

# Redeemer Smaller Catechism

## *with Instructions for Parents for Home Use*

Questions taken from *To Be a Christian* (Crossway, 2020)

### Part II. Learning the Lord's Prayer

#### *Instructions for Each Week*

Step 1. Read the Lord's Prayer. This will reinforce your child's learning of the prayer in our Sunday worship.

Step 2. Read and consider the Catechism Question and Answer (CQA) appointed for instruction for that week. This is to aid in your child's understanding of the Lord's Prayer. The CQA's can be found on the back of this page.

Step 3. Read (or sing) several times for memorization whichever CQA your child is currently committing to heart. CQA's committed to heart can form the core doctrinal convictions that will aid your child to think theologically, pray faithfully, and act morally in everyday life. See the memorization chart below.

	Weeks	CQA for Understanding	CQA for Memorization	
			Commit THREE to Heart	Commit SIX to Heart
1	First Sunday in Lent	1 (#168)	2 (#177)	1 (#168)
2	Second Sunday in Lent	2 (#177)		2 (#177)
3	Third Sunday in Lent	3 (#180)	4 (#191)	3 (#180)
4	Fourth Sunday in Lent	4 (#191)		4 (#191)
5	Fifth Sunday in Lent	5 (#199)	6 (#211)	5 (#199)
6	Holy Week	6 (#211)		6 (#211)

#### MEMORIZATION REWARDS:

For 3 CQA's: A "family size" candy

For 6 CQA's: An ice cream or pizza party for the family

## **1. How is God like earthly fathers?**

Like all loving and sincere earthly fathers, God loves us in our weakness, provides for our needs, teaches us in our ignorance, and corrects us when we go astray.

*(Psalm 103:12–14; Luke 11:11–13; Hebrews 12:5–10) (#168)*

## **2. How can you hallow God's Name?**

I can honor God's Name as holy by worshiping him, serving others, and living in loving obedience as his child and a citizen of his kingdom.

*(Deuteronomy 4:6–8; Psalm 105:1–6; Ezekiel 36:16–32; Matthew 5:16; Hebrews 13:15–16) (#177)*

## **3. When you pray for God's kingdom to come, what are you asking?**

I pray that the whole creation may be renewed and restored under its rightful Lord, now in part and fully in the age to come.

*(Psalm 72; Daniel 7:27; Mark 14:25; Romans 8:19–25; Philippians 2:9–11; Revelation 11:15–18; 21:5) (#180)*

## **4. Why should you pray for daily bread?**

God calls me to trust him for the needs of each day, to be concerned for the needs of others, to be content with what I have, and to grow in gratitude for his provision.

*(Exodus 16; Psalm 78:15–20; Matthew 6:25–34; James 4:2–3) (#191)*

## **5. Why should you forgive others?**

I should forgive others because, while I was still a sinner, God forgave me through Jesus Christ. Failing to forgive impedes God's work in my life and gives opportunity to the evil one.

*(Genesis 50:15–21; Psalm 133; Matthew 18:21–35; Luke 23:34; Ephesians 4:30–32; Colossians 3:12–13) (#199)*

## **6. If God is good, why does he permit evil?**

God created rational creatures free to love, obey, and worship him, but we have used our freedom to reject his love, rebel against him, and choose evil. Yet no evil can thwart God's purposes, and he is able to use evil to bring about even greater good.

*(Genesis 6:5; Judges 2:19–23; Psalm 10; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Romans 8:18–28; Hebrews 2:8–18; Revelation 2:18–29) (#211)*