



**Memory Program**  
**2017-2018**



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God says that His Word is perfect and pure, will make one wise, and is more to be desired than the most precious of things (Psalm 19). How can a young man keep his way pure? God says, by taking heed to His Word (Psalm 119:9). God commands that His Word be memorized (Psalm 119:11) to the end that He will be known, loved, honored and glorified and we will be blessed (Psalm 119:2). Knowing and using God's Word will thoroughly equip our children for every good work (II Timothy 3:16, 17). Let us obey God's command with joy and truly say with the Psalmist, "O, how I *love* Thy law!" (119:97)

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism* is one of the most beautiful documents written by man. It is in no way equal to Scripture, which is God's holy and inspired Word, but it is a wonderful summary of the major doctrines of Scripture. It was written for the purpose of assisting and encouraging people to know and love God and His ways so that they may truly glorify Him as He deserves. It is laid out in a form that is easy to memorize, and when the student has accomplished that task, he or she will have laid an excellent foundation for biblical thinking. We memorize about one third of the catechism each year.

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism* is essentially laid out in three divisions. The first third (questions 1-38) concerns the doctrine of God and salvation. The second third (questions 39-81) includes the Ten Commandments, with many questions being the exact Scripture from Exodus 20 and the other questions concerning the duties required and the sins forbidden. These are important to know since the Lord Jesus Christ Himself said that these commandments were not to be seen as an end in themselves, but rather are a "sum of all the Law and the Prophets." In other words, all other laws that God gives fall under one of these commandments. The third section (questions 82-107) involves the means of grace (the Word, sacraments and prayer) and focuses on the Lord's Prayer as Christ's example of prayer to us.

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The first through twelfth grade students will have one or more catechism questions and one or more Scripture verses each week (first graders memorize Scripture only). Ordinarily, memory work is tested each MONDAY, unless specified differently in the memory booklet. Parents are encouraged to assist their children with the memory work due each week. Consider incorporating these verses and catechism questions into your daily family devotions or practice while riding in the car. You may want to set up a system of rewards in your home to encourage your child(ren) to memorize well and accurately. Remember to set a tone of joy as you help your child(ren) with this program, recalling that God's commands are not burdensome (I John 5:3) but rather are a delight! (Psalm 119:35).

**For testing, students in first grade (Scripture only) through fifth grades (second – twelfth grades memorize answers and Scripture) will recite the memory work; while sixth through twelfth grades will write it. *The students do not have to memorize the catechism question. The question is asked of them, and they are accountable to memorize the answer only.***

The Scripture is in the ESV and is in a particular form. The students are to state the reference, then the text of the Scripture, and then the reference again.

Bible memory grades will count as part of the Bible grade they receive on their report card, so it is very important that they keep up with it and take it seriously. Students are expected to memorize the material *word perfectly*. Points will be deducted for any missed words.

If a seventh through twelfth grade student is absent, it is his or her responsibility to make up the assignment the day he or she returns to school. Failure to make up the assignment on the day of return will result in a lower grade. Failure to complete the assignment before the next quiz will result in a zero. In the case of prolonged absence other arrangements can be made.

**All work must be memorized according to the wording of this booklet.**

**If there is inclement weather and a Monday is missed, the work is still due the first day back, and we will proceed according to schedule.**







**Due Tuesday, October 10**

**Question 7:** What are the decrees of God?

**Answer:** 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.

**Isaiah 14:24**

The Lord of hosts has sworn: “As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand...”

**Isaiah 14:24**







**Due Monday, December 11**

**Question 14:** What is sin?

**Answer:** Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

**James 4:17**

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

**James 4:17**









**Due Monday, March 5**

**Question 23:** What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?

**Answer:** Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

**Acts 3:22**

Moses said, “The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you.

**Acts 3:22**









**Due Monday, May 21**

**Question 32:** What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

**Answer:** They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which, in this life, do either accompany or flow from them.

**1 Corinthians 6:11**

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

**1 Corinthians 6:11**

*Westminster Shorter Catechism with Scripture: [www.reformed.org](http://www.reformed.org)  
Scripture: ESV*

*Well done! By God's grace, you've memorized 32 catechism answers and 37 verses of Scripture this year. May God use these truths to guide your heart and draw you to Him and to bring glory to Himself.*

