

**A, B, C's
& Numbers
for Covenant Kids**

With Accompanying Catechism Questions
& Scripture Verses!

'We will not hide them from their children,
showing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,
and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.'

~ Psalm 78:4 ~

As you undertake the joyous task of teaching your child to read, may you consider the following principles used in the writing of this booklet:

- i. The maturing of covenant children follows the example of the Lord Jesus.** In that glorious mystery of the humiliation of our Lord, particularly His incarnation and life, we are told that, 'Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man' (Luke 2:52). Christ, too, learned, in His condescension, to read, being true man.
- ii. Christians are commanded to redeem the time.** 'See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil' (Ephesians 5:15-16). May even the teaching of necessary functions, such as reading, be used to the glory of God and the blessing of His church.
- iii. The task of reading is an important one.** God - in His wise, just, infinite and sovereign providence - did not leave to His people a drama, oral tradition or visual art, but a book. Therefore, reading is to be esteemed as a talent and skill most useful and to be most used.
- iv. Parents ought to convey the privilege and joy of reading the Scriptures.** Consider, beloved, that there was a time when antichrists did seek (and how they still do) to take away from the Church that most Holy Word! What a joy it is to be able to read that inspired, authoritative and sufficient Word of Life and to sing its Psalms. May covenant children learn to read with the great expectancy to read the Book of books about the King of kings Who shows to His Bride the love of loves.
- v. Short rhymes may be used to teach biblical hermeneutics from an early age.** For each letter, a biblical word has been given to instruct the child on how to pronounce that letter. The word then is used in a short, rhyming sentence, in order to help lay a strong foundation for helping the child to understand the Scriptures as he or she will begin to read them.
- vi. The catechism is to be used to teach biblical doctrine from an early age.** For each biblical word and short rhyme, there is a catechism question provided to instruct the child on a doctrine based on that word and rhyme, for the purpose of their memorization and learning.
- vii. The Scriptures are to be memorized from an early age.** For each biblical word, short rhyme and catechism question, a Scripture passage has been provided for the child to memorize. Covenant children are to be instructed in the Word of God from conception. 'Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word... Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee' (Psalm 119:9, 11). 'So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God' (Romans 10:17).
- viii. Christians should not compromise both their and their child's obedience to the Second Commandment.** While images and pictures may be a helpful tool to instruct children, we are forbidden in the Law to make any image of the Triune God (Exodus 20:4). Thus, while pictures have been used in this book to encourage item and thematic recognition, there are intentionally no images which would signify any person of the Trinity, nor the splendour of His glory. The absence of images is an excellent opportunity for parents to teach their child obedience to the commandments of God; the nature of faith; and that God is Spirit, Who is likewise worshipped in Spirit and truth, and not by Old Covenant type and ceremony.

May the Lord display His glory and bless your endeavor to raise your child in the covenant of grace.

Aa



Adam

**Adam's sin
is passed to his kin.**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 16:

Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for all his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

Bb



Bow

**Bow down before
the Sovereign Lord.**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 7:

What are the decrees of God?

The decrees of God are, His eternal purpose, according to the counsel of His will, whereby, for His own glory, He hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Ephesians 1:11

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will.

Cc

Confess



**Confess your sins;
our God forgives.**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 85:

What doth God require of us, that we may escape His wrath and curse due to us for sin?

To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

Proverbs 8:33

Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

Dd

David



**David, King of Israel,
points to Christ Emmanuel.**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 26:

How doth Christ execute the office of a King?

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.

Isaiah 33:22

For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; He will save us.

Ee



Esther

Esther, Queen in Babylon,
shows God's timing's never
wrong.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 29:

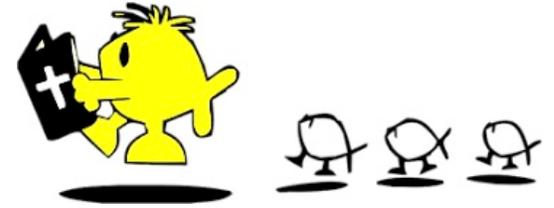
How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit.

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

Ff



Follow

'Follow me' Jesus said; 'Follow
me' in heart and head.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 87:

What is repentance unto life?

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavour after, new obedience.

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost'.

Gg

God

God made everything in the earth; God is Who I will serve.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 4:

What is God?

God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Psalm 90:2

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God.

Hh

Heaven

Heaven, where King Jesus is; Where Christians will go to live.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 38:

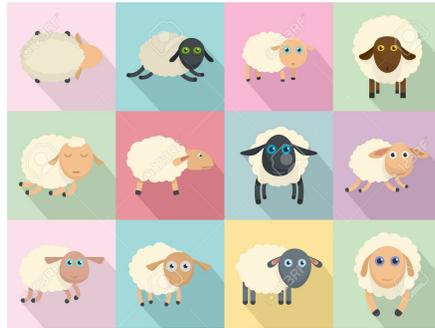
What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Ii



Israel

Israel, God's chosen sheep;
The Church who Christ will
always keep.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 36:

What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Romans 5:1

Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jj

Jesus

Jesus died upon the cross, to
seek and save those who are
lost.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 21:

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

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.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Kk



King

**King Jesus is on His throne;
Ruling from His heavenly
home!**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 107:

What doth the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

The conclusion of the Lord's prayer teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise Him, ascribing Kingdom, power, and glory to Him. And, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, 'Amen'.

Matthew 6:13

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, Amen.

Ll



Love

**Love the Lord with all your
heart; love your neighbour
from the start.**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 42:

What is the sum of the ten commandments?

The sum of the ten commandments is, To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbour as ourselves.

Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Mm

Moses



Moses led the people 'cross the sea; Jesus died for you and me.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 25:

How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?
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.

Hebrews 2:17

Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Nn

Noah



Noah & his family saved from God's wrath; Noah believed and followed God's path.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 24:

How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?
Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by His Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

John 20:31

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.

Oo

Obey



Obey your parents in the
LORD according to God's Holy
Word.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 64:

What is required in the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honour, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

Ephesians 6:1-2

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honour thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise.

Pp

Pilgrim



Pilgrim is my job, you see;
I'm on my way to God's city.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 103:

What do we pray for in the third petition?

In the third petition (which is, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven) we pray, That God, by His grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to His will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

Matthew 26:39

And He went a little farther, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt.

Qq

Quiet



**Quiet, still before our God;
He rules and reigns in
sovereign love.**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 28:

Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

Christ's exaltation consisteth in His rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Ephesians 1:20

Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places.

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Rest



**Rest in Christ on Sabbath
Day; Worship God in His way.**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 60:

How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

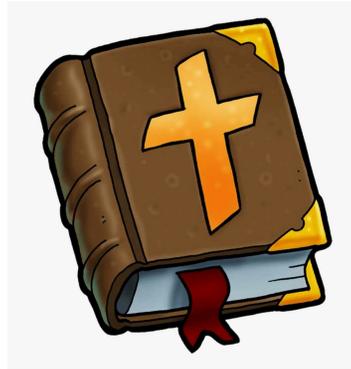
The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the publick and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

Deuteronomy 5:12-14a

Keep the sabbath-day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work.

Ss

Scripture



Scripture is God's Holy Word,
teaching me about Christ the
Lord.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 2:

What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him?

The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Tt

Temple



Temple back in Israel; now
the Church God's Spirit fills.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 88:

What are the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?

The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption, are his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

Acts 2:42, 46-47

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Uu

Up



Up I look, up in the sky –
God made the stars and
clouds up high.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 11:

What are God's works of providence?

God's works of providence are, His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all His creatures and all their actions.

Psalm 103:19

The LORD hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His Kingdom ruleth over all.

Vv

Vine



Vine grows out for all to see,
like good works for Christ
our King.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 39:

What is the duty which God requireth of man?

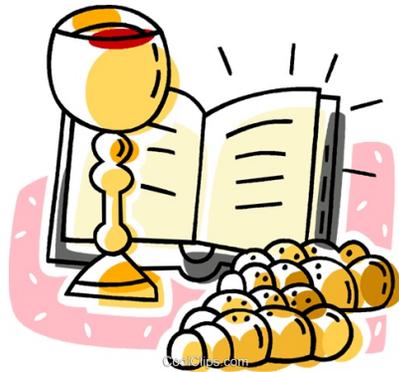
The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to His revealed will.

Micah 6:8

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Ww

Worship



Worship God faithfully - in private, church and family.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 1:

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Xx

Exodus



Exodus, the people went, through the water God had sent.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 94:

What is Baptism?

Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace and our engagement to be the Lord's.

Romans 6:4

Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Yy

Young



Young and old, big and small,
come to Jesus any, all.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 89:

How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

The Spirit of God taketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Zz

Zion



Zion's hill, the Church stands
tall; Zion's hill will never fall.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 102:

What do we pray for in the second petition?

In the second petition (which is, 'Thy Kingdom come') we pray, that satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the Kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the Kingdom of Glory may be hastened.

Revelation 22:20

He which testifieth these things saith, 'Surely I come quickly: Amen'. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

1

One

One God who's Lord of all,
Rules all things big and
small.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 5:

Are there more Gods than one?

There is but One only, the living and true God.

Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God is one LORD.

2

Two



Two kinds of people: saved
and lost; One trusted the
Saviour, the other ignored
the cost.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 84:

What doth every sin deserve?

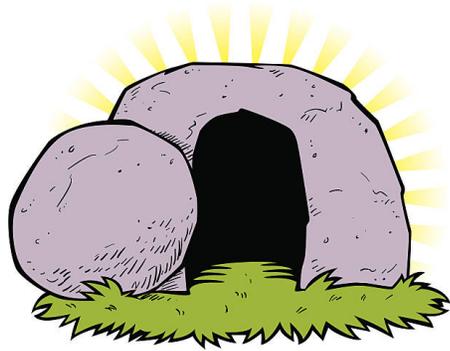
Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both
in this life, and that which is to come.

Romans 6:23

The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is
eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Three



Three days later, out He came - Jesus Christ arose from the grave.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 20:

Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

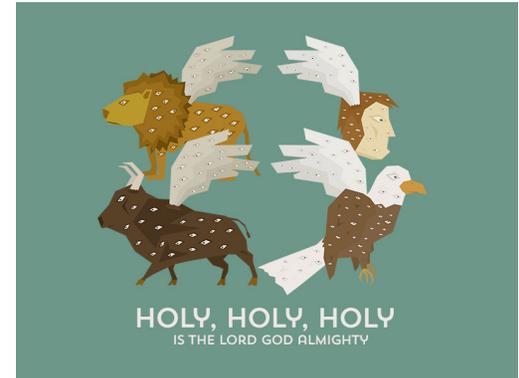
God having, out of His mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

4

Four



Four living creatures before the Lamb, worshipping Jesus, the Great I AM.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 46:

What is required in the first commandment?

The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify Him accordingly.

Exodus 20:2

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

5

Five



Five Books of Law begin God's
Word: Genesis, Exodus,
Leviticus, Numbers,
Deuteronomy.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 3:

What do the Scriptures principally teach?

The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man.

2 Timothy 1:13

Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

6

Six



Six days God made the
earth, showing us all His
awesome worth.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 9:

What is the work of creation?

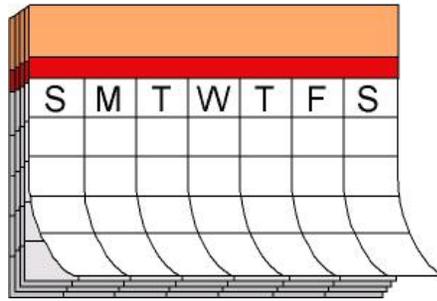
The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.

7

Seven



Seven days make a week to glorify God with the words we speak.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 77:

What is required in the ninth commandment?

The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbour's good name, especially in witness-bearing.

Exodus 20:16

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

8

Eight



Eight sons of Jesse, and David was last; in Christ, God makes us sons, planned from eternity past.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 34:

What is adoption?

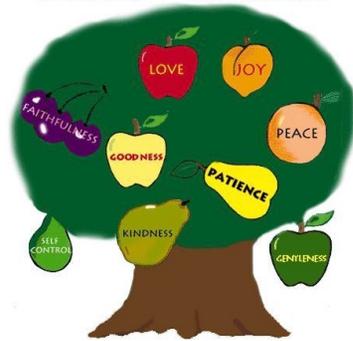
Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

9

Nine



Nine common traits that Christians produce; nine common traits called the Spirit's fruits.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 35:

What is sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Galatians 5:22-24

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

10

Ten



Ten Commandments to obey – to love God and others every day.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 44:

What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us?

The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us that because God is the Lord, and our God, and our Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all His commandments.

1 Peter 1:16

Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.