

Catechism for Young Children
(Questions and Answers “Q & A”)
in the Presbyterian / Reformed Faith.

1. Who made you?

A. *God made me.*

2. What else did God make?

A. *God made all things.*

3. Why did God make all things?

A. *That all things may honour Him and tell how glorious He is.*

4. Why do things work as they do?

A. *God has decided that it must work as it does.*

5. How do we learn about God?

A. *God reveals (tells us about) Himself*

6. Where does God reveal Himself?

A. *In His Word, where Jesus shows us who God is, and then we can also see it in nature, in all the things He made.*

7. What does God reveal in nature?

A. *His power, character, laws, and what sin is.*

8. What about God is revealed in His Word?

A. *God's love for His people and that He wants to be their Father.*

9. Where do we find God's Word today?

A. *God's Word is in the Bible and Jesus explains it to us through His Spirit.*

10. How many gods are there?

A. *There is only one true God.*

11. How many persons (ways of being) are in the one true God?

A. *Three persons*

12. Who are these persons and how do we refer to them?

A. *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the Holy Trinity*

13. Where is God?

A. *He is everywhere.*

14. How long has God existed?

A. *He has always been.*

15. How are people different from all other things God made?

A. We own some of the things God has. God gave man the ability to do a few of the things He does - for example to think, freely decide about things, have a will, be creative and more.

16. Who was the first person?

A. Adam

17. What was Adam like at creation?

A. He was good and perfect

18. Did Adam remain good?

A. No, he sinned.

19. What is sin?

A. Disobedience to God's will and law.

20. What is the penalty for sin?

A. Death; that we do not live here in this world forever and that if you do not receive Jesus as your Saviour, you are separated from God forever.

21. What is the result of Adam's sin?

A. We all die some day and we do not know the One True God.

22. Why did Adam's sin have an effect on all people?

A. We are all sinners because of Adam, because he is our great-great ancestor.

23. Must all men die for their sin?

A. No, God decided that some will be saved from the punishment of sin and receive life - even eternal life.

24. How can we be saved by God's grace from sin and receive life?

A. Only through faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

25. Who is Jesus Christ?

A. He is God's Son.

26. Did Jesus ever sin?

A. No, only He is completely good and perfect

27. What did Jesus do for His people?

A. He conquered death through His resurrection, carried our penalty for sin and gave us the privilege to live as His friend and as a child of God.

28. How did He do this?

A. He died on the cross for our sins and then rose again from death, because He is stronger than our sins and our death.

29. What else did Christ conquer?

A. All His enemies

30. Are Christ's enemies powerful?

A. They have no power to steal us from God, because our Lord, Jesus, protects us.

31. What did Jesus give to His people?

A. The right to be seen by God as being as good and as perfect as Jesus is and to be called God's children.

32. What did Jesus take from His people?

A. Their sin; because of Jesus, God forgives our sins.

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

A. The Holy Spirit shows us everything about Jesus and how He saves us from our sins and the punishment for our sins.

34. What does the Holy Spirit do?

A. He gives us faith so that we would believe in Jesus and love and follow Him. The Holy Spirit makes us hungry and thirsty for the Word of God, helps us to love our Lord, Jesus, and gives us the hope that we will forever be God's children.

35. What is faith?

A. Knowing that Jesus Christ saved us from our sin and made us His friends and God's children.

36. How do we know we have true faith?

A. We want to be obedient to God; we want to love God, live for Him, pray and always follow Jesus.

37. Who are Christ's people?

A. They are all the people that make up His true church.

38. How do we know that we are part of the true church of Jesus?

A. The true church wants to listen to the Word of God and obey it; we hate sin and celebrate the Lord's Supper and baptise God's people as Jesus instructed us to do.

39. What typical place does the Bible have in the true church of our Lord?

A. All of God's Word is preached, taught and believed.

40. What does discipline do in God's church?

A. God's people are protected from evil by seeking to obey God.

41. What sacraments are there?

A. Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion).

42. What are sacraments?

A. Holy celebrations that belong to Godself; through the sacraments God shows us how salvation works and assures us that we too share in His forgiveness and love.

43. Who is Head of the Church and also runs the whole universe and is the King of our whole life?

A. Only Jesus Christ.

44. What offices (positions) has Christ appointed in His Church to serve and bless His people?

A. Elders. Some elders lead (govern) the Church as Christ leads them through His Spirit and some elders, also called ministers or pastors, teach the Church His Word (in the Bible). They are teaching elders.

45. Is God's Church perfect?

A. No, but God loves us as if we are like Jesus and makes us daily more and more like Him.

46. When will the Church be perfect?

A. When Jesus comes again and all the people - those who are alive then and those who already died - are made into perfect children of God who will never die again.

47. What happens when Jesus comes again?

A. Christ will make all the people who ever lived to be alive again and then He will judge all the people's deeds.

48. What happens to those He judges to be good and perfect, because Jesus washed all their sins away?

A. They live with the Lord forever and ever and will be very happy and grateful that they belong to God.

49. What happens to those He condemns, because they did not ask to be forgiven their sins when they were still alive?

A. They are to be without God forever, will be very sad and sorry that they are not God's children, but it will be too late for them to then turn to Jesus.

50. What does this judgment teaches us about Christ?

A. It will forever and ever show that He is glorious, that He is holy and forever is the Son of God who saved God's children, so that we will praise,

love and worship Him through eternity (forver). This will make us very, very glad and we will always praise and honour God, because He loved us so much, that He gave us His Son, Jesus, to make us God's people.
