? They teach us our duty *[to God and our duty to man,]* and show us our need for a Savior.
- 61) What is prayer? Prayer is praising God *[for who He is,]* thanking God *[for what He's done,]* and asking Him for things *[He has promised.]*
- 62) What guide has Christ given to teach us how to pray? Christ has given us the Lord's Prayer to teach us how to pray.