

FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

FOR FAMILIES WITH PRESCHOOLERS AND CHILDREN

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Family Equipping Discipleship:
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INTRODUCTION

By God’s design, parents are given the great honor of leading their children to know God and to grow in their walk with him.

Our desire is to partner with and equip parents, grandparents, and guardians along this journey. This wonderful journey is centered on God, enabled in the home, and equipped through the community of faith—the local church.

The Bible must be prominent in conversation and daily life with our children. Training our children in godliness is not something to be put off until they are older. In the book of Deuteronomy, God gives these instructions:

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 ESV¹

This call was for God’s people in the Old Testament and the truth remains today—the home is the center of worship. We recognize that we have a responsibility as the church to equip parents as they train their children in godliness and faith.

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version.* (2001). (Dt 6:4–9). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

WHAT IS FAMILY WORSHIP?

Christian writer Patrick Kavanaugh compares family worship to a family meal. Just as with a meal, family worship becomes the time all family members come together for spiritual encouragement.² A good family meal requires intentional planning and preparation. Family worship does as well.

“Happy is the household where the altar burns day and night with the sweet perfume of family worship!”

– Charles H. Spurgeon

Family worship may seem overwhelming. Family worship does not require parents to have their children sit in rows as they are led to sing hymns together and listen to a sermon. It is the family taking time to read the Bible, teach truth, and pray together. Singing together or listening to doctrinally sound songs add to the experience.

CONSISTENCY IS KEY

Some parents pray with and teach the Bible to their children each night before bedtime. Others supplement bedtime stories and prayers with more structured worship times including singing and responsive readings. Some families worship together in the mornings. Others gather around the dinner table and experience this worship time together at mealtime.

Family schedules are as unique as families. While times may vary depending on the family, the key is consistency. Parents must discover and develop the time that works best for their family.

Creatively teaching the Bible to children is not limited to an intentional time of family worship. Parents can reveal the truth of God’s Word through everyday life and conversations. Children are always watching and learning. Children also have many questions. These questions present parents with opportunities to teach truth.

² Patrick Kavanaugh, *Raising Children Who Adore God*, (Grand Rapids: Chosen, 2003), 75.

WHAT IF YOU MISS A FEW DAYS?

There are times when well-intentioned strategies start well but after a time are dropped. This may happen with personal devotions and resolutions. If this happens, just start where you left off with no guilt. It is challenging to be consistent, but doable.

GETTING STARTED

HONORING GOD THROUGH HIS WORD

Being a good learner requires listening. As we listen to God, we must focus on what he is saying, though you likely will not hear an audible voice. God speaks primarily through his Word. Parents have the joy of teaching their children the value of listening to God through reading, studying, and hearing scripture read aloud.

1. Begin with a Good Bible

If just beginning a family worship time, begin by finding a good Bible. There are numerous translations and versions available, but the key is finding a Bible that is translated well and does not use gender-neutral language.

There are primarily two categories of Bible translations available. There are word-for-word translations that seek to be as literal as possible regarding original texts. There are also thought-for-thought translations that focus on maintaining the ideas of the original texts.

Some popular Bibles are not actually translations. They are paraphrases in modern language such as *The Message*. These may be fine for personal reading but should never be used as one's primary Bible for study, teaching, and research.

Distinctives of the most popular English translations:

- **King James Version (KJV)** - The KJV is mostly a word-for-word translation. It presents beautiful language, with Old English terminology. There is great beauty in how this version is presented. However, the antiquated language is often difficult for new believers and children to understand. The KJV certainly has served believers well for the past 400 plus years. The KJV is written at a 12th grade reading level.
- **New American Standard Bible (NASB)** – The NASB is the most literal English translation available. While preserving the literal accuracy of the 1901 American Standard Version, the NASB has sought to render grammar and terminology in contemporary English. Special attention has been given to the rendering of verb tenses to give the English reader a translation

as close as possible to the sense of the original Greek and Hebrew texts. In 1995, the text of the NASB was updated for greater understanding and smoother reading. The reading level is 11th grade.

- **English Standard Version (ESV)** - Each word and phrase in the ESV has been carefully weighed against the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek to ensure the fullest accuracy and clarity and to avoid under-translating or overlooking any nuance of the original text. Archaic language has been brought to current usage and significant corrections have been made in the translation of key texts. The ESV is essentially a literal translation that seeks as far as possible to capture the precise wording of the original text and the personal style of each biblical writer. The reading level for the ESV is 7th grade.
- **Christian Standard Bible (CSB)** – The CSB and its predecessor the Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB) were created using optimal equivalence, a translation philosophy that pursues both linguistic precision to the original languages and readability in contemporary English.³ The average reading level for the CSB is 7th grade.
- **New King James Version (NKJV)** – Authors used the original King James Version as a benchmark, while working to produce an accurate and modern word-for-word translation. The average reading level for the entire text of the CSB is 8th grade.
- **New International Version (NIV)** – The NIV is the most popular English Bible version other than the KJV. The reading level for the NIV is 7th grade. Be aware that the 2011 update of the NIV is gender neutral and not recommended.

Gender-Neutral Translations

Seeking to be inclusive, some publishers have removed gender pronouns and descriptors in their Bible translations. This is a problem as neutering the Bible of gender renders it watered-down and, in some cases, totally mistranslated.

³ “About the Christian Standard Bible.” *CSB*, Broadman and Holman, 6 June 2019, <https://csbible.com/about-the-csb/>.

There are times when it may be appropriate to change the word "man" to "people" but this is only when the original text shows that to be a more reasonable translation. Yet, the removing of all gender references often leaves verses stating things not originally intended. Neutering gender in scripture removes characteristics from God and Jesus that are essential to understanding the Word. In a failed attempt to be all-inclusive, this removes the individual's need for a response to the gospel.

Gender-neutral Bible translations are not recommended for reading or study. A partial list of gender-neutral Bible translations include:

- New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)
- Common English Bible (CEB)
- Contemporary English Version (CEV)
- New Century Version (NCV)
- New Living Translation (NLT)
- 2011 edition of the New International Version (NIV)
- Today's New International Version (TNIV)
- International Children's Bible (ICB)
- New International Version Inclusive Language Edition (NIVI)

2. Use a Good Bible Storybook

Storybooks are narratives of Bible stories compiled, often with illustrations, to help young children understand the characters and stories of the Bible. Good Bible storybooks are helpful and can be used when teaching children biblical truths.

3. Use Crafts/Drama/Coloring Pages, Etc.

If someone in the home enjoys do-it-yourself projects, crafts may be a good option. Some families act out biblical stories with each person in the family playing a role. These elements will be determined by the creativity of parents and the age of children. While family worship is serious, it can also be fun.

4. Listen to the Bible

Some families have taken advantage of downtime even as children are laying down for bed, to play an audio Bible. There are options

available with online Bibles and streaming sites. Some include scripture songs where verses are put to music.

HONORING GOD BY LEARNING TRUTH

Scripture memory is not a drill, nor a competition to be won. Teaching children scripture should never be done in a negative, repressive, or manipulative way. The truths of God should be taught in an atmosphere of love and special understanding of the child as he/she learns these truths over time.

1. Memorizing Scripture

This guide provides recommended scriptures for parents to memorize and study with their children. Children can quickly pick up verses and often memorize better than adults.

2. Learning Doctrine

The question and answer (also called catechism) portion of family worship is designed to help parents train their children in the key doctrines of Christianity and the church.

HONORING GOD IN PRAYER

1. Praying for Children

Teaching and modeling the Christian faith are essential, but remember, only God can transform a heart. Only God can bring conviction upon a child and only He can give them new life in Christ. Make it a daily focus to pray for each child by name. This may be done in the family worship time and throughout the day.

2. Praying with Children

Parents should lead children in prayer, showing them how to pray by modeling well. In prayer, parents show children dependence on God, his mercy and protection. Parents can teach children to adore and honor God in their prayers, using the Model Prayer (Matt 6:9-13) as the template.

BIRTH THROUGH 3 YEARS OLD

RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Bibles for Preschoolers (Ages 2 & 3)

- *Following Jesus Bible* (Crossway)

Bible Storybooks for Preschoolers (Infants–Age 2)

- *Read to Me Toddlers Bible* (B&H)
- *The Big Picture Story Bible* by David R. Helm (Crossway)
- *The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name* by Sally Lloyd-Jones (ZonderKidz)_
- *Noah’s Ark–Little Words Matter* (B&H Kids)
- *All God’s Creatures* by Karen Hill (Little Simon Publishing)
- *God Made You Just Right* by Jill Roman Lord (Worthy Kids/Ideals)
- *The Toddler’s ABC Bible Storybook* by Carolyn Larsen & Caron Turk (Crossway)

Books for Teaching Christian Truths (Ages 2 & 3)

- *The Gospel (Big Theology for Little Hearts)* by Devon & Jessica Provencher (Crossway)
- *Jesus (Big Theology for Little Hearts)* by Devon & Jessica Provencher (Crossway)
- *God (Big Theology for Little Hearts)* by Devon & Jessica Provencher (Crossway)
- *Our Home Is Like a Little Church* by Lindsey Blair & Bobby Giles (Christian Focus)
- *God Knows My Name* by Debby Anderson (Crossway)
- *Zacchaeus and Jesus* by Dandi Daley Mackall (Tyndale Kids)

Music for Preschoolers (Infants–Age 3)

- “Songs that Jesus Said: Scripture into Music” by Keith & Kristyn Getty (Getty Music)
- “Cedarmont Kids: Preschool Songs” (Provident Music)
- “Hidden in My Heart: A Lullaby Journey Through Scriptures” (Breakaway Music)

MEMORIZE THE WORD
Scripture Memory (Ages 2 & 3)

Genesis 1:1 (ESV)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Date Completed _____

Psalms 23:4a (ESV)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

Date Completed _____

Psalms 31:14 (ESV)

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

Date Completed _____

Psalms 139:14 (ESV)

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Date Completed _____

Jeremiah 10:10a (ESV)

But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King.

Date Completed _____

Matthew 4:10 (ESV)

Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

Date Completed _____

Romans 3:23 (ESV)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Date Completed _____

Romans 5:6 (ESV)

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Date Completed _____

Ephesians 6:1 (ESV)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Date Completed _____

1 John 4:10 (ESV)

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loves us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Date Completed _____

Revelation 4:11 (ESV)

Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Date Completed _____

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Questions About God, Humanity, and Sin (1-8)

Ask the question in bold to each child and teach them to respond with the answer in italics that declares the truth of scripture.

- 1. Who made you?** *God made me.*
(Gen 1:26-27; 2:7; Eccl 12:1; Acts 17:24-29)
Date Completed _____
- 2. What else did God make?** *God made all things.*
(Gen 1; Acts 14:15; Rom 11:36; Col 1:16)
Date Completed _____
- 3. Why did God make you and all things?** *For his own glory.*
(Psalm 19:1; Jer 9:23-24; Rev 4:11, 15)
Explanation: God's glory is his goodness and his greatness.
Date Completed _____
- 4. How can you glorify God?** *By loving him and doing what he commands.*
(Eccl 12:13; Mark 12:29-31; John 15:8-10; 1 Cor 10:31)
Date Completed _____
- 5. Why should you glorify God?** *Because he made me and takes care of me.*
(Daniel 4:39; Rom 11:36; Rev 4:11)
Date Completed _____
- 6. Are there more gods than one?** *No, there is only one true God.*
(Deut 6:4; Jer 10:10; Mark 12:29; Acts 17:22-31)
Date Completed _____
- 7. In how many persons does this one true God exist?** *In three persons.*
(Matt 3:16-17; John 5:23; 10:30; 14:9-10; 15:26; 16:13-15; 1 John 5:20; 2 John 9; Rev 1:4-5)
Date Completed _____

8. **Who are they?** *God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.*

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

Date Completed _____

A Bible Prayer for Toddlers (Ages 2 & 3)

Numbers 6:24 (ESV)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Explanation: This prayer is a benediction (blessing for the road) to speak when saying good-bye to friends.

Date Completed _____

PRESCHOOLERS & KINDERGARTNERS

RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Bibles for Preschoolers & Kindergartners

(Ages 4 & 5)

- *Following Jesus Bible* (Crossway)

Bible Storybooks for Preschoolers & Kindergartners (Ages 4 & 5)

- *Read to Me Bible for Kids* (B&H)
- *The Big Picture Story Bible* by David R. (Crossway)
- *365 Bible Stories for Young Hearts* by Lion Hudson (Crossway)
- *The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name* by Sally Lloyd-Jones (ZonderKidz)

Books for Teaching Christian Truths (Ages 4 & 5)

- *What Every Child Should Know About Prayer* by Nancy Guthrie (10Publishing)
- *The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden* by Kevin DeYoung & Don Clark (Crossway)
- *God's Very Good Idea: A True Story of God's Delightfully Different Family* by Trillia Newbell (Good Book Company)
- *The Plans I Have for You* by Amy Parker (Zonderkidz)
- *A Love Letter from God* by P.K. Hallinan (Worthy Kids/Ideals)
- *I Love My Bible* by Debby Anderson (Crossway)
- *God Knows My Name* by Debby Anderson (Crossway)
- *Made by God – Curious Creatures* (Zonderkidz)
- *I Can* by Kathryn O'Brien (Tyndale Kids)

Music for Preschoolers & Kindergartners

(Ages 4 & 5)

- "Songs that Jesus Said: Scripture Into Music" by Keith & Kristyn Getty (Getty Music)
- "Worship: KidStyle for Preschoolers" (LifeWay)
- "Cedarmont Kids: Preschool Songs" (Provident Music)

MEMORIZE THE WORD

General Bible Knowledge (Ages 4 & 5)

1. **Know the name of the first book of the Old Testament.**

Genesis

Date Completed _____

2. **Know the names of the first four books of the New Testament.** *Matthew, Mark, Luke & John*

Date Completed _____

Scripture Memory (Ages 4 & 5)

Genesis 1:31a (ESV)

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Date Completed _____

Psalms 23:1-3 (ESV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Date Completed _____

Psalms 23:4-6 (ESV)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Date Completed _____

Psalms 100:3 (ESV)

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Date Completed _____

Proverbs 3:5a (ESV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Date Completed _____

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Date Completed _____

Matthew 3:17 (ESV)

And behold, a voice from heaven said, “The is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Date Completed _____

Matthew 16:16 (ESV)

Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Date Completed _____

Luke 2:11 (ESV)

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Date Completed _____

Luke 2:52 (ESV)

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Date Completed _____

John 1:1 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Date Completed _____

John 1:14 (ESV)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Date Completed _____

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Date Completed _____

John 20:31 (ESV)

But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Date Completed _____

Acts 1:11b (ESV)

This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.

Date Completed _____

Acts 16:31 (ESV)

And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Date Completed _____

Romans 5:8 (ESV)

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Date Completed _____

Revelation 1:17b-18a (ESV)

Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore.

Date Completed _____

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Questions About God, Humanity, and Sin (9-25)

Ask the question in bold to each child and teach them to respond with the answer in italics that declares the truth of scripture.

9. **Who is God?** *God is Spirit and does not have a body like us.*
(John 4:24; 2 Cor 3:17; 1 Tim 1:17)
Date Completed _____
10. **Where is God?** *God is everywhere.*
(Psalm 139:7-12; Jeremiah 23:23-24; Acts 17:27-28)
Date Completed _____
11. **Can you see God?** *No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.*
(Gen 16:13; Ex 33:20; John 1:18; 1 Tim 6:16; Psalm 139:1-5; Prov 5:21; Hebs 4:12-13)
Date Completed _____
12. **Does God know all things?** *Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.*
(1 Chron 28:9; 2 Chron 16:9; Luke 12:6-7; Rom 2:16)
Date Completed _____
13. **Can God do all things?** *Yes. God can do all his holy will.*
(Psalm 147:5; Jer 32:17; Dan 4:34-35; Eph 1:11)
Date Completed _____
14. **Where do you learn how to love and obey God?** *Only in the Bible.*
(Job 11:7; Psalm 119:104; Isa 8:20; Matt 22:29; 2 Tim 3:15-17)
Date Completed _____
15. **Who wrote the Bible?** *God wrote the Bible through inspiring holy men.*
(1 Pet 1:20-21; Acts 1:16; 2 Tim 3:16; 1 Pet 1:10-11)
Date Completed _____

16. **Can we trust the Bible?** *Yes. The Bible is all-sufficient and without error.*

(2 Tim 3:16-17; Rev 22:18-19; Psalm 12:6; Num 23:19)

Explanation: “All-sufficient” means that the Bible teaches us all we need to know about God, all we need to know about obeying him, about our sin, and God’s way of salvation.

Date Completed _____

17. **Who were our first parents?** *Adam and Eve.*

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

Date Completed _____

18. **Of what were our first parents made?** *God made the body of Adam out of the ground and formed Eve from the body of Adam.*

(Gen 2:7, 21-23; 3:19; Psalm 103:14)

Date Completed _____

19. **What did God give Adam and Even besides bodies?** *He gave them souls that could never die.*

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

Date Completed _____

20. **Have you a soul as well as a body?** *Yes. The Bible teaches me that I have a soul that can never die.*

(Matt 10:28; Mark 8:34-38; 12:30)

Date Completed _____

21. **In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?** *He made them holy and happy.*

(Gen 1:26-28; Psalm 8:4-8)

Date Completed _____

22. **Did Adam and Eve stay holy and happy?** *No. They sinned against God.*

(Gen 3:1-7; Eccl 7:29; Hos 6:7)

Date Completed _____

23. **What is sin?** *Sin is anything I say, do, or think in disobedience or transgression of God's law.*

(Rom 3:20; James 2:9-10; 1 John 3:4)

Date Completed _____

24. **What is disobedience?** *Disobedience is not being or doing what God requires.*

(James 4:17)

Date Completed _____

25. **What is transgression?** *Transgression is doing what God forbids.*

(1 Sam 13:8-14; 15:22-23; Hos 6:7; Rom 1:21-32)

Date Completed _____

A Bible Prayer for Preschoolers & Kindergartners (Ages 4 & 5)

Psalm 9:1-2 (ESV)

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Explanation: This prayer is a song of praise to the Lord.

Date Completed _____

FIRST & SECOND GRADERS

RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Bibles for Children (Grades 1 & 2)

- *Following Jesus Bible* (Crossway)

Books for Teaching Christian Truths (Grades 1 & 2)

- *Read to Me Bible for Kids* (B&H)
- *Peter's Perfect Prayer Place* by Stephen & Alex Kendrick (B&H Kids)
- *Heroes of the Bible Treasury* (Zonderkidz)
- *Not a Cloud in the Sky* by Renita Boyle (B&H Kids)
- *The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden* by Kevin DeYoung & Don Clark (Crossway)
- *The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross* by Carl LaFterton & Catalina Echeverri (Good Book Company)
- *The Friend Who Forgives: A True Story about How Peter Failed and Jesus Forgave* by Dan DeWitt & Catalina Echeverri (Good Book Company)
- *The Christmas Promise* by Alison Mitchell & Catalina Echeverri (Good Book Company)
- *The Church History ABCs: Augustine and 25 Other Heroes of the Faith* by Stephen J. Nichols & Ned Bustard (Crossway/Good News Publishers)

Music for Children (Grades 1 & 2)

- "Seeds Family Worship" (Seeds Family Worship)

MEMORIZE THE WORD

General Bible Knowledge (Grades 1 & 2)

Know the Ten Commandments. *Exod 20:3-5a, 7-8, 12-17*

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Scripture Memory (Grades 1 & 2)

Numbers 23:19 (ESV)

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Date Completed _____

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (ESV)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Date Completed _____

Joshua 1:9 (ESV)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Date Completed _____

Psalms 23:1-6 (ESV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Date Completed _____

Psalms 118:1 (ESV)

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Date Completed _____

Psalm 147:5 (ESV)

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

Date Completed _____

Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Date Completed _____

Matthew 1:21 (ESV)

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

Date Completed _____

Matthew 4:19 (ESV)

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Date Completed _____

Matthew 5:16 (ESV)

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Date Completed _____

Luke 18:16 (ESV)

But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

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Luke 19:10 (ESV)

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

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John 1:1-3 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Date Completed _____

John 3:14 (ESV)

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.

Date Completed _____

John 3:15 (ESV)

That whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

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John 6:68 (ESV)

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

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John 11:25-26 (ESV)

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Date Completed _____

John 14:1 (ESV)

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

Date Completed _____

John 14:6 (ESV)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Date Completed _____

John 14:21 (ESV)

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

Date Completed _____

John 17:17 (ESV)

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

Date Completed _____

Romans 3:22-24 (ESV)

The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

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Romans 5:6 (ESV)

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Date Completed _____

Romans 6:23 (ESV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Date Completed _____

Romans 8:28 (ESV)

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Date Completed _____

1 Corinthians 15:3 (ESV)

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received; that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures.

Date Completed _____

1 Corinthians 15:4 (ESV)

That he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.

Date Completed _____

Colossians 1:3 (ESV)

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you.

Date Completed _____

1 John 4:14 (ESV)

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

Date Completed _____

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Questions About God, Humanity, and Sin (26-47 for Grade 1)

Ask the question in bold to each child and teach them to respond with the answer in italics that declares the truth of scripture.

26. **What was the sin of our first parents?** *Eating the forbidden fruit.*

(Gen 2:16-17; 3:6)

Date Completed _____

27. **Why did they eat the forbidden fruit?** *Because they did not believe what God had said.*

(Gen 3:1-6; Heb 11:6)

Date Completed _____

28. **Who tempted them to this sin?** *The devil tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam.*

(Gen 3:1-13; 2 Cor 11:3; 1 Tim 2:13-14; Rev 12:9)

Date Completed _____

29. **What happened to our first parents when they sinned?** *Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.*

(Gen 3:14-24; 4:1-24; Jas 1:14-15)

Date Completed _____

30. **What effect did the sin of Adam have on all humanity?** *All humanity is born in a state of sin and misery.*

(Psalm 51:5; Rom 5:12, 18-19; 1 Cor 15:21-22; 1 John 5:19)

Date Completed _____

31. **What do we inherit from Adam as a result of this original sin?** *A sinful nature.*

(1 Kgs 8:46; Psalm 14:2-3; 58:3; Eccl 9:3; Matt 15:18-20; John 2:24-25; Rom 8:7)

Date Completed _____

32. **What does every sin deserve?** *The anger and judgment of God.*
(Deut 27:26; Rom 1:18; 2:2; Gal 3:10; Eph 5:6)
Date Completed _____
33. **Do we know what God requires of us?** *Yes. He has given us his law both in our hearts and in writing.*
(Rom 2:14-15)
Date Completed _____
34. **Can anyone go to heaven with a sinful nature?** *No. Our hearts must be changed before we can be ready for heaven.*
(Rom 8:7; Jer 31:33-34; Ezek 36:25-27; John 1:12-13; 3:1-10; 1 John 5:1, 4, 18)
Date Completed _____
35. **What is a change of heart called?** *Regeneration.*
(Titus 3:5-6)
Date Completed _____
36. **Who can change a sinner's heart?** *Only the Holy Spirit.*
(John 3:3; Rom 8:6-11; 1 Cor 2:9-14; 2 Thess 2:13-14; Titus 3:5-6)
Date Completed _____

Questions about the Ten Commandments

37. **How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai?** *Ten Commandments.*
(Exod 20:1-17; Deut 5:1-22)
Date Completed _____
38. **What are the Ten Commandments sometimes called?** *God's law.*
(Jer 31:33; Rom 2:14-15; 10:5)
Date Completed _____

39. **Why should we obey the Ten Commandments?** *Because God is our Creator, Savior, and King.*
(Exod 20:1-2, 11; Deut 5:1-6)
Date Completed _____
40. **What do the first four commandments teach?** *Our duty to God.*
(Deut 6:5-6; 10:12-13)
Date Completed _____
41. **What do the last six commandments teach?** *Our duty to our neighbor.*
(Deut 10:19; Micah 6:8; Gal 6:10)
Date Completed _____
42. **What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?** *To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.*
(Deut 6:1-15; 11:1; Matt 22:35-40; James 2:8)
Date Completed _____
43. **Who is your neighbor?** *Everyone is my neighbor.*
(Luke 6:35; 10:25-37)
Date Completed _____
44. **Is God pleased with those who love and obey him?** *Yes. He says, "I love them that love me."*
(Prov 8:17; Exod 20:6; 1 John 4:7-16)
Date Completed _____
45. **Is God pleased with those who do not love and obey him?** *No. "God is angry with the wicked every day."*
(Psalm 7:11; Mal 2:17; Prov 6:16-19; 1 Cor 16:22)
Date Completed _____
46. **What is the first commandment?** *You shall have no other gods before me.*
(Exod 20:3; Deut 5:7)
Date Completed _____

47. **What does the first commandment teach us?** *To worship only God.*

(Isaiah 45:5-6; Matt 4:10; Rev 22:8-9)

Date Completed _____

Questions About God, Humanity, and Sin (48-69 for Grade 2)

48. **What is the second commandment?** *You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them.*

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

Date Completed _____

49. **What does the second commandment teach us?** *To worship God in the right way, and to avoid idolatry.*

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

Date Completed _____

50. **What is the third commandment?** *The third commandment is, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."*

(Exod 20:7; Deut 5:11)

Date Completed _____

51. **What does the third commandment teach us?** *To respect God's name, Word, and works.*

(Is 8:13; Psalm 29:2; 138:2; Rev 15:3-4)

Date Completed _____

52. **What is the fourth commandment?** *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*

(Exod 20:8-11; 23:12; Deut 15:3-4)

Date Completed _____

53. What does the fourth commandment teach us? *To rest knowing that God has finished his work and kept his promises in Jesus Christ.*

(Gen 2:2-3; 2 Cor 1:20; Heb 4:1-16)

Date Completed _____

54. How do we rest? *In prayer and praise, in hearing and reading God's Word, in doing good to our neighbor, in repenting from sin, and in trusting the Lord. In this way of life, we begin to enter eternal rest.*

(Is 58:13-14; 66:23; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:2; Luke 4:16; Matt 12:10-13)

Date Completed _____

55. What is the fifth commandment? *Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.*

(Exod 20:12; Deut 5:16)

Date Completed _____

56. What does the fifth commandment teach us? *To love and obey our parents.*

(Matt 15:3-6; Eph 6:1-3; Col 3:20)

Date Completed _____

57. What is the sixth commandment? *You shall not murder.*

(Exod 20:13; Deut 5:17)

Date Completed _____

58. Who does the sixth commandment teach us? *To avoid hatred and anger.*

(Matt 5:21-24; 1 John 3:15; James 4:1-3)

Date Completed _____

59. What is the seventh commandment? *You shall not commit adultery.*

(Exod 20:14; Deut 5:18)

Date Completed _____

60. **What does the seventh commandment teach us?** *To be pure in heart, language, and conduct.*
(Matt 5:27-28; Eph 5:3-5; Phil 4:8-9)
Date Completed _____
61. **What is the eighth commandment?** *You shall not steal.*
(Exod 20:15, 11; Deut 5:19)
Date Completed _____
62. **What does the eighth commandment teach us?** *To be honest and not to take things which belong to others.*
(Exod 23:4; Proverbs 21:6-7; Eph 4:28)
Date Completed _____
63. **What is the ninth commandment?** *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*
(Exod 20:16; Deut 5:20)
Date Completed _____
64. **What does the ninth commandment teach us?** *To tell the truth and not to speak evil about others.*
(Psalm 15:1-3; Zech 8:16; 1 Cor 13:6; James 4:11)
Date Completed _____
65. **What is the tenth commandment?** *You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.*
(Exod 20:17; Deut 5:21; Rom 7:7)
Date Completed _____
66. **What does the tenth commandment teach us?** *To be content with what we have.*
(Phil 4:11; 1 Tim 6:6-8; Heb 13:5)
Date Completed _____

67. Can anyone keep these Ten Commandments? *No one since the fall of Adam, except our Lord Jesus, ever did or can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly.*

(Prov 20:9; Eccl 7:20; Rom 3:19-20; James 2:10; 1 John 1:8, 10)

Date Completed _____

68. Of what use are the Ten Commandments to us? *They teach us our duty, make clear our guilt, and show us our need for the Savior.*

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

Date Completed _____

69. Does God condemn all men? *No. Though he could justly have done so, he has graciously promised to save many.*

(Rom 3:19-20, 23-25; John 17:11-12; Is 53:11)

Date Completed _____

A Bible Prayer for Children (Grades 1 & 2)

Matthew 6:9b-13 (ESV)

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

Date Completed _____

THIRD THROUGH FIFTH GRADERS

RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Bibles for Children (Grades 3–5)

- *Following Jesus Bible* (Crossway)

Books for Teaching Christian Truths (Grades 3–5)

- *Exploring the Bible: A Bible Reading Plan for Kids* by David Murray (Crossway/Good News Publishers)
- *Exploring the Bible Together: A 52-Week Family Worship Plan* by David Murray (Crossway)
- *Emblems of the Infinite King: Enter the Knowledge of the Living God* by J. Ryan Lister (Crossway)
- *On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness (Wingfeather Saga Book 1)* by Andrew Peterson (Waterbrook Press)
- *The New City Catechism for Kids* by The Gospel Coalition (Crossway/Good News Publishers)
- *Light Keepers for Girls* by Irene Howat (Christian Focus)
- *Light Keepers for Boys* by Irene Howat (Christian Focus)

Music for Children (Grades 3–5)

- “Hide the Word” CD Collection (Mark Altrogge – Forever Grateful Music)

MEMORIZE THE WORD

Bible Reading (Grades 3–5)

Read Exodus, Psalms, Proverbs, and Ephesians

Date Completed _____

General Bible Knowledge (Grades 3–5)

THIRD GRADE: Know the names of the twelve apostles

1. Simon Peter
2. Andrew
3. James (Son of Zebedee)
4. John (Son of Zebedee)
5. Philip
6. Bartholomew
7. Thomas
8. Matthew
9. James (Son of Alphaeus)
10. Thaddeus
11. Simon the Zealot
12. Judas Iscariot

Date Completed _____

FOURTH GRADE: Know the books of the Old & New Testaments

OLD TESTAMENT

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel

- 1 Kings
- 2 Kings
- 1 Chronicles
- 2 Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Esther
- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon
- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel
- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

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NEW TESTAMENT

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John
- Acts
- Romans
- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians
- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon
- Hebrews
- James
- 1 Peter
- 2 Peter
- 1 John
- 2 John
- 3 John
- Jude
- Revelation

Date Completed _____

FIFTH GRADE: Know God's plan for salvation

1. Acknowledge that we have all have sinned. Sin = missing the mark and falling short of God's perfect plan. (Rom 3:23)
2. The payment for our sin is death. This is not just physical death, but eternal separation from God. (Rom 6:23)
3. Due to God's great love for us, he sent his son, Jesus to die in our place. He died so that we do not have to die. (Rom 5:8)

4. God has given us a wonderful gift. This is the gift of life and is available to all through Jesus Christ. We must repent of our sin, believe in our hearts that Jesus is God's son, that he died on a cross, rose from the dead and is alive today. We must surrender our lives to him. (Rom 10:9-10)
5. Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Rom 10:13)

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Scripture Memory (Grades 3–5)

Joshua 24:24 (ESV)

And the people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey."

Date Completed _____

Psalms 29:2 (ESV)

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Date Completed _____

Psalms 100 (ESV)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Date Completed _____

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (ESV)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Date Completed _____

Psalms 119:9-11 (ESV)

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Date Completed _____

Psalm 119:105 (ESV)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Date Completed _____

Psalm 121 (ESV)

I will lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

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Psalm 145:8 (ESV)

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Date Completed _____

Proverbs 1:8-9 (ESV)

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.

Date Completed _____

Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Date Completed _____

Matthew 1:21 (ESV)

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

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And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

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For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

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John 3:30 (ESV)

He must increase, but I must decrease.

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Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Date Completed _____

Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Date Completed _____

Philippians 2:14 (ESV)

Do all things without grumbling or disputing.

Date Completed _____

1 Thessalonians 4:16 (ESV)

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

Date Completed _____

1 Thessalonians 4:17 (ESV)

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

Date Completed _____

James 2:10 (ESV)

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

Date Completed _____

1 John 4:19 (ESV)

We love because he first loved us.

Date Completed _____

1 Peter 1:25 (ESV)

But the word of the Lord remains forever. And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Date Completed _____