

Revised*
Basic Study Questions

For

Grade Two

***In order to follow the suggested curriculum outlined by the Faith and Life Catechist Manual, the questions are in a different order from the previous edition of the Basic Study Questions.**

Grade 2 First Semester (Chapters 1-14 and Chapters 17-20)

2.1. What is the soul?

The soul is an invisible gift from God that gives us life. The soul gives us the power to do what is right and good. The soul lives forever.

2.2. Who is God?

God is the all-perfect being, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

2.3. What is the Bible?

The Bible is the holy book that tells us many things about God. God told the men who wrote the Bible what to say. The Bible is the Word of God.

2.4. What are the two parts of the Bible?

The two parts of the Bible are the Old Testament and the New Testament.

2.5. How many gods are there?

There is ONE God.

2.6. How many Persons are there in one God?

There are THREE persons in one God.

2.7. What do we call the Three Persons in one God?

We call the Three Persons in one God the Blessed Trinity.

2.8. What are the names of the Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity?

The names of the Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity are:
God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

2.9. What is a mystery?

A mystery is something we cannot fully understand, but we believe it because God has told us it is true.

2.10. Why do we say God is the Creator of Heaven and earth?

We say God is the Creator of Heaven and earth because to create means to make something out of nothing, and He made Heaven and earth out of nothing.

2.11. Who were the first man and woman?

Adam and Eve were the first man and woman.

2.12. What is grace?

Grace is the gift of God's life in our soul.

2.13. What is a guardian angel?

A guardian angel is an angel given to each of us by God. This angel protects us and helps us to be good.

2.14. Why did God make you?

God made me to know, love, and serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in Heaven.

2.15. What are angels?

Angels are invisible spirits. They praise God and are God's helpers.

2.16. What do we call the angels who turned away from God?

We call the angels who turned away from God, devils.

2.17. What is sin?

Sin is choosing to do something we know is wrong. Sin is disobedience to God's Law.

2.18. What is Original Sin?

Original Sin is the sin of Adam and Eve. It is the first sin committed on earth. We are all born with this sin on our soul.

2.19. After Adam and Eve sinned, what did God promise?

After Adam and Eve sinned, God promised to send a Savior.

2.20. What is the name of the man who loved God very much and in obedience to Him, built an ark to escape the great flood?

Noah is the man who built an ark to escape the great flood.

2.21. What does the Sacrament of Baptism do?

Baptism takes away Original Sin and makes the soul rich in the grace of God.

Baptism makes you a child of God, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a member of His Church.

2.22. What are the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments are God's Laws (rules) which were given to Moses; these laws are for everyone.

2.23. List the Ten Commandments (in order).

1. You shall not have other gods besides Me.
2. You shall not use God's name in vain.
3. Remember to keep God's day holy.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not lie.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

2.24. Who do the first three Commandments teach us to love and respect?

The first three Commandments teach us to love and respect God.

2.25. Who do the last seven Commandments teach us to love and respect?

The last seven Commandments teach us to love and respect other people.

2.26. What are the two Great Commandments which Jesus gave us?

- a. Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.
- b. Love your neighbor as yourself.

2.27. What are the two kinds of sin we commit?

The two kinds of sin we commit are mortal sin and venial sin.

2.28. What is mortal sin?

Mortal sin is a very serious sin which kills all life of grace in a soul.

2.29. What three things are necessary in order for a sin to be mortal?

- a. the act must be serious/grave
- b. you must know it is wrong and serious
- c. you must freely choose to do it

2.30. What is venial sin?

Venial sin is a little act of disobedience against the Law of God.

2.31. What are prophets?

Prophets were holy men who prepared people for the coming of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

2.32. What was the name of the angel who told Mary she was chosen to be the Mother of God's Son?

The angel Gabriel told Mary she would be the Mother of God's Son.

2.33. What do we do during Advent?

During Advent, we wait for and get ready to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

2.34. Who is the Mother of Jesus?

The Mother of Jesus is the Blessed Virgin Mary.

2.35. Was Mary free from Original Sin?

Yes, Mary was free from Original Sin from the very first moment of her life.

2.36. Where was Jesus born?

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in a stable, and placed in a manger.

2.37. Who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity; he is true God and true man.

2.38. Why did the Son of God become man?

The Son of God became man to save us from sin and to open the gates of Heaven for us.

2.39. What is Christmas?

Christmas is the birthday of Jesus.

2.40. What are the names of the members of the Holy Family?

Jesus, Mary and Joseph make up the Holy Family.

2.41. Who is St. Joseph?

St. Joseph is Jesus' father on earth (foster-father).

2.42. Who was John the Baptist?

John the Baptist was the last of the prophets. He was a cousin of Jesus; he prepared people for the coming of Jesus; he baptized Jesus

2.43. Why was Jesus baptized by St. John the Baptist?

Jesus was baptized by St. John the Baptist so that everyone would know that He is the Son of God. When He was baptized, the Heavens opened and a voice from Heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Mt 3:13

2.44. What are the seven Corporal Works of Mercy?

- a. Feed the hungry.
- b. Give drink to the thirsty.
- c. Give shelter to the homeless.
- d. Give clothing to the naked.
- e. Visit the sick.
- f. Visit the imprisoned.
- g. Bury the dead.

2.45. What is sorrow for sins?

Sorrow for sins is the sadness we have for the bad things we have done, and the wish to never do them again. We have sorrow because we have offended God or because we fear his punishment.

2.46. Will God always forgive your sins?

Yes, God will always forgive our sins if we are truly sorry for committing them.

2.47. Through whom does God forgive our sins?

God forgives sins through our priests; Jesus gave them the power to forgive sins.

2.48. Through what Sacrament are sins forgiven?

Sins are forgiven through the Sacrament of Penance, also called Confession or Reconciliation.

2.49. What is absolution?

Absolution is the prayer said by the priest in the Sacrament of Penance which takes away sins.

2.50. What are the five steps to make a good Confession?

- a. Know what your sins are
- b. Be sorry for your sins
- c. Make up your mind not to sin again
- d. Tell your sins to a priest in the Sacrament of Penance
- e. Do the penance the priest gives you

2.51. What are the effects of a good Confession?

The effects of a good Confession are that all sins are forgiven, and grace comes into the soul to give us strength to be a good Christian.

2.52. What is penance?

Penance is what the priest tells you to do to help you make up for your sins.

Grade 2 Second Semester (Chapters 15-16 and Chapters 21-34)

2.53. What is the prayer which Jesus taught His Apostles to pray?

The prayer which Jesus taught His Apostles to pray is the Lord's Prayer, also called the Our Father.

2.54. What is prayer?

Prayer is lifting our hearts and minds to God to adore Him, to thank Him, and to ask Him for what we need and for the needs of others.

2.55. What is a miracle?

A miracle is something wonderful done by the power of God and that can only be done by God.

2.56. Why did Jesus perform miracles?

Jesus performed miracles so that people would have faith and recognize Him as the Son of God.

2.57. Who is the “Good Shepherd”?

Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

2.58. What is the Sacrament of the Eucharist?

The Sacrament of the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is also called Holy Communion.

2.59. When did Jesus give us the Eucharist?

Jesus gave us the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, which was the first Mass.

2.60. What happened on Holy Thursday?

On Holy Thursday, Jesus and His Apostles shared the Last Supper, which was the first Mass.

2.61. What happened on Good Friday?

On Good Friday, Jesus died on the Cross.

2.62. Why did Jesus suffer and die on the Cross at Mount Calvary?

Jesus suffered and died to make up for the sins of all mankind and to open the gates of Heaven.

2.63. What happened on Easter Sunday?

On Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead. This is called the Resurrection.

2.64. What is the Mass?

The Mass is the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, and the gift of Himself in the Eucharist.

2.65. How can priests today change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus?

Jesus gave this power to His Apostles at the Last Supper and when a man becomes a priest, he receives the same power from Jesus.

2.66. What do we call the table on which the Mass is offered?

The table on which the Mass is offered is called the altar.

- 2.67. When during the Mass do the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus?
The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus at the prayer of Consecration.
- 2.68. What do we call the change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ?
The change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is called transubstantiation.
- 2.69. Does Jesus remain in the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass?
Yes, Jesus remains in the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass.
- 2.70. What is the name of the place where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is kept in the church?
The tabernacle is where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is kept in the church.
- 2.71. What is the Creed?
The Creed is what we believe as Catholics. [Credo: I believe]
- 2.72. What three things are necessary before receiving Holy Communion?
a. Be in a state of grace (free from mortal sin)
b. Believe it is truly Jesus you are receiving
c. Fast for one hour before receiving Holy Communion
- 2.73. What is the Ascension?
The Ascension is the return of Jesus to Heaven forty days after Easter.
- 2.74. Who are the Apostles?
The Apostles were twelve men whom Jesus sent to share His message with everyone. "Apostle" means one "who is sent".
- 2.75. What is the Holy Spirit?
The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. The Holy Spirit is God.
- 2.76. What happened on Pentecost?
On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to Mary and the Apostles.

2.77. What did the Holy Spirit do for the Apostles?

The Holy Spirit gave grace to the Apostles and the courage to continue Jesus' work.

2.78. What day do we call the "birthday of the Church"?

We call Pentecost Sunday the "birthday of the Church."

2.79. What is a sacrament?

A Sacrament is an outward sign made by Jesus Christ to give us grace.

2.80. Name the seven Sacraments.

- a. Baptism
- b. Penance
- c. Holy Eucharist
- d. Confirmation
- e. Marriage
- f. Holy Orders
- g. Anointing of the Sick

2.81. Who founded/started the Catholic Church?

Jesus Christ started the Catholic Church.

2.82. What is the Church?

The Church is the family of all baptized people.

2.83. What is a Bishop?

A bishop is a man who does the work of the Apostles and takes care of a large group of Catholics.

2.84. What is a priest?

A priest is a man who has received the Sacrament of Holy Orders and who can forgive our sins, celebrate/say Mass, and change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus.

2.85. Who is the Pope?

The Pope is the leader of the entire Church. He takes the place of Jesus on earth.

2.86. Who was the first Pope?

St. Peter was the first Pope.

2.87. What is the Rosary?

The Rosary is a very special prayer honoring our Blessed Mother Mary. It helps us to think about things that happened in the lives of Jesus and Mary. We pray the Rosary on a string of special beads.

2.88. What is the Assumption?

The Assumption is when, at the end of the Blessed Mother Mary's life on earth, God took her into Heaven, body and soul.

2.89. What is Heaven?

Heaven is a place where people who loved and served God in this life will go when they die. It is a place of perfect happiness with God. Heaven is where we are meant to be. Heaven is forever.

2.90. What is a saint?

A saint is a soul in heaven.

2.91. What is purgatory?

Purgatory is a place where souls go for a while and are made clean so they can go to Heaven.

2.92. What is Hell?

Hell is a place for souls that chose not to love God. Hell is forever.

2.93. What will happen at the end of the world?

At the end of the world, the dead will rise and be reunited with their souls.

Prayers and Lists

1. The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

3. The Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

5. The Lord's Prayer (Our Father)

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

New to Second Grade:

6. An Act of Contrition

O My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because of Thy just punishments, but most of all, because they offend Thee my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

7. The Prayer of Fatima

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

8. Prayer to Saint Michael

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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Books of the Old Testament

Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy
Joshua	Judges	Ruth	1 Samuel	2 Samuel
1 Kings	2 Kings	1 Chronicles		2 Chronicles
Ezra	Nehemiah	Tobit	Judith	Esther
1 Maccabees	2 Maccabees	Job	Psalms	Proverbs
Ecclesiastes	Song of Songs	Wisdom	Sirach	Isaiah
Jeremiah	Lamentations	Baruch	Ezekiel	Daniel
Hosea	Joel	Amos	Obadiah	Jonah
Micah	Nahum	Habakkuk	Zephaniah	Haggai
Zechariah	Malachi			

Books of the New Testament

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Acts	Romans	1 Corinthians	2 Corinthians
Galatians	Ephesians	Philippians	Colossians
1 Thessalonians	2 Thessalonians	1 Timothy	2 Timothy
Titus	Philemon	Hebrews	James
1 Peter	2 Peter	1 John	2 John
3 John	Jude	Revelation	

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