



# Central Kids

## Summer Field Guide

### Week of September 6th

Over the next several weeks we are encouraging families to use this Field Guide to interact with your kids on Sunday morning or mid-week to learn catechism, *a collection of biblical truths in a question and answer format*. We will be using The New City Catechism curriculum to help construct a fun and creative way for your kids to memorize doctrine. *Check out <http://newcitycatechism.com/videos> to learn more.* These Field Guides are designed for family worship or devotional time. However, they can be used individually for older children.

**HOW CATECHISM WORKS:** Read the question and answer with your child and repeat. Then ask your child the question and have them give the catechism answer. The Field Guide offers additional activities to make learning fun and to help your children memorize God's Word.

**MEMORIZATION TIPS:** The key to memorizing is repetition. Be creative: turn it into a song, write it down, cut out the words and place them in order, use funny voices, or make up actions.

**FAMILY WORSHIP:** "Your Word in my heart" by Seeds Family Worship  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIWVE3DmGCQ>

### Catechism Recap: Questions 36-52

#### Activity: 2 Corners Review

Print out the complete list of catechism question and answers. Designate 2 corners of the room you're in as A and B (label them with sticky notes if you have them!). Choose one catechism question and read it out, then read out two different answers, one of them being the correct one, assigning each corner one of the answers. After reading them out, have your children go to the corner they think corresponds to the correct answer. Challenge them to get as many right as they can. Repeat this as long as seems appropriate.

#### Activity: Match-up!

Use the sheet of questions and answers in the above page, cutting them out and separating the questions and answers into their own piles. Have your kids work together to match each catechism question with its corresponding answer. You may need to give help or reduce the amount of questions with younger kids. Once all the questions have been matched, go through each question once or twice with your children. You may want to print out a second list of questions and answers to refer to if they are stuck.

#### Craft: Catechism Telephones

You will need two paper or plastic cups and string for each child. Have the kids make a small hole in the bottom of the cups and thread a length of string through each hole. Then have them tie a knot at each end of the string to keep the string from coming out through the hole. Younger children may need help with most of this. Once that's done, have one kid hold each cup and step back until the string is taut and to talk and listen through it. They now have a makeshift telephone! Have them practice saying catechism question and answers back and forth through their newly made phone.

#### Prayer

Thank God for everything you have learned this summer and ask God to help you to remember it and to do what God's Word says. Ask God to help us remember to read God's word daily and to pray to God, growing in relationship with him. Praise Jesus for dying on the cross so our sins can be forgiven, and that Jesus rose again and ascended to heaven, sending believers the Holy Spirit to live in us. Thank God that because of his death and resurrection, we can spend eternity with him!

**Q: What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?**

A: That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son.

**Q: How does the Holy Spirit help us?**

A: The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

**Q: What is prayer?**

A: Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God.

**Q: With what attitude should we pray?**

A: With love, perseverance and gratefulness.

**Q: What should we pray?**

A: The whole Word of God directs us in what we should pray.

**Q: What is the Lord's Prayer?**

A: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today 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.

**Q: How is the Word of God to be read and heard?**

A: With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith and practice it in our lives.

**Q: What are the sacraments or ordinances?**

A: Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

**Q: What is baptism?**

A: Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Q: Is baptism with water the washing of sin itself?**

A: No, only the blood of Christ can cleanse us from sin.

**Q: What is the Lord's Supper?**

A: Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him.

**Q: Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?**

A: No Christ died once for all.

**Q: What is the church?**

A: A community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together.

**Q: Where is Christ now?**

A: Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the father.

**Q: What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?**

A: Christ triumphed over sin and death so that all who trust him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come.

**Q: Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?**

A: Christ is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father and also sends us his Spirit.

**Q: What hope does everlasting life hold for us?**

A: That we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be forever freed from all sin in a renewed, restored creation.