

Toddler's Catechism

(Introduction to Bible Doctrine)

For Covenant Infants

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Preface

The use of the Catechism for the instruction of the young in the Church is an ancient and time-tested biblical method. We have, as such, adopted a Catechism regime that includes Bible History Catechisms as well as Doctrinal or Creedal Catechisms.

Our children would typically begin the regime once they are able to repeat the answers given in the Beginner's Book I. Before that, they attend a class where they are taught one question each week from the *Catechism for the Very Young* and then listen to a Bible Story.

Some of our parents, eager to start their children at the Beginner level, have, however, found it to be too great a transition from the Toddler's class to the Beginner's I class.

This catechism booklet is produced with the hope of narrowing the jump. It is still based on the *Catechism for the Very Young*. The child should still be trained to memorise one question each week. But a set of supplementary questions are provided to help the parents ensure that the child understands (as much as possible) what he is memorising.

If you are using this booklet, you should not require your child to memorise the answers to these questions. However, as the teachers in the class will use the same questions to instruct the children, your child will probably enjoy the class much more if you have already gone through them with him.

May the Lord bless our feeble efforts to instruct our children in the way of the Lord.

- *Ps J.J. Lim*

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Q1. Who made you?

A. God

Supplementary Questions:

1. What is your name?
2. Who made [child's name]?
3. Did daddy make you?
4. Did mummy make you?
5. Did God make you?
6. [Fold a paper aeroplane before child.] Who made this paper plane?
7. Who made you?

Q2. What else did God make?

A. All things.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Did God make [child's name]?
2. Did God make [how child addresses you]?
3. Did God make the trees?
4. [Show picture or model of elephant; repeat with other animals and insects.] Did God make the elephants?
5. Did God make the sun? The moon? The stars? The earth?
6. Can you tell me some things God made? [Don't panic if child answers with artificial things like cars and pencils. It is OK to leave the answer as it is as the child will come to understand the full truth as he matures. But if you feel that the child can understand, explain that God made the materials and He made men who made the things. Do not do so in class however, as it may confuse rather than help.]
7. Who made you? What else did God make? [This is to return to the catechism answer.]

Q3. Why did God make all things?

A. For His own glory.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Did God make the mountains? [Show picture of mountain.]
2. Do you think a mountain is great?
3. Is God greater than a mountain?
4. Did God make the lion?
5. [Show picture of lion.] Do you think a lion is powerful?
6. Is God more powerful than a lion?
7. [Show a real flower.] Did God make this flower?
8. Do you think this flower is beautiful?
9. Is God clever (wise) to make this flower?
10. God wants us to see that He is great, powerful, wise and good. This is the same as saying: "God made all things for his own glory."

Q4. From where can we learn about God?

A. From the Bible

Supplementary Questions:

1. Can you show me a Bible?
2. Do you have your own Bible?
3. [Show a newspaper.] Can we learn about God from the newspaper?
4. [Show a school textbook. Not a Christian book so as not to confuse the children.] Can we learn about God from this book?
5. [Show a few books, magazine and Bible.] From which of these books can we learn about God? [Children can pick the books.]
6. What can we learn from the Bible? [Children may give many answers, but lead them back to learning about God.]
7. Do you want to learn about God? [Speak about learning to read, listening carefully when the Bible is read, etc.]

Q5. What is the Bible?

A. God's Word.

Supplementary Questions:

1. From where can we learn about God?
2. [Bring a pile of books with a few Bibles.] Can you pick up the Bibles?
3. What can we learn from the Bible?
4. Who wrote the Bible? [Here there may be varied answers depending on the child's understanding and training. But the object is to have them know that although 'holy men' wrote the Bible, it is God's Word.]
5. [Show a Bible.] Whose words are in the Bible?
6. [Show a book.] Whose words are in this book?
7. [Repeat Q6, with a variety, including magazines, and Bibles.]
8. If the Bible is God's Word, what must we do when we read the Bible?

Q6. How many Gods are there?

A. Only one True God.

Supplementary Questions:

1. [Counting exercise.] How many fingers do you have? [How many eyes, ears, hands—things for which there are more than one, etc?]
2. [Further on counting.] How many daddies do you have? [How many mummies, etc.]
3. Have you seen the sun? How many suns are there?
4. How many Gods are there?
5. How do you know there is only one God? [The Bible tells me so.]
6. Can we say there are many gods? [Some children may say there are many false gods, but don't go into it yet. Speak about one TRUE God.]
7. Can we say there are three gods?

Q7. What about idols of wood and stone?

A. They are false gods.

Supplementary Questions:

1. How many Gods are there?
2. Do you know what is true or false? [Explain with synonyms such as 'real' and 'fake'.]
3. [Show a real fish in a bottle, and a number of toy fishes.] Which of these is real? Which of these is true? Which of these are false? [Repeat with other things e.g., leaves or fruits. Remember *not* to use photographs though you may *draw* fishes, leaves, etc, and cut them out.]
4. How many true Gods are there?
5. What about idols of wood and stone? Have you seen idols of wood and stone? [You can use photographs or magazine cuttings here if necessary.]
6. Many people pray to false gods. Should you pray to false gods? Can they hear you? Can they help those who pray to them?
7. [To illustrate Q6, use a doll. Ask the children if they can make the doll move by talking to it?]

Q8. How many Persons are there in the Godhead?

A. Three.

Supplementary Questions:

[The questions following are designed to help the parents to make sure that the children understand that there are three persons in the Godhead. Some may object that the corroborating questions may give a wrong impression about the doctrine of the Trinity. However, bear in mind that they are not designed to give a full theology of the Trinity. All that is required at this point is for the children to see that God is one in one sense, but three in another sense.]

1. How many hands do you have?
2. How many fingers do you have in each hand?
3. How many families do you have? [This may be difficult for many children if they do not understand what the word family means.]
4. [If child is able to answer Q3.] How many members are there in your family?
5. How many Gods are there?
6. How many Persons are there in the Godhead?
7. Are there only 2 (4, 5 etc) Persons in the Godhead?

Q9. Who are the Persons in the Godhead?

A. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Supplementary Questions:

1. How many Gods are there?
2. How many Persons are there in the Godhead?
3. Who are these Persons?
4. Do you know Who is the Father? [He is our heavenly Father. We talk to Him when we pray.]
5. Is the Father God?
6. Do you know the name of the Son?
7. Is the Son God?
8. Is the Holy Spirit God?
9. How many Gods are there?
10. How many Persons are there in the Godhead?

Q10. Where is God?

A. He is Everywhere.

Supplementary Questions:

1. From where can we learn about God?
2. How many Gods are there?
3. What about the idols of wood and stone?
4. Where do you find idols? [In the temples, at the coffee shop, at grandma's home, etc.]
5. Where is God?
6. Is God in heaven?
7. Is God here now?
8. Is He in Australia [China, America, etc.]?
9. If you go to the mountain [under the sea, to the moon etc] will God be there?

Q11. Can you see God?

A. No. But He sees me.

Supplementary Questions:

[The questions following are designed to help the child understand that, though they cannot see God, He can see them and He knows what they are doing, always. Most toddlers are not yet able to reason that what they cannot see may or may not exist. This is not so much because they associate existence with sight, but because most would not really comprehend the concept of “existence” as yet! Thus a child will generally not question about the existence of God. Young children may not even question about the existence of Santa Claus and his reindeer; how much less the existence of God, seeing that they are made in the image of God. This is the reason why we have not included questions that will prove that what we cannot see can exist. But if the teacher should think such a proof is necessary because a child asks, then one method to teach the idea is to hold a coin in the hand and ask: “Do you see the coin?” The child will answer “no.” Then explain that it is there though he does not see it. This, of course, does not prove the second part of the answer, for which proof is unnecessary.]

1. From where can we learn about God?
2. How many Gods are there?
3. Where is God?
4. Is He in this room?
5. Can you see Him?
6. Does God know your name?
7. Does God know what you are doing?

Q12. How are we different from animals?

A. God's image is in us

Supplementary Questions:

1. Some people say that boys and girls are not different from monkeys and donkeys. Are you different from monkeys and donkeys?
2. How are you different from monkeys and donkeys? [Prompt with: how are you different from animals? *God's image is in me.*]
3. What do you mean when you say that "God's image is in you"? [Suggest: it means you have a soul. Animals do not have souls.]
4. Do you know what a soul is? [Suggest: it is something in you which you cannot see. Because you have a soul, you can think, you can talk, you can smile, you can pray, you know what is right or wrong.]
5. Do you think a monkey has a soul? [Note: some theologians hold that animals have animal-souls, but not rational-soul. Don't confuse the children with this idea. Always mean **rational**-soul when speaking to young children about the soul.]
6. How do you know a monkey has no soul? Have you seen a monkey praying? Have you seen a monkey smiling? Has a monkey ever said hello to you?

Q13. Who was the first man?

A. Adam

Supplementary Questions:

1. Do you know where you can find the name 'Adam' in the Bible? [In the first few pages.]
2. Was Adam an animal? Was he a man or a woman?
3. Do you know what Adam looked like? [No; he lived a long, long time ago. He lived before you were born, before your daddy was born, before anyone else was born.]
4. How did God make Adam? [He made him from the dust of the ground.]
5. Can you make a person from the dust of the ground? [Optional: do playdough model of man, to demonstrate.]
6. Can God make a person from the dust of the ground? [Yes; and He gave him a soul.]
7. God also made a woman. Do you know what her name was?
8. Do you have a grandfather and grandmother? Do you know that Adam and Eve are the great, great, great, great, great, great... grandfather and grandmother of all of us?

Q14. What was Adam like at creation?

A. He was good

Supplementary Questions:

*[These questions touch on the concept of good verses bad, which is actually quite a difficult concept for the little ones. At this age, they will know that disobedience and crime are bad, but it will be difficult for them to understand that **they** and **all men** are bad. We will attempt to bring that across in the following questions. But for now, it is enough for them to know that Adam was obedient to God.]*

1. Is a robber good or bad? Is a murderer good or bad?
2. Why is a robber bad? [Because he breaks the law.]
3. Is a policeman good or bad? [Expect the answer 'good'.]
4. Why is a policeman good? [Because he keeps the law.]
5. Is [child's name] good or bad? [Most will say 'good' even with parental reminders! We are born Pelagians! But don't dispute answer for now, use to lead to next question.] Are you **always** good? [No]
6. When are you bad? [Or, are you good when you disobey mummy or daddy?]
7. Why was Adam good? [Because he was always obedient to God.]

Q15. Did Adam remain good?

A. No, He sinned

Supplementary Questions:

1. What was Adam like at creation? [He was good.]
2. Why was he good? [God made him good. He always obeyed God.]
3. There were two fruit trees in the Garden of Eden. Do you know the names of these 2 trees?
4. [Show an apple or juicy mango.] The tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil produced a fruit like this. Does it look delicious?
5. Were Adam and Eve allowed to eat it? [No.]
6. Did Adam eat from it? [Yes.]
7. Was it right for him to do that? [No]
8. Was he obedient to God when he ate the fruit from the tree? [No.]
9. [Explain that when you are disobedient, you sin. We will come back to this in the next question.]

Q16. What is sin?

A. Disobedience to God.

Supplementary Questions:

1. God told Adam not to eat the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Did Adam obey?
2. When Adam disobeyed God, he sinned. Do you know that you sin whenever you disobey God?
3. Have you ever sinned? [If answer is 'yes'; ask: what did you do? If answer is 'no'; lead to a correct answer with examples.]
4. Do you know that God has given us many instructions on what we are to do or not to do? Where are the instructions found?
5. Can you give a few examples of these instructions?
6. Do you think God will be pleased with you if you disobey Him?
7. What must you do when you know you have sinned against God?

Q17. What is the punishment for sin?

A. Death.

Supplementary Questions:

[This question introduces the subject of death, but because its focus is on sin rather than death, we will leave the issue of death till the next question.]

1. When you disobey your daddy, what does your daddy do to you? [If the child answers, "he will punish me", or something in that line, ask: how does he punish you?]
2. Do you think it is bad to disobey your daddy? Is it right for your daddy to punish you?
3. Adam disobeyed God. How did he disobey God? [By eating of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.]
4. Was it bad of Adam to disobey God? [Point out that it is more terrible to disobey God than to disobey our parents.]
5. Do you think God was angry with Adam for disobeying? [If the child answers, 'no'; follow up with: if daddy tells you not to something and you disobey, will he be happy?]
6. Do you know how God punished Adam? [He was chased out of the Garden of Eden and he had to die.]
7. Why did Adam die? [Because he sinned.]

Q18. What happened after Adam sinned?

A. All men die in Adam.

Supplementary Questions:

[The focus of this question is death. Children will have different levels of appreciation of death depending on their experience. For example, a child who has experienced losing someone he loves, or remembers attending a wake service, will likely appreciate death more than one who has not had such an experience. But since there is no other reference point for children to appreciate death than their experience with the death of someone, the supplementary questions will proceed along the line that the child, or at least someone in the group, has encountered death. We make no reference to the death of animals in the questions in order to avoid confusion, but it can be brought in if necessary.]

1. Have you ever seen your grandpa's father? Do you know what happened to him? [Adjust question to someone whom the child/children know if possible.]
2. Have you ever seen a dead person? Who was it? Could he talk? Could he move his hand?
3. Do you know that we will all die one day? [Unless the Lord returns in our lifetime, we will all die.]
4. Do you know why everyone must die? [Because Adam sinned. Because we are all sinners.]
5. Do you think you will die one day too? Why? [Because Adam sinned. Because I am a sinner and the punishment of sin is death - See Q. 17. Note that death is no longer a punishment for the elect, but the entrance to glory. However, at this point it is too complex to explain the difference. We will touch on this again at Q. 24.]
6. Do you know what will happen when you die? [Your body will go to the grave, but your soul will go to heaven or to hell. Tell briefly about heaven and hell.]
7. Do you know who will go to heaven? [Only those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.]

Q19. Who can save us from sin and death?

A. Only the Lord Jesus Christ.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Do you remember how Adam sinned? [He disobeyed God. He ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.] What happened after Adam sinned? [All men die in Adam.]
2. Are you a sinner?
3. Will you also die?
4. Where will you go after you die? [My body will go into the ground, but my soul will go to heaven/hell.]
5. Where would you like to go when you die?
6. Who can take you there? [Only Jesus Christ.]
7. The Lord Jesus Christ can take us to heaven because only He can save us from sin and death.
8. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ?

Q20. Who is the Lord Jesus Christ?

A. God's Son.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Who can save us from sin and death? [Only the Lord Jesus Christ.]
2. Do you know who the Lord Jesus Christ is?
3. Have you ever seen the Lord Jesus Christ? [No; He lived on this earth many, many years ago.]
4. Where can we read about the Lord Jesus? [In the Bible.]
5. Can you tell me about some things that the Lord Jesus did? [He healed the sick; He caused the blind to see; He raised the dead; He calmed the storm; He rose from the dead, etc.]
6. Can you do all these things?
7. Do you know why the Lord Jesus was able to do all these wonderful things? [Because He is God. Or, because He is God's Son.]

Q21. Did the Lord Jesus ever sin?

A. No; He alone never sinned.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Do you remember what sin is? [Disobedience to God.]
2. Did Adam sin? How did he sin?
3. What other ways can a person sin?
4. A person who sins is a sinner. Are you a sinner? Is mummy a sinner? Is daddy a sinner? Is teacher a sinner? Is Pastor a sinner?
5. Is the Lord Jesus Christ a sinner?
6. Do you know anyone else who has never sinned?
7. Why is it that the Lord Jesus never sinned and will never sin?
[Because He is God's Son.]

Q22. What did Jesus do for His people?

A. He died for their sin.

Supplementary Questions:

[The Lord Jesus Christ lived, suffered and died for His people. However, our focus in this question is on His substitutionary atonement.]

1. Do you remember what the punishment for sin is? [Q. 17 - death.]
2. Did the Lord Jesus ever sin? [Q. 21 - No; He alone never sinned.]
3. Did the Lord Jesus need to be punished?
4. Did the Lord Jesus need to die?
5. Did God's people sin?
6. Did God's people need to die and go to hell?
7. But God's people are going to heaven. Do you know why?
8. The Lord Jesus died on the Cross. Do you know why He died?
9. What did the Lord Jesus do for His people?

Q23. Did the Lord Jesus live again?

**A. Yes; He rose again and
went to heaven.**

Supplementary Questions:

1. Have you ever seen a dead person?
2. Can a dead person wake up and walk?
3. Can the doctor make a dead person live again?
4. Do you know that the Lord Jesus died but He rose again?
5. Do you know how many days He was in the grave? On which day did He rise?
6. Can you name some of Jesus' friends who saw Him after He rose from the dead?
7. After how many days did the Lord Jesus go to heaven?
8. Do you know how He went up to heaven?
9. Can you go up to heaven too?

Q24. Will God punish His people for their sin?

A. No; Jesus was punished
for them.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Have you ever been naughty, and mummy had to spank you?
2. After mummy spanked you, did daddy also spank you? [Be prepared for unexpected answers, but lead to the thought that once a punishment is meted out, no further punishment should be given.]
3. Do you think God's people deserve to be punished? [Yes; because Adam our first father sinned, and the Bible tells us that we are sinners because of him.]
4. But do you know where God's people will go after they die?
5. Why do you think they will not go to hell?
6. Can you see how much the Lord Jesus loves us?

Q25. How is Christ's work brought to His people?

A. By the Holy Spirit.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Can you remember what the Lord Jesus Christ did for His people?
2. When the Lord Jesus Christ died He bought a gift for His people. Do you know what this gift is called? [Eternal life.]
3. If you want to give a gift to a friend who lives far away, what can you do? [Send it through the post office.]
4. The Lord Jesus has gone to heaven which is 'far away' from us. Do you know how the Lord Jesus sends the gift He bought for us? [He sent it through the Holy Spirit].
5. Do you know who the Holy Spirit is? [He is God.]
6. Can you see the Holy Spirit? Can you feel the Holy Spirit?
7. I cannot see or feel the Holy Spirit, but He makes me very happy. Do you know why? [Explain how gifts often bring happiness.]

Q26. What does the Holy Spirit do?

A. He gives faith.

Supplementary Questions:

1. John is a Christian. Judas is not a Christian. Do you know what John has which Judas does not have? Is it money? Is it houses? Is it faith?
2. The Bible says: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Eph 2:8). Faith is a gift. Do you know Who gives faith to John? [the Holy Spirit.]
3. Does John have to pay for faith? [No.]
4. Who paid for it? [The Lord Jesus Christ.]

Q27. What is faith?

A. Believing in Christ.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Do you remember what the Holy Spirit does? [He gives faith.]
2. Do you know what faith is? [Faith is believing in Christ.]
3. What does it mean to believe in Christ? [It is to believe that He is the Son of God and that He died for my sin to make me a child of God.]
4. Does everyone have faith? [No; those who are not Christians do not have faith.]
5. Do you have faith? Do you believe in Christ?

Q28. How do we know we truly believe Christ?

A. We will produce good works.

Supplementary Questions:

1. How many people are there in the world who say they are Christian? Is it 10? Is it 100? Is it 1000? [More than that.]
2. Do you think everyone who says he is a Christian truly believes Christ? [No; Judas Iscariot and Simon Magus would call themselves Christians, but they did not truly believe in Christ.]
3. Are there many today who are not true believers? [Yes; the Lord tells us that many who will call Him Lord, Lord, at the last day, will be rejected by Him.]
4. Do you know where true believers will go when they die? Do you know where false believers will go when they die?
5. How do you know if you truly believe Christ?
6. What are good works? [Obedience to God's law, being helpful to others.]
7. Do you believe Christ?

Q29. Who are Christ's people?

A. The Church.

Supplementary Questions:

[Note that these questions concern the visible church rather than the invisible church as the latter is a concept that may be too difficult for toddlers.]

1. What do we call people who believe in Christ? [Christians.]
2. Are all people in the world Christians?
3. Where can you find Christians? [In the Church.]
4. Are God's people in every Church? [No; there are true and false Churches.]
5. In what kind of Churches will we not find God's people? [Roman Catholic Church, Mormon Church, etc.]

Q30. What did Christ especially give to the Church?

A. Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Have you been baptised? Can you describe it?
2. Have you seen children and adults being baptised?
3. Do you know what the Lord's Supper is? Can you describe it?
4. Do you eat the bread and drink the wine at the Lord's Supper?
5. Would you like to eat the bread and drink the wine?

Q31. What does Baptism show us?

A. That we are Christ's people.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Do you know what the water in baptism represents? [Blood of Christ and Spirit of Christ.]
2. Is everyone in the world washed in the blood of Christ? [No.]
3. Who are washed in the blood of Christ? [God's people.]
4. Does everyone in the world have the Spirit of Christ? [No.]
5. Who are the people who have the Spirit of Christ? [God's people.]
6. What does Baptism show us?

Q32. What does the Lord's Supper show us?

A. That Christ died for us.

Supplementary Questions:

1. What is done at the Lord's Supper?
2. What does the bread represent? [The body of Christ.]
3. What does the breaking of the bread represent? [Christ's body broken for us.]
4. What colour is the wine at the Lord's Supper?
5. What does the wine represent? [The blood of Christ.]
6. When was the body of Christ broken and His blood shed?
7. What does the Lord's Supper show us?

Q33. Who is the Head of the Church?

A. The Lord Jesus Christ.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Is the Pastor the Head of the Church?
2. Is the elder the Head of the Church?
3. Is the deacon the Head of the Church?
4. Is the Lord Jesus Christ the Head of the Church?
5. If the Lord Jesus is the Head of the Church, what must we do?
[Serve Him and obey Him.]

Q34. What offices has Christ appointed in the Church?

A. Elders and Deacons.

Supplementary Questions:

1. How many elders are there in our Church?
2. What do the elders do? [Rule and teach the Church.]
3. How many deacons are there in our Church?
4. What do the deacons do? [They distribute the mercies of Christ by taking care of the money in the Church.]

Q35. Is Christ's Church perfect?

A. Not yet.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Do you know what it means to be 'perfect'?
2. Are you perfect?
3. Why do you say you are not perfect?
4. Is the Church of Christ perfect today?
5. How do we know the Church is not perfect?
6. What do you think a perfect Church will be like?
7. Will we be perfect one day? [Yes; for the Bible teaches us so.]

Q36. When will the Church be perfect?

A. At the Resurrection.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Have you ever been to the cemetery?
2. Do you know anyone who is buried at the cemetery?
3. Do you know what has happened to his/her body? [It has become soil.]
4. Do you know that, one day, all the dead will come alive again?
5. That day is the day of the Resurrection. Can you say 'Resurrection'?
6. What is the Resurrection? [It is when everyone who has died will be raised to life again.]
7. On that day those who are alive will have their bodies changed. But those who are dead will be given a new body.
8. Do you think the Resurrection will be a happy day? [It will be happy for Christians only.]

Q37. What happens at the Resurrection?

A. Christ judges all men.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Remember what the Resurrection is? [The dead will be raised.]
2. Will the Resurrection be a happy day? [It will be a very happy day for Christians, but a sad day for non-Christians.]
3. Do you know why Christians will be happy and non-Christians will be sad? [Because Christ will judge all men.]
4. What does it mean that Christ will judge all men? [It is like Christ will mark the work of everyone, the way that our teachers mark our homework.]
5. Christ will separate the people into two groups. The sheep on the right and the goats on the left. Christians are sheep. We will be on the right. Will you be on the right or left side?
6. The sheep are those whom Christ saves. The goats are those whom Christ condemns. Are you a sheep or a goat?

Q38. What will happen to those whom Christ saves?

A. They live with Him forever in Heaven.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Remember that at the resurrection, Christ will separate His sheep from the goats?
2. Who are the goats? [They are those Christ condemns.]
3. Who are the sheep? [They are those Christ saves.]
4. Are you a sheep or goat?
5. What will happen to those whom Christ saves? [Christ will take them into Heaven. They will live with Him forever in Heaven.]
6. Do you know what heaven is like?
7. Would you like to go to heaven?

Q39. What will happen to those whom Christ condemns?

A. They die forever in Hell.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Remember that at the resurrection, all the dead will be given their bodies?
2. Christians will enjoy heaven with a happy body that has no cuts and no pain. Would you like to have such a body?
3. What about the non-Christians? Do you know what kind of body they will have? [They will have a body that has a lot of pain and unhappiness.]
4. They will be cast into hell again with their body. Do you know why? [Because they sin against God in their body and soul, so God will punish them body and soul.]
5. Do you know what hell is like?
6. Do you think anyone will be happy in hell?
7. Would you like to go to hell? If not, what must you do?

Q40. Where do we find God's Law?

A. In the Ten Commandments.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Do your mummy and daddy have any rules for you to follow?
2. God has His rules for us too. Do you know what these rules are called? [Law or Commandment.]
3. God's Law is in the Ten Commandments. Do you know where to find the Ten Commandments in the Bible? [Exodus 20.]
4. The Ten Commandments are very important for us. They are as important as water in the fish tank is to fish. Do you know what will happen if we catch the fish and put it on the table?
5. If we do not keep God's Commandments, we are like the fish out of water. Do you know what will happen?

Q41. What do the Ten Commandments teach us?

A. To love God and to love others.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Do you love your daddy?
2. Do you know how to make your daddy angry? [By disobeying him or by fighting with my siblings or with anyone else.]
3. How do you show your daddy that you love him? [By obeying him and by loving my siblings. Your child may suggest "by hugging him," but help him to see that daddy will not hug him if he is naughty.]
4. How do you show that you love God? [By keeping His commandments.]
5. How do you show that you love others? [By keeping God's commandments too!]
6. How many commandments are there in the Ten Commandments? [Ten.]
7. Do you know how many commandments teach us how to love God? [4].
Do you know how many teach us how to love others? [6].

Q42. What is the First Commandment?

A. Thou shalt have no other gods
before Me.

Supplementary Questions:

1. How many daddies do you have? [Only one.]
2. Can you tell your daddy "I don't want you to be my daddy anymore, I want _____ to be my daddy?" Do you think your daddy will be happy if you say that?
3. How many gods are there? [Only one true God.]
4. What about the idols of wood and stone? [They are false gods.]
5. Should we pray to false gods? Do we need to obey false gods? [No, they cannot hear us. They are dead and powerless.]
6. Do you think God will be happy if we pray to the false gods?

Q43. What is the Second Commandment?

A. Thou shalt not make unto thee
any graven image... [nor] bow down
to them

Supplementary Questions:

[The 2nd Commandment has to do with the manner of worship, even that whatever is not appointed for the worship of God is forbidden. However, for now we will restrict ourselves to the fact that images may not be used in worship.]

1. Do you know what an image is? [May want to show a model and a photo of a person.]
2. Can you make an image of God? Can you take a photograph of God? [If the child has been exposed to some pictures which purport to portray God, he might say 'yes'. If that is the case, immediate correction of the error is important.]
3. No one knows what God looks like. Do you know why? Do you know that you cannot see God or take a photograph of God? [Because He is a spirit and does not have a body like us.]
4. Since we do not know what God looks like, should we make any image of God?
5. God is very angry with people who try to make images of Him. This is what the second commandment teaches us. Should you ever try to draw a picture of God?
6. Do you think the church should have any images or statues of the Lord Jesus?

Q44. What is the Third Commandment?

A. Thou shalt not take the name
of the LORD thy God in vain.

Supplementary Questions:

[The 'name of God' includes all things whereby God makes Himself known, but for now, we shall restrict it to the most immediate meaning.]

1. What is your surname? Do you know that your surname is your father's name? You bear the name of your father.
2. Will your daddy be happy if you say you do not like your surname?
3. Do you know what the names of God are? [Jehovah, Jesus, Christ etc.]
4. Do you know that you bear the name of God? Are you a Christian? [Your child should know to say 'yes.'] As a Christian, you bear the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. Do you think the Lord Jesus will be happy if you behave like a non-Christian, though you bear His name?

Q45. What is the Fourth Commandment?

A. Remember the Sabbath day,
to keep it holy.

Supplementary Questions:

1. How many days are there in a week?
2. Which day is the Christian Sabbath? ['Sunday'.]
3. Do you know another name of the Sabbath? [The Lord's Day.]
4. Why is the Sabbath called the Lord's Day? [Because it is a day that belongs to the Lord.]
5. What must you do on the Sabbath day? What must you not do on the Sabbath day?

Q46. What is the Fifth Commandment?

A. Honour thy Father and thy Mother.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Who is your father? Who is your mother? Do they love you?
2. The fifth commandment teaches you that you must honour your father and mother. Do you know what it is to 'honour'? [It means to respect, love and obey.]
3. How do you honour your father? [By loving and obeying him.]
4. If your father asks you to do something and you take your time to do it, is that honouring him?
5. If your mother calls for you from the kitchen, and you pretend not to hear, will you be honouring your mother?
6. Can you think of something you can do to honour your parents?

Q47. What is the Sixth Commandment?

A. Thou shalt not kill.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Can you kill an ant? What happens to the ant if you kill it?
2. God is not telling us we cannot kill ants and cockroaches. He is telling us that we cannot kill another person. Do you know what is the word to describe one man killing another man? [Murder.]
3. God teaches us that we cannot murder.
4. God is also telling us that we must not quarrel and fight. Which commandment do you break if you fight with your brother or sister?
5. If you see two boys fighting in Church, what must you tell them? [Thou shalt not kill.]
6. If you fight with someone, what must you do? [Ask him to forgive me and ask God to forgive me.]

Q48. What is the Seventh Commandment?

A. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Supplementary Questions:

1. The Seventh Commandment teaches us that a man and a woman cannot share the same bedroom unless they are married.
2. Is daddy a man or a woman? Is mummy a man or a woman?
3. Do daddy and mummy share the same bedroom? Why? [Because they are married.]
4. The Seventh Commandment also teaches us that we must dress properly. Can you tell me how we should dress?

Q49. What is the Eighth Commandment?

A. Thou shalt not steal.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Do you know what it is to steal? [It is taking something from someone without permission.]
2. What do you call a person who steals something? [A thief; or a robber.]
3. If you see a jar of sweets in the Church office, can you take a sweet without permission? Which commandment will you be breaking if you do so?
4. Is it right to open your brother's cupboard to take out his toys to play without asking him? [In case the child does not have a brother, adapt accordingly.]
5. If you take something without permission what must you do? [Return it and ask God to forgive me for my sin.]

Q50. What is the Ninth Commandment?

A. Thou shalt not bear false witness.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Do you know what is it to bear false witness? [It is to tell a lie.]
2. What do you call a person who tells a lie? [A liar.]
3. If you fought with your brother and you hit him first, can you tell your daddy that your brother hit you first? What would you be doing if you said that?
4. If you drew on the wall, and mummy asks you whether you did it, what must you say? If mummy will spank you for drawing on the wall, can you say you didn't draw it?
5. If you had told a lie what must you do? [Tell the truth and ask God to forgive me for my sin.]

Q51. What is the Tenth Commandment?

A. Thou shalt not covet.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Do you know what it is to covet? [It is to want something so badly you keep thinking about it.]
2. If you want a sweet, but mummy says no, what must you do?
3. Do you know which commandment you break if you stomp your feet and cry because mummy says you may not have a sweet?
4. If you keep asking mummy to buy you a toy that your friend has, do you know which command you break?
5. If you covet something, what must you do? [Ask God to forgive me for my sin.]

Q52. What is Prayer?

A. Talking with God.

Supplementary Questions:

1. Can you see God? [No, but He sees me.]
2. Can you hear God? [No, but I hear His word preached.]
3. Do you think God can hear you? [Yes, just as He can see me.]
4. God loves you. Do you think He would like to hear you talk to Him?
5. You can learn how to talk to God by listening to your mummy and daddy pray. Would you like to talk to God?

