

Living God's Word *Today*



Answer Key

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Introduction

A. The Catechism

Circle the "Y" (Yes) before true statements and the "N" (No) before false statements.

- 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.

- G 1. Jesus suffered and died to save sinners.
- L 2. The Ten Commandments tell us how God wants us to live.
- L 3. The doctrine of sin is clearly shown in both Testaments.
- G 4. God loves all people.
- L 5. "Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:39
- G 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 precious book because from it we learn the way that leads to heaven. That way is Christ. Christians stay on the heavenly way as they read, study, hear, and believe the Bible and live 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
Answers will vary.

The First Commandment

1

A. The Law

Number these statements in the correct time order.

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

B.

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

1. Nature
2. Humankind
3. Conscience
4. The Bible

C. Attributes of God

Match the Facts with the Reasons.

Fact

- d 1. God can help me in every trouble.
h 2. God is with me in every danger.
a 3. God hates to see me sin.
f 4. God is always kind to me.
l 5. God shows me more kindness than I deserve.
b 6. God is as loving now as He ever was.
c 7. God was never born or made nor will He ever die.
k 8. God has a right to punish the godless.
e 9. God knows all my thoughts.
g 10. God never breaks a promise.
j 11. God shows mercy to those who love Him.
i 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
God is one divine Essence, yet three distinct, separate Persons.

2. are equally God, eternal, and uncreated they are only one God
Although Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Although Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are equally God, eternal, and uncreated, they are only one God.

3. is not one-third of God *Each* Person of the Holy Trinity the true God
each one is
Each Person of the Holy Trinity is not one-third of God, each one is the true God.

4. three in one and one in three beyond my understanding
That God can be is
That God can be three in one and one in three is beyond my understanding.

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.
Failed to place trust in God. Feared cat more than God.

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

3. Sarah's mother had grounded her from the computer, but she got on anyway.
Loved computer more than obeying God and her mother.

4. When his friends taunted him for being a "sissy," Raul began to use curse words occasionally.
Did not fear and trust God.

5. Mr. Thompson often missed church during the summer to play golf.
Loved golf more than God.

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."

Answers will vary.

G.

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

eternal omniscient omnipotent triune omnipresent

Answers will vary.

The Second Commandment

2

A. Definitions

Draw a line from each word to the correct definition.

- | | |
|------------------------------|--|
| 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. |
| 4. Use satanic arts | use religion as a cloak for hypocrisy. |
| 5. Lie | speak evil of God; wish evil to ourselves or to others. |
| 6. Deceive by God's name | fortune-telling and the like. |
| 7. False oath | swear to commit a sin. |
| 8. Blasphemous oath | swear to that of which you are not sure. |
| 9. Frivolous oath | swear to a lie. |
| 10. Oath in uncertain things | swear thoughtlessly. |

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.

- deceive _____ 1. A pastor said, "Most of God's Word is true."
frivolous oath _____ 2. After the school picnic, Charmion said to Alyce, "Honest to God, I never had so much fun in my life."
satanic arts _____ 3. Keisha believed what the astrologer told her.
uncertain oath _____ 4. Neil testified in court regarding things of which he was not sure.
curse _____ 5. Marty misplayed the ball and said, "The d—n ball took a bad bounce."
false oath _____ 6. Susan told a lie in court to help her father.
deceive _____ 7. A dishonest salesman attended church regularly because many of his customers attended.
blasphemous oath _____ 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 a m e o f J e s u s.
2. Not to use God's name at all is a s i n o f o m i s s i o n.
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 o o d d a y s.
4. It is easier to pray than to p r a i s e.
5. The word *thank* relates to the Latin word for k i n d.

E.

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

1. Answers will vary. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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

1. Answers will vary. _____
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
Answers will vary.