

# Living God's Word *Today*



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# Introduction

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## A. The Catechism

*Circle the “Y” (Yes) before true statements and the “N” (No) before false statements.*

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|---|---|---|
| Y | N | 1. Everything that we should know for our salvation is written in the Bible.  |
| Y | N | 2. Our catechism contains the main teachings of the Bible.  |
| Y | N | 3. Any book that teaches God’s Word to children is a catechism.   |
| Y | N | 4. Luther found during a visitation of the churches that many people knew none of the important Bible teachings.                  |
| Y | N | 5. Dr. Martin Luther lived about three hundred years ago.   |
| Y | N | 6. Luther wrote his Small Catechism to help people learn the chief parts of Christian doctrine.                                   |
| Y | N | 7. Just as Moses and the prophets were inspired by God to write the Old Testament, so was Luther inspired to write the catechism. |
| Y | N | 8. The Six Chief Parts of the Catechism present the main teachings of the Bible.  |

## B. The Bible

*Make sentences by crossing out the words you do not need.*

1. In our confirmation instruction, we have time to study only the (New Testament—main teachings) of the Bible because the Bible is really a library of (39—66) books.
2. Since the Bible is (good literature—God’s Word), it deserves to be called the (Book of books—law).
3. The Old Testament was written in (Greek—Hebrew—Latin) by (Moses and the prophets—evangelists and apostles).
4. The New Testament contains books known as (poetry—Gospels—prophecy—history—Law—epistles).
5. The Old Testament books point to the (Savior—law—apostles) while the New Testament books tell chiefly what the (apostles—Savior) did for sinners.
6. Although the writing was done by (human beings—God), the Bible is (a human—God’s) Word because His Holy Spirit “breathed into” the writers (all—most—some) of the thoughts and words they wrote.
7. The Bible (contains—is) the Word of God.

## C. The Use of the Bible

*Circle the names of those who show proper respect for the Bible.*

1. Alissa is eager to attend confirmation instruction classes.
2. Joshua's pastor had to remind him that those who attend confirmation instruction should attend church regularly.
3. Elizabeth's Bible has a place of honor on the center table and is dusted every Saturday.
4. Miguel enjoys hearing his father read a Bible story.
5. Jacob didn't grumble when he had to quit the basketball team to attend the instruction class.
6. Joanne saved her allowance to buy a new Bible.
7. Thomas didn't learn all the Bible passages he had been asked to memorize.
8. Kumiko decided to read the Bible through in three years by reading a chapter a day.

## D. Law and Gospel

The two main doctrines of the Bible are the Law and the Gospel.

*Place an L or a G before each statement to indicate whether it refers to Law or to Gospel.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Jesus suffered and died to save sinners.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The Ten Commandments tell us how God wants us to live.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The doctrine of sin is clearly shown in both Testaments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. God loves all people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. "Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:39
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

## E.

*Write these words in the correct blank spaces:*

hear      live      believe      Christ      way  
read      precious      heaven      study

The Bible is the most \_\_\_\_\_ book because from it we learn the \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to \_\_\_\_\_. That way is \_\_\_\_\_. Christians stay on the heavenly way as they \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible and \_\_\_\_\_ according to it.

## F.

*Learn to spell these words. Use as many as you can in two sentences.*

catechism      testament      Gospel      Bible      inspiration      Martin Luther

# The First Commandment

# 1

## A. The Law

*Number these statements in the correct time order.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ For the sake of clearness, God found it necessary to give the Law a second time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The full will of God is made known to us in the Bible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Law was written first into the human heart.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Moses published the Law about 1500 BC.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Through sin, the Law became blurred.

## B.

*List the four ways in which human beings may know that there is a God.*

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

## C. Attributes of God

*Match the Facts with the Reasons.*

### Fact

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. God can help me in every trouble.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. God is with me in every danger.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. God hates to see me sin.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. God is always kind to me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. God shows me more kindness than I deserve.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. God is as loving now as He ever was.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. God was never born or made nor will He ever die.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. God has a right to punish the godless.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. God knows all my thoughts.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. God never breaks a promise.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. God shows mercy to those who love Him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. I cannot see God.

### Reason

- a. God is holy.
- b. God is unchangeable.
- c. God is eternal.
- d. God is omnipotent.
- e. God is omniscient.
- f. God is good.
- g. God is faithful.
- h. God is omnipresent.
- i. God is a spirit.
- j. God is merciful.
- k. God is just.
- l. God is gracious.

## D. The Holy Trinity

*Write these words and phrases in the proper order to form true statements describing the Holy Trinity. Supply punctuation. The first word in every statement is italicized.*

1. three distinct, separate Persons                      yet                      *God* is one divine Essence
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2. are equally God, eternal, and uncreated                      they are only one God  
*Although* Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- 
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3. is not one-third of God                      *Each* Person of the Holy Trinity                      the true God  
each one is
- 
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4. three in one and one in three                      beyond my understanding  
*That* God can be                      is
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## E. Disobeying the First Commandment

*In which way did each of these people sin against the First Commandment?*

1. James worried when a black cat crossed his path.  

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2. Li put a dollar into the church offering plate and spent the rest of her weekly allowance—\$40—at the mall that afternoon.  

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3. Sarah's mother had grounded her from the computer, but she got on anyway.  

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4. When his friends taunted him for being a "sissy," Raul began to use curse words occasionally.  

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5. Mr. Thompson often missed church during the summer to play golf.  

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## F. Obeying the First Commandment

*Think of one instance in which you can show proper FEAR of God "above all things," an instance in which you can show proper LOVE for God "above all things," and an instance in which you can show TRUST in God "above all things."*

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## G.

*Learn to spell these words. Use as many as you can in two sentences.*

eternal                      omniscient                      omnipotent                      triune                      omnipresent

# The Second Commandment

# 2

## A. Definitions

*Draw a line from each word to the correct definition.*

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|------------------------------|--|
| 1. God's Name                | call upon God to witness the truth of what you say and to punish you if you do not tell the truth. |
| 2. Curse                     | to speak untruths.   |
| 3. Swear                     | that by which He is called and known.<br>use religion as a cloak for hypocrisy.                    |
| 4. Use satanic arts          | speak evil of God; wish evil to ourselves or to others.  |
| 5. Lie                       | fortune-telling and the like.  |
| 6. Deceive by God's name     | swear to commit a sin.   |
| 7. False oath                | swear to that of which you are not sure.   |
| 8. Blasphemous oath          | swear to a lie.  |
| 9. Frivolous oath            | swear thoughtlessly.   |
| 10. Oath in uncertain things |  |

## B. Conclusions

*If the three sentences lead to a correct conclusion, underline the conclusion.*

*If the conclusion is incorrect, draw a line through it.*

1. I dishonor God's name if I continually use it thoughtlessly.  
God's name is holy.  
God's name stands for Him.  
Therefore, if I continually use God's name thoughtlessly, I dishonor God Himself.
2. Words of praise spoken insincerely are meaningless.  
Words of thanks spoken thoughtlessly are useless.  
John curses habitually, without thinking what he says.  
Therefore, cursing is sin only if we really mean what we say.
3. Godless people do not care if they offend God openly.  
Godless people often use God's name in vain.  
Cursing is often a fruit of a godless life.  
Therefore, by cursing I give the impression that I am godless.

**C.**

*Write the words that match the kind of sin involved in each statement. These words will apply: curse, false oath, blasphemous oath, frivolous oath, uncertain oath, satanic arts, lie, and deceive.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. A pastor said, "Most of God's Word is true."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. After the school picnic, Charmion said to Alyce, "Honest to God, I never had so much fun in my life."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Keisha believed what the astrologer told her.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Neil testified in court regarding things of which he was not sure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Marty misplayed the ball and said, "The d—n ball took a bad bounce."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Susan told a lie in court to help her father.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. A dishonest salesman attended church regularly because many of his customers attended.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Meredith swore that she would hate her teacher as long as she lived.

**D.**

*Complete these sentences:*

- 1. In the past, many people bowed their heads at the n \_\_\_\_\_ o \_\_\_\_\_ J \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Not to use God's name at all is a s \_\_\_\_\_ o \_\_\_\_\_ o \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. Many people who are quick to call on God's name in time of trouble are likely to forget to call on it in g \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. It is easier to pray than to p \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. The word *thank* relates to the Latin word for k \_\_\_\_\_.

**E.**

*(A.) List briefly three times when you called on God's name in good days.*

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

*(B.) List briefly three times when you praised God.*

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Why are spiritual blessings of greater importance than material blessings?

**F.**

*Learn to spell these words. Use as many as you can in two sentences.*

satanic arts      curse      swear      commandment      doctrine      idolatry