

A CATECHISM
OF THE FAITH
for CHILDREN



LEBANON GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCH B.L.A.S.T. CLASS

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Introduction

A Catechism of the Faith for Children is a compilation of questions of our faith adapted from a typical catechism, Dr. Mark Bird's *Catechism for Young Children*, and some additional sources. It has been reviewed by pastors, a holiness theology professor, a chaplain, and parents. It is designed to help children ages 4-12 understand the basics of our faith, develop their relationship with God, improve relationships with their family, and strengthen their character. The goal is for the children to memorize these questions and answers by the time they turn 13 and move on from B.L.A.S.T. (Bible Learning And Sharing Together) class to I.M.P.A.C.T. (Individuals Making People Aware Christ Transforms) youth group. We will be working on four questions each month in B.L.A.S.T. class and if your children begin at age 4, they will go through the catechism book approximately 4 times by the time they turn 13.

Part I of this book is designed for the student. Each question is in a box with space for the student to write the answer and draw a picture or symbol to help them remember. Part II is designed for parents to see the answers and check off each question as the child demonstrates that they have it memorized.

It is my hope that this book will be helpful not only to your children, but to your family. Please see Appendix A for a description of our B.L.A.S.T. class, Appendix B for memorizing tips, and Appendix C for the description of our Rite-of-Passage Ceremony.

May God give us all wisdom as we raise our children for Him!

Sincerely,

Rachel England
B.L.A.S.T. Class Teacher

PART I
Catechism Questions

1. Who made you?

2. What else did God make?

3. What is the sole purpose of man?

4. Why did God make you and all things?

5. Are there more gods than one?

6. In how many persons does this one God exist?

7. Who is God?

8. Who is Jesus?

9. Who is the Holy Spirit?

10. Where is God?

11. Can you see God?

12. Does God know all things?

13. Can God do all things?

14. What does God command us to do?

15. How do we obey Him?

16. How do we worship Him?

17. How do we serve Him?

18. How can you glorify God?

19. Why should you glorify God?

20. Where do we learn to love and obey God?

21. What is the Bible?

22. What is the big idea of the Bible?

23. Who wrote the Bible?

24. How many books are in the Bible?

25. What is in the Bible?

26. What should we do with the Bible?

27. Who were the first people created?

28. What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?

29. What did God promise Adam in the garden?

30. Did Adam obey God?

31. What is sin?

32. What was the sin of Adam and Eve?

33. Who tempted them?

34. What happened to Adam and Eve when they sinned?

35. Did Adam's sin affect only him?

36. How does God feel about sin?

37. What does every sin deserve?

38. Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?

39. What is a change of heart called?

40. Who can change a sinner's heart?

41. With whom did God the Father make the covenant of grace?

42. What is the Good News of the Gospel?

43. What do we need to do so that Jesus will take away our sins?

44. What else do we need to do?

45. What will happen if we ask Jesus to come into our heart?

46. If we have Jesus in our heart when we die, where will we go?

47. What is Salvation?

48. What is a person who has Salvation like?

49. What is Justification?

50. Did Jesus ever commit sin?

51. What is meant by Atonement?

52. For whom did Christ suffer?

53. What kind of death did Christ die?

54. Who will be saved?

55. What is it to repent?

56. What is it to believe or have faith in Christ?

57. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power?

58. How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit?

59. What is Sanctification?

60. How long ago is it since Christ died?

61. What happened after Jesus died?

62. Is Jesus coming back?

63. What is heaven like?

64. Who lives in heaven?

65. What is not in heaven?

66. How were people saved before the coming of Christ?

67. What did these sacrifices represent?

68. How many Commandments did God give on Mount Sinai?

69. What do the first four Commandments teach?

70. What do the last six Commandments teach?

71. What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

72. Who is your neighbor?

73. What is the first commandment?

74. What is the 2nd?

75. What is the 3rd?

76. What is the 4th?

77. What day of the week is the Christian Sabbath?

78. Why is it called the Lord's Day?

79. How should the Sabbath be spent?

80. What is the 5th Commandment?

81. What is the 6th?

82. What does the 6th teach us?

83. What is the 7th?

84. What does the 7th teach us?

85. What is the 8th?

86. What is the 9th?

87. What is the 10th?

88. What does the 10th teach us?

89. Of what use are the Ten Commandments to us?

90. What is prayer?

91. In whose name should we pray?

92. How did Jesus teach us to pray? (The Lord's Prayer)

93. How many sacraments are there and what are they?

94. Why did Christ appoint these sacraments?

95. What does Baptism signify?

96. In whose name are we baptized?

97. Who are to be baptized?

98. What is the Lord's Supper?

99. What does the bread represent?

100. What does the juice represent?

101. Who should have communion?

102. Where is Christ now?

103. Who are you?

104. Where are you?

105. What do you believe? (What is the Apostle's Creed?)

PART II

Catechism Answers

Questions and Answers	Checked by Parent
1. Who made you? God. He gave us souls that never die.	
2. What else did God make? God made all things and did it in 6 days.	
3. What is the sole purpose of man? To know God and enjoy Him forever.	
4. Why did God make you and all things? For His glory.	
5. Are there more gods than one? No. There is only one true God.	
6. In how many persons does this one God exist? Three – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – the Trinity.	
7. Who is God? He is the Father of Jesus and is Spirit. He always was and always will be.	
8. Who is Jesus? Jesus is God’s only Son - fully God and fully man – who came to the world to die for our sin.	
9. Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity. He tells us in our hearts what is right and wrong.	
10. Where is God? God is everywhere.	
11. Can you see God? No, but He always sees me.	
12. Does God know all things? Yes; nothing can be hid from God.	
13. Can God do all things? Yes; God can do all things. He causes or permits things to happen that we like and things that we don’t like.	
14. What does God command us to do? To obey His teachings, worship Him, serve Him, and glorify Him.	
15. How do we obey Him? By doing what He commands, and loving Him with all our heart, mind, spirit, and strength, and loving our neighbor as ourselves.	
16. How do we worship Him? By talking to Him daily in prayer, living pure and righteous lives for Him, praising Him in words and songs, and fellowshiping with other Christians.	
17. How do we serve Him? By cheerfully, carefully, and quickly carrying out our responsibilities.	
18. How can you glorify God? By loving Him and doing what He commands and telling others about Him.	
19. Why should you glorify God? Because He made me and takes care of me.	
20. Where do we learn to love and obey God? In the Bible, from my parents, and from my church.	
21. What is the Bible? It is God’s own words and is one way God	

speaks to us today.	
22. What is the big idea of the Bible? The big idea of the Bible is that God brings us back into a friendship with Himself through Jesus.	
23. Who wrote the Bible? Holy men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.	
24. How many books are in the Bible? There are 66 books in the Bible; 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.	
25. What is in the Bible? Truth and wisdom, our guide to heaven, and everything we need for life and godliness.	
26. What should we do with the Bible? Read and meditate on it daily and do what it says.	
27. Who were the first people created? Adam and Eve.	
28. What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies? He gave them souls that could never die.	
29. What did God promise Adam in the garden? That Adam would live forever if he obeyed God.	
30. Did Adam obey God? No – he sinned.	
31. What is sin? Sin is living to please self instead of living to please God. Sin can be choosing to do wrong when we know we shouldn't, and also not doing good when we know we should.	
32. What was the sin of Adam and Eve? Disobeying God by eating the forbidden fruit.	
33. Who tempted them? The devil tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam.	
34. What happened to Adam and Eve when they sinned? They became sinful and miserable and had to leave the garden.	
35. Did Adam's sin affect only him? No, because of his sin, everyone has been born with the sin nature.	
36. How does God feel about sin? Sin brings on God's wrath and punishment. He hates pride, selfishness, and an unthankful heart.	
37. What does every sin deserve? The wrath and curse of God, and separation from Him forever – death and hell.	
38. Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature? No, our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven.	
39. What is a change of heart called? Regeneration.	
40. Who can change a sinner's heart? The Holy Spirit alone.	
41. With whom did God the Father make the covenant of grace? With Christ, His Son.	
42. What is the Good News of the Gospel? God provided a way – through Jesus – to rescue us and give us the gift of forgiveness and Heaven.	
43. What do we need to do so that Jesus will take away our sins? We need to believe that Jesus died and came back to life.	

44. What else do we need to do? We also need to be very sorry for our sins and ask Jesus to come into our heart.	
45. What will happen if we ask Jesus to come into our heart? God will forgive us, become our Heavenly Father, and help us be good.	
46. If we have Jesus in our heart when we die, where will we go? If we have Jesus in our heart when we die, we will go to heaven.	
47. What is Salvation? Salvation means your sins are washed away so you don't have to go to hell.	
48. What is a person who has salvation like? A person who has salvation loves God and does what is right.	
49. What is Justification? It is God's forgiving sinners, and treating them as if they had never sinned.	
50. Did Jesus ever commit sin? No – He was tempted like us, but He was sinless and holy.	
51. What is meant by Atonement? Christ willingly took our punishment and suffered in our place to pay for our sins.	
52. For whom did Christ suffer? For all mankind.	
53. What kind of death did Christ die? The painful and shameful death of the cross.	
54. Who will be saved? Only those who repent of sin, believe in Christ, and lead holy lives.	
55. What is it to repent? To be sorry for sin and turn from it because it is displeasing to God.	
56. What is it to believe or have faith in Christ? To trust in Christ alone for salvation.	
57. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power? No, I can do nothing good without the help of the Holy Spirit.	
58. How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit? We must pray and ask for help.	
59. What is Sanctification? It is God making believers holy in heart and conduct.	
60. How long ago is it since Christ died? Over 2000 years ago.	
61. What happened after Jesus died? He rose again from the dead on the third day and ascended into Heaven.	
62. Is Jesus coming back? Yes. He is coming and He will take those who love Him to Heaven and bring punishment on those who reject Him.	
63. What is heaven like? Heaven is a happy place with streets made of gold.	
64. Who lives in heaven? Jesus, the angels, and God's children who already have died live in heaven.	
65. What is not in heaven? There is no sickness, no death, and no sin in heaven.	
66. How were people saved before the coming of Christ? By the	

blood sacrifice of animals.	
67. What did these sacrifices represent? Christ, the Lamb of God, who was to die for sinners.	
68. How many Commandments did God give on Mount Sinai? Ten.	
69. What do the first four Commandments teach? Our duty to God.	
70. What do the last six Commandments teach? Our duty to our fellow man.	
71. What is the sum of the Ten Commandments? To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.	
72. Who is your neighbor? All the people around me.	
73. What is the first commandment? Nothing can be more special to you than God.	
74. What is the 2nd? Do not make an idol to pray to.	
75. What is the 3rd? Do not say the name of God for a wrong reason.	
76. What is the 4th? Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.	
77. What day of the week is the Christian Sabbath? The first day of the week, called the Lord's Day.	
78. Why is it called the Lord's Day? Because on that day Christ rose from the dead.	
79. How should the Sabbath be spent? In prayer and praise, in hearing and reading God's Word, in doing good to our fellow men, and in resting.	
80. What is the 5th Commandment? Listen to and do what your mother and father say.	
81. What is the 6th? Do not murder.	
82. What does the 6th teach us? To not take innocent life.	
83. What is the 7th? Do not commit adultery.	
84. What does the 7th teach us? To be pure in heart, language, and conduct, and to be loyal to your husband or wife.	
85. What is the 8th? Do not steal.	
86. What is the 9th? Do not tell lies.	
87. What is the 10th? Do not covet or want something you shouldn't have.	
88. What does the 10th teach us? To be content with what we have.	
89. Of what use are the Ten Commandments to us? They teach us our duty and show us our need of a Savior.	
90. What is prayer? Prayer is talking to and listening to God.	
91. In whose name should we pray? In the name of Jesus Christ.	
92. How did Jesus teach us to pray? (The Lord's Prayer) Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy	

kingdom come, Thy will be done; on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.	
93. How many sacraments are there and what are they? Two - Baptism and the Lord's Supper.	
94. Why did Christ appoint these sacraments? To distinguish His disciples from the world and to comfort and strengthen them.	
95. What does Baptism signify? That we are washed from sin by the blood of Christ and identified with His death, burial, and resurrection.	
96. In whose name are we baptized? The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	
97. Who are to be baptized? All believers.	
98. What is the Lord's Supper? The eating of bread and drinking of juice in remembrance of the sufferings and death of Christ.	
99. What does the bread represent? The body of Christ, broken for our sins.	
100. What does the juice represent? The blood of Christ shed for our salvation.	
101. Who should have communion? Those who repent of their sins, believe in Christ for salvation, and love their fellow men.	
102. Where is Christ now? In Heaven, interceding for us.	
103. Who are you? I am a child of God; one in whom Christ dwells.	
104. Where are you? I am living in the unshakeable kingdom of God.	
105. What do you believe? (What is the Apostle's Creed?) I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!	

Appendix A

Bible Learning And Sharing Together

B.L.A.S.T. is a fun, kid-focused class that seeks to instill Biblical principles, develop spiritual character, and provide worship opportunities for children ages 4-12! We meet on the last Wednesday night of each month from 7:30-8:45pm in our church in the downstairs *Classroom of Character*.

We are working on developing our conscience, memorizing scripture and our Catechism, learning how to have devotions and how to listen to a sermon, testifying, praying, and worshiping God together! Kids have opportunities to share prayer requests, play games that reinforce the lesson, make meaningful crafts, and win prizes for memorizing scripture! Parents receive a letter each month so they will know what we learned and what the children can be working on at home.

My prayer is that B.L.A.S.T. class will be an encouragement and source of spiritual learning and growth for all our children!

Appendix B

Memorizing Tips

1. Put a Catechism book in your van and pull it out on the way to school, while waiting at a stop light, or on the way to church. Ask the questions you are working on presently and also previous questions that have already been learned.
2. Place a Catechism book on the kitchen table. Before your children leave the table, ask the questions that they are working on.
3. Have the Catechism questions be one of the last things the children recite at night before bedtime.
4. Memorize as a family. It always helps children to have adults working on the same things!
5. After the children have a few questions memorized, have them write the answers in their own handwriting in Part I of the book. Drawing a picture along with the answer may help them to memorize it!

Appendix C

Description of Rite-of-Passage Ceremony

We are all influenced greatly by the special moments in our lives. Perhaps you remember kindergarten graduation, turning 16, or when you walked the aisle at your high school graduation ceremony. Of course there is also the ever-special wedding ceremony and then the dedication of our children. As I have been thinking about B.L.A.S.T. class and the raising of my own children, I have realized that there are very few special ceremonies in our children's lives between ages 0-18 besides baby dedication (which they don't even remember) and birthdays.

As I have been thinking about this and listening to Christian parenting experts, I am realizing the importance – and the great influence – of special spiritual ceremonies in the lives of our children. In collaboration with our Youth Pastor, I would like to use this Catechism book to begin planning a Rite-of-Passage Ceremony for our children as they go from B.L.A.S.T. class to I.M.P.A.C.T. youth group at the special age of 13. This is an optional event that children may choose to be a part of where they will recite the Catechism, give their personal testimony of faith, be baptized, and then be presented with a signed and engraved Youth Bible. Afterward there will be a special reception to honor the “graduates” from B.L.A.S.T. and introduce them to the I.M.P.A.C.T. Youth Group.

I believe this event can be a monumental part of not only our children's growing up experience, but also their spiritual grounding and knowledge of our faith. I hope many children will choose to be a part of this special event and will learn a lot in the process!