

# Children's Devotional Book - Quarter 1

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### Week 1: The Creator God

**Memory Verse:** "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

#### Day 1: Who Made You?

*Catechism Q1:* Who made you? *Answer:* God made me.

#### Day 2: Wisdom

*Lesson Verse:* "The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight." (Proverbs 4:7) A foundational lesson on seeking wisdom as our highest pursuit because it helps us understand God's creation.

#### Day 3: What Else Did God Make?

*Catechism Q2:* What else did God make? *Catechism A:* God made all things.

#### Day 4: The Heavens Declare God's Glory

*Lesson Verse:* "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." (Psalm 19:1) A celebration of how God's creativity and power are displayed throughout all of creation.

#### Day 5: Michael Faraday

The story of Michael Faraday, who studied God's creation through science and saw God's handiwork in electricity and magnetism.

# Week 2: God's Word

**Memory Verse:** "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

## Day 1: How Can You Glorify God?

*Catechism Q3:* How can you glorify God? *Catechism A:* By loving Him and doing what He commands.

## Day 2: Knowledge

*Lesson Verse:* "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Proverbs 1:7) An exploration of how true knowledge begins with respecting God and His Word.

## Day 3: Why Did God Make You and All Things?

*Catechism Q4:* Why did God make you and all things? *Catechism A:* For His own glory.

## Day 4: God's Word Guides Us

*Lesson Verse:* "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105) An exploration of how God's Word guides us and brings light to our lives.

## Day 5: William Tyndale

The story of William Tyndale, who worked to translate the Bible so ordinary people could read God's Word.

# Week 3: Trusting God

**Memory Verse:** "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

## Day 1: Are There More Gods Than One?

*Catechism Q5:* Are there more gods than one? *Catechism A:* There is only one God.

## Day 2: Faith

*Lesson Verse:* “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.” (Proverbs 3:5) A practical lesson about putting our complete confidence in God rather than our limited perspective.

## Day 3: How Many Persons Are There in God?

*Catechism Q6:* How many persons are there in God? *Catechism A:* There are three persons in God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

## Day 4: The LORD is My Shepherd

*Lesson Verse:* “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.” (Psalm 23:1) A beautiful picture of how God cares for us like a good shepherd cares for his sheep.

## Day 5: Jim Elliot

The story of Jim Elliot, who trusted God completely and gave his life sharing Jesus with people who had never heard about Him.

## Week 4: God’s Character

**Memory Verse:** “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” (Isaiah 6:3)

## Day 1: What Is God?

*Catechism Q7:* What is God? *Catechism A:* God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable.

## Day 2: Fear of the Lord

*Lesson Verse:* “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.” (Proverbs 9:10) An explanation of how proper reverence for God is the foundation of true wisdom.

## Day 3: Where Is God?

*Catechism Q8:* Where is God? *Catechism A:* God is everywhere.

## Day 4: Holy, Holy, Holy

*Lesson Verse:* “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” (Revelation 4:8) A glimpse into heaven’s worship and the perfect holiness of our eternal God.

## Day 5: C.S. Lewis

The story of C.S. Lewis, who wrote stories like “The Chronicles of Narnia” that help us understand God’s character.

## Week 5: God’s Providence

**Memory Verse:** “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good.” (Romans 8:28)

## Day 1: What Are God’s Works of Providence?

*Catechism Q9:* What are God’s works of providence? *Catechism A:* God’s works of providence are His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing of all His creatures, and all their actions.

## Day 2: Stewardship

*Lesson Verse:* “Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.” (Proverbs 3:9) A lesson about managing well what God has entrusted to us, recognizing Him as the provider.

## Day 3: What Did God Do When He Created Man?

*Catechism Q10:* What did God do when He created man? *Catechism A:* God created man, male and female, after His own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

## Day 4: God's Faithful Care

*Lesson Verse:* "Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." (Psalm 55:22) A comforting reminder that God faithfully cares for us in all circumstances.

## Day 5: George Müller

The story of George Müller, who trusted God to provide for orphans without asking anyone but God for help.

## Week 6: Sin and Salvation

**Memory Verse:** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

## Day 1: What Are God's Works of Creation?

*Catechism Q11:* What are God's works of creation? *Catechism A:* God's works of creation are His making all things out of nothing, by the word of His power, in six days, and all very good.

## Day 2: Sorrow

*Lesson Verse:* "Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death." (2 Corinthians 7:10) A reflection on how genuine sorrow over sin leads us toward God's saving grace.

## Day 3: What Special Act of Providence Did God Exercise Toward Man?

*Catechism Q12:* What special act of providence did God exercise toward man? *Catechism A:* When God created man, He made a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience.

## Day 4: God's Mercy

*Lesson Verse:* "The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." (Psalm 103:8) A celebration of God's incredible mercy and patience with us despite our sin.

## Day 5: John Newton

The story of John Newton, who was saved by God's grace and wrote "Amazing Grace" after being forgiven of terrible sins.

## Week 7: God's Law

**Memory Verse:** "Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day." (Psalm 119:97)

## Day 1: Did Our First Parents Continue in the State They Were Created?

*Catechism Q13:* Did our first parents continue in the state they were created? *Catechism A:* Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the state wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

## Day 2: God's commandments

*Lesson Verse:* "Keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye." (Proverbs 7:2) A lesson on cherishing and obeying God's instructions as the path to true life.

## Day 3: What Is Sin?

*Catechism Q14:* What is sin? *Catechism A:* Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

## Day 4: God's Perfect Law

*Lesson Verse:* "The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple." (Psalm 19:7) A praise of how God's law guides us perfectly and helps us live well.

## Day 5: Martin Luther

The story of Martin Luther, who helped people understand that we are saved by faith in Jesus, not by perfectly keeping laws.

## Week 8: Disobedience and Consequences

**Memory Verse:** "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

## Day 1: What Was the Sin Whereby Our First Parents Fell?

*Catechism Q15:* What was the sin whereby our first parents fell? *Catechism A:* The sin whereby our first parents fell from the state wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

## Day 2: Foolishness

*Lesson Verse:* "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice." (Proverbs 12:15) An exploration of how foolishness leads to harmful consequences when we ignore God's wisdom.

## Day 3: Did All Mankind Fall in Adam's First Transgression?

*Catechism Q16:* Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression? *Catechism A:* The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

## Day 4: God's Justice and Mercy

*Lesson Verse:* "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you." (Psalm 89:14) A celebration of how God is perfectly just while also being merciful and faithful.

## Day 5: Jonathan Edwards

The story of Jonathan Edwards, who preached about the seriousness of sin and the greatness of God's salvation.

## Week 9: The Fall and Its Effects

**Memory Verse:** "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, so death spread to all men because all sinned." (Romans 5:12)

## Day 1: Into What Estate Did the Fall Bring Mankind?

*Catechism Q17:* Into what estate did the fall bring mankind? *Catechism A:* The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

## Day 2: Repentance

*Lesson Verse:* "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." (Proverbs 28:13) A lesson about turning from wrong choices and receiving God's mercy.



## Day 3: Wherein Consists the Sinfulness of That Estate?

*Catechism Q18:* Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate? *Catechism A:* The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

## Day 4: Our Need for Cleansing

*Lesson Verse:* "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."  
(Psalm 51:10) A heartfelt plea acknowledging our need for God to cleanse and renew us.

## Day 5: Augustine of Hippo

The story of Augustine of Hippo, who lived a sinful life before God changed his heart and made him a great teacher of the church.

## Week 10: Sin's Misery

**Memory Verse:** "The soul who sins shall die." (Ezekiel 18:20)

## Day 1: What Is the Misery of That Estate?

*Catechism Q19:* What is the misery of that estate? *Catechism A:* All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

## Day 2: Hope

*Lesson Verse:* "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life."  
(Proverbs 13:12) An encouragement that even in sin's misery, there is hope in turning to God.

## Day 3: Did God Leave All Mankind to Perish?

*Catechism Q20:* Did God leave all mankind to perish? *Catechism A:* God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a

covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

## Day 4: God's Rescue Plan

*Lesson Verse:* "He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters." (Psalm 18:16) A powerful image of God rescuing us from the overwhelming consequences of sin.

## Day 5: John Bunyan

The story of John Bunyan, who wrote "Pilgrim's Progress" about the journey from sin to salvation.

## Week 11: Our Redeemer

**Memory Verse:** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

## Day 1: Who Is the Redeemer of God's Elect?

*Catechism Q21:* Who is the Redeemer of God's elect? *Catechism A:* The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

## Day 2: Gratitude

*Lesson Verse:* "I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving." (Psalm 69:30) A lesson on expressing thankfulness to God for His redemption and blessings.

## Day 3: How Did Christ, Being the Son of God, Become Man?

*Catechism Q22:* How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man? *Catechism A:* Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being

conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

## Day 4: The Coming King

*Lesson Verse:* “Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.” (Psalm 24:7) A majestic vision of Jesus as the glorious King who came to earth for us.

## Day 5: Charles Haddon Spurgeon

The story of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, known as the “Prince of Preachers,” who helped many understand Jesus’ love.

## Week 12: Christ’s Offices

**Memory Verse:** “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

## Day 1: What Offices Does Christ Execute as Our Redeemer?

*Catechism Q23:* What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer? *Catechism A:* Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

## Day 2: Serving others

*Lesson Verse:* “Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.” (Proverbs 11:25) A practical guide to following Christ’s example by serving others with kindness and generosity.

## Day 3: How Does Christ Execute the Office of a Prophet?

*Catechism Q24:* How does Christ execute the office of a prophet? *Catechism A:* Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

## Day 4: The Light of Truth

*Lesson Verse:* “Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me.” (Psalm 43:3) A praise of how Jesus brings God’s light and truth into our lives as our prophet.

## Day 5: Lady Jane Grey

The story of Lady Jane Grey, who at a young age loved Jesus and His truth more than her own life.

## Week 13: Jesus Our Priest and King

**Memory Verse:** “But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)

## Day 1: How Does Christ Execute the Office of a Priest?

*Catechism Q25:* How does Christ execute the office of a priest? *Catechism A:* Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

## Day 2: Loyalty

*Lesson Verse:* “Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.” (Proverbs 3:3) A lesson about remaining devoted to our King in all circumstances.

## **Day 3: How Does Christ Execute the Office of a King?**

*Catechism Q26:* How does Christ execute the office of a king? *Catechism A:* Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

## **Day 4: The Mighty King**

*Lesson Verse:* “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” (Psalm 18:2) A celebration of Jesus as our powerful King who defends and delivers us.

## **Day 5: David Livingstone**

The story of David Livingstone, who explored Africa to bring the message of King Jesus to people who had never heard of Him.