

**FAMILY WORSHIP AND
MEMORY BOOKLET**

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***“YOU HAVE MADE US FOR YOURSELF AND OUR HEARTS REMAIN RESTLESS
UNTIL THEY FIND REST IN YOU.”***

St. Augustine

1 PRAYERS

“If we want to bring up a godly family, who shall be a seed to serve God when our heads are under the clods of the valley, let us seek to train them up in the fear of God by meeting together as a family for worship.” -C.H. Spurgeon

“Neglect of private prayer is the locust that devours the strength of the church.” -C.H. Spurgeon

Some helpful principles regarding prayer:

1. Prayer is assumed

“And He said to them, “When you pray, say...” (Lk. 11:2) Jesus doesn’t say “if you pray,” but “when you pray.” Prayer should be a desire of a Christian who wants to stay in tune with God. Jesus assumes that we will want to go to the Father in prayer. Did He assume rightly about you?

2. Prayer should be without pride

Jesus says “When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.” (Mt. 6:5) Do not pray to be heard or seen by others. If you do pray for a group or in front of others, make sure that you are in tune with God and not trying to impress.

3. Prayer should be in faith

James says, “But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, *being* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.” (Jm. 1:6-8). If you ask for it, believe that God most definitely can and will answer it. When our desires align with His we have that which we petitioned Him for (I Jn. 5:14-15).

4. Prayer in private is important

Our Lord Jesus gave us a perfect example of the importance of being alone with God.

“After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.” (Matthew 14:23)

“Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” (Mt. 26:36)

“In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there” (Mk. 1:35)

“After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray.” (Mk. 6:46)

“But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.” (Lk. 5:16)

5. Prayer should be persistent

When speaking about prayer, Jesus tells a parable about a widow who was persistent in petitioning a judge that was looking in to her case. Because of her persistence she won over the judge. After telling this parable, Jesus said, “now, will not God bring about justice for his elect who cry to him day and night, and will he delay long over them? I tell you that he will bring about justice for them quickly.” (Lk. 18:7)

PRAYERS FOR MEMORIZATION:

The Lord's Prayer:

“Our Father who is in heaven hallowed be your name. Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.” –Matthew 6:9-13a

Prayers of Paul:

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.” -Ephesians 3:14-19

“And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.” -Colossians 1:10-11

Prayer of Jude:

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen” -Jude 1:24-25

Prayer of David:

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit.” -Psalm 51:10-12

If you are struggling to pray:

R. A. Torrey in his book, *How to Pray*, says of George Mueller:

“One of the mightiest men of prayer would begin praying by reading and meditating upon God's Word until a prayer began to form itself in his heart. Thus, God himself was the real author of the prayer, and God answered the prayer which he himself had inspired.”

2 CREEDS

The word “creed” in Latin means “belief.”

MEMORIZING CREEDS:

“The Bible is the Word of God to man; the Creed is man’s answer to God. The Bible reveals the truth in the popular form of life and fact; the Creed states the truth in the logical form of doctrine. The Bible is to be believed and obeyed; the Creed is to be professed and taught.”

-Phillip Schaff The Creeds of Christendom Volume 2

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
the third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen. (*“catholic” refers to the universal church*)

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. and I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. and **I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.** I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(“catholic” refers to the universal church)

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NEW TESTAMENT MEMORY IDEAS:

“The word of God can be in the mind without being in the heart, but it cannot be in the heart without first being in the mind.” - R.C. Sproul

List of New Testament books to memorize: 27

The Gospels: 4 books	History: 1 book	Epistles of Paul: 13	General Epistles: 8
Matthew	Acts of the Apostles	Romans	Hebrews
Mark		I, II Corinthians	James
Luke		Galatians	I, II Peter
John		Ephesians	I, II, III John
		Philippians	Jude
		Colossians	
		I, II Thessalonians	
		I, II Timothy	
		Titus	
		Philemon	

Prophecy: 1 book
Revelation

To learn N.T. books to music go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2v6c6naFmJg>

SCRIPTURE TO MEMORIZE WITH CHILDREN

(Family) Ephesians 6:1-4 (1st Grade)

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH. Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

(Inspiration of the Scriptures) II Peter 1:16-21 (2nd Grade)

“For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"—and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

(The Beatitudes) Matthew 5:3-11 (3rd Grade)

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are

the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.”

(The “Carmen Christi” or Song of Christ) Philippians 2:5-11 (4th - 5th Grade)

“Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

NEW TESTAMENT CONFESSIONS TO MEMORIZE:

“Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.”
--John 1:49

“Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!”
--Matthew 16:16

“Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.”
--John 6:68-69

“Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”
--John 20:28

“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”
--Acts 8:37

“Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.”
--I Corinthians 8:6

“By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, was vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.”

I Timothy 3:16

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OLD TESTAMENT MEMORY IDEAS

“Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.” -Jesus

List of Old Testament books to memorize: 39

The Law: 5 books

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

The History: 12 books

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
I, II Samuel
I, II Kings
I, II Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

Poetry: 5 books

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon

Prophecy: 17 books

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

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SCRIPTURE TO MEMORIZE WITH CHILDREN

(Spiritual Growth) Psalm 1:1-6 (1st Grade)

- 1 How blessed is the man who does not walk
in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stand in the path of sinners,
nor sit in the seat of scoffers.
- 2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and in His Law he meditates day and night.
- 3 he will be like a tree firmly planted by
streams of water,
which yields its fruit in its season
and its leaf does not wither;
and in whatever he does, he prospers.
- 4 the wicked are not so,
but they are like chaff which the wind
drives away.
- 5 therefore the wicked will not stand in the

judgment.
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
6 for the Lord knows the way of the
righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

(Discipleship) Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (2nd Grade)

“Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.”

(Faithfulness) Joshua 24:15 (3rd Grade)

“If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

(A Godly heritage) Psalm 78:1-8 (4th – 5th Grade)

“Listen, O my people, to my instruction; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not conceal them from their children, but tell to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength and His wondrous works that He has done. For He established a testimony in Jacob And appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers that they should teach them to their children, that the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children, that they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments, and not be like their fathers a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not prepare its hearts and whose spirit was not faithful to God.”

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OLD TESTAMENT CATECHISM AND CHRONOLOGY

Catechism:

The catechism is a series of questions and answers used in the training of young believers. The parent should ask the question and the child should be taught to memorize and respond with the appropriate answer.

“believe me.... The church of God will never be preserved without catechesis.” -John Calvin

Big Picture

Old Testament Catechism: To be done as questions and answers with children 7th through 9th grades.

1. Broadly, what time periods are covered in the Old Testament?

The beginning of the world	(Genesis 1-11)
The calling of the patriarchs	(Genesis 12-50)
The deliverance of Israel	(Exodus 14)
The inheritance of the Promised Land	(Joshua 6-21)
The deliverance of the Judges	(Judges)
The United Monarchy	(I Samuel 10 – I Kings 12)
The divided kingdom	(I Kings 12-II Kings 17)
The destruction of Israel	(II Kings 17)
The destruction of Judah	(II Kings 25)
The Babylonian exile	(II Kings 24:14)
The return of Judah	(Ezra 1)

2. What happens in the beginning of the world?

Adam and Eve sin
The flood is sent
The Tower of Babel sin

Date Finished _____

3. What happened in the calling of the patriarchs?

God elected Abraham to be the father of many nations this promise was passed to
Isaac
Jacob and
Joseph

Date Finished _____

4. How was Israel delivered?

After 400 years of slavery in Egypt God raised up Moses and delivered Israel by a mighty hand and outstretched arm.

Date Finished_____

5. How did Israel inherit the promised land?

The land promised to Abraham and his descendants was conquered under the direction of Joshua. The twelve tribes were allotted territory.

Date Finished_____

6. Why did the Judges need to deliver Israel?

After the land was inherited, the people broke God's laws. This led to captivity. When they asked for forgiveness, God would raise up a Judge to deliver them from their enemies.

Date Finished_____

7. What is the monarchy?

God told Samuel to anoint Saul as the first king of Israel. A united Monarchy would last until the reign of Rehoboam.

Date Finished_____

8. Why did the kingdom divide?

Because of the idolatry of Solomon, the kingdom was divided during the reign of his son Rehoboam.

Date Finished_____

9. Why was Israel destroyed?

The Assyrians destroyed Israel in 722 B.C. because of their idolatry.

Date Finished_____

10. Why was Judah destroyed?

The Babylonians destroyed Judah in 586 B.C. because of their idolatry.

Date Finished_____

11. What is the Babylonian exile?

It was when the Babylonians enslaved God's people after the destruction of Jerusalem.

Date Finished_____

12. What is the return of Judah?

It is when God's people returned along with Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, and Zechariah to rebuild and restore Jerusalem.

Date Finished_____

13. In how many Old Testament books are these stories told?

All 39 books tell these stories.

Date Finished_____

14. In how many sections do we divide these 39 books of the Old Testament?

3, the Law, the Prophets, the Writings

Date Finished_____

15. Who wrote the Law, and what are the books of the Law?

Moses, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy

Date Finished_____

16. What does Genesis teach us?

The Election of God

Date Finished_____

17. What does Exodus teach us?

The Redemption of God

Date Finished_____

18. What does Leviticus teach us?

The sanctification of God

Date Finished_____

19. What does the book of Numbers teach us?

The direction of God

Date Finished_____

20. What does the book of Deuteronomy teach us?

The instruction of God

Date Finished_____

21. Who are the prophets?

The 4 Major Prophets are Ezekiel, Daniel, Jeremiah who also wrote Lamentations and Isaiah. The 12 Minor Prophets are Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi

Date Finished_____

22. What is the message of the prophets?

The prophets encouraged the people to be faithful to their covenant with God and warned of impending doom for continued disobedience.

Date Finished_____

23. What are the writings?

The writings consist of both history and wisdom literature.

Date Finished_____

24. What books make up the writings?

The historical section is Joshua, Judges, First and Second Samuel, First and Second Kings, First and Second Chronicles, Ruth, Esther, Ezra, Nehemiah, the Wisdom section includes Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon.

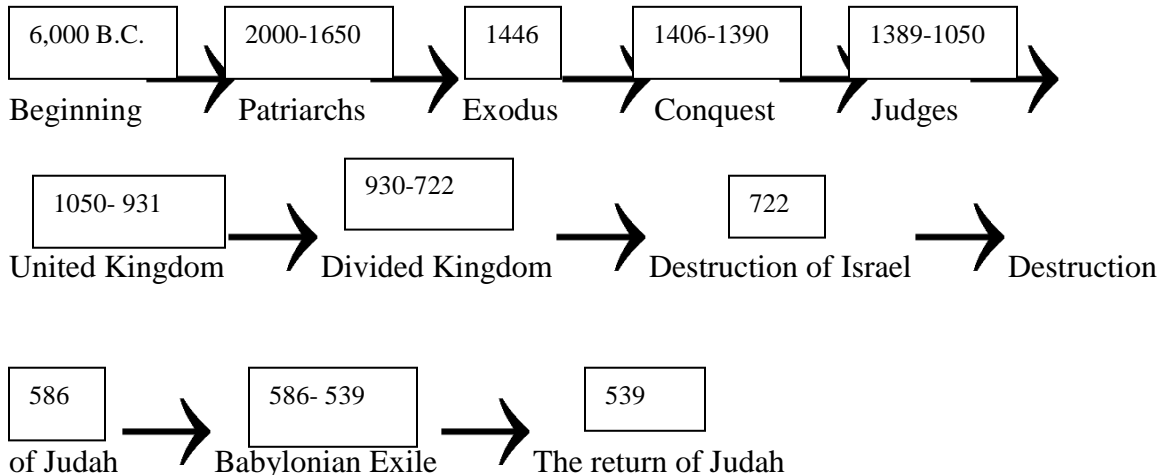
Date Finished_____

25. What is the message of the Writings?

To tell us the history of God’s people and demonstrate the faithfulness and longsuffering spirit of God.

Date Finished_____

Old Testament Time Periods for Memorization:



The Children's chant: Old Testament chronology for 4-12 year old's: Teach each of the stories from the Bible each night then memorize the saying that corresponds.

Creation
Fall
Flood
Tower of Babel
Abraham
Isaac
Jacob
Joseph
Jacob goes to Egypt with his seventy sons
Moses is saved in a wicker basket
Moses meets God at the burning bush
The water turns to blood
The frogs jumped around
The lice crawled on the people
And the flies flew around
The animals all died and the people got sick
The hail fell down
The locusts flew around
And then it got dark
Death of the firstborn
God parted the Red Sea
God gave the Ten Commandments
The people built the tabernacle
They wandered in the wilderness
Joshua defeats Jericho
The Judges deliver Israel
The United Kingdom of:
Saul
David
Solomon
Rehoboam
The divided Kingdom of Israel and Judah
Israel is destroyed in 722
Judah is destroyed in 586
The Babylonian Exile
Judah returns in 539
The Temple is rebuilt
Esther saves Israel
Nehemiah rebuilds the walls

Date Finished _____

*The audio file of this chant can be heard at
<http://www.nextgenerationfaithfulness.com/2019/04/03/the-childrens-chant/>

**All scripture is taken from the New American Standard Bible*