

Basic Study Questions

For

Grade Three

Please note: the first number before each question indicates in which chapter of the textbook the topic of the question can be found.

➤ **Grade 3 First Semester (Chapters 1-15)**

1.1 Who is God?

God is the all-perfect pure spirit. He is eternal - He always has been and always will be.

1.2 How many Persons are there in one God?

There are THREE Persons in one God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

1.3 What do we call the mystery of Three Persons in one God?

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

1.4 Who created us?

God created us - in His image.

1.5 What makes you a human being?

I am a human being because I have a body and a soul.

1.6 What is the soul?

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

1.7. Why did God create you?

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

1.8 What is prayer?

Prayer is talking with and listening to God.

1.9 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*.

2.1 What does “create” mean?

Create means to make something out of nothing. God is the Creator because He made all things out of nothing.

2.2 Who were the first man and woman made by God?

Adam and Eve were the first man and woman made by God; they are our first parents.

3.1 What were prophets?

Prophets were holy men who brought God’s messages to the people and prepared them for the coming of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

3.2 What is a parable?

A parable is a story which teaches a lesson. Jesus used parables to teach about the Kingdom of God.

3.3 What is the Bible?

The Bible is the holy book that tells us about God’s special people, about Jesus and about the beginning of the Church. It is also called Sacred Scripture.

3.4 What are the two main parts of the Bible?

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

3.5 Does the Bible contain all we need to know about God and His plan for us?

No, the Church uses the Bible (Sacred Scripture) along with Sacred Tradition (God’s teaching passed on through words and deeds) to teach us everything we need to know about God and His plan for us.

4.1 What are angels?

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

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

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

4.3 What is sin?

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

4.4 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.

4.5 How is Original Sin taken away?

Original Sin is taken away by the grace of God received in Baptism.

4.6 What is grace?

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

4.7 After Adam and Eve sinned, what did God promise?

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

5.1 Did the savior come right away?

No, the savior did not come for many years.

5.2 Who was Abraham?

Abraham was the father of God's chosen people (Israelites). He was willing to sacrifice his only son in obedience to God.

5.3 What is faith?

Faith is a gift from God which makes us able to believe in Him and everything He teaches.

6.1 Who was Moses?

Moses was a leader and prophet of the Israelites.

6.2 How did God speak to Moses?

God spoke to Moses in a burning bush.

6.3 What is a covenant?

A covenant is a promise. In the Bible, it is a promise of love between the Father (God) and His children (His chosen people). It is a bond of family ties.

6.4 How did God keep His covenant to take care of the Israelites as they travelled to the Promised Land?

God kept his covenant to the Israelites by parting the Red Sea so they could cross it on their way to the Promised Land. He also provided food (manna) and also water from a rock as they made their way through the desert.

6.5 What is Passover?

Passover is a celebration and remembrance of the night God's Angel of Death passed over the houses of the Israelites, whose doors were marked with the blood of a lamb.

7.1 What are the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments are the moral laws that God gave to Moses on Mt. Sinai. These laws are for all God's people until the end of time.

7.2 List the Ten Commandments in order.

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall not have other gods before Me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
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.

7.3 What do the first three Commandments teach us?

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

7.4 What do the last seven Commandments teach us?

The last seven Commandments teach us how to be kind and fair to each other.

7.5 What are the two Great Commandments which Jesus taught us?

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

8.1 Who was David?

David was the boy who killed the giant Goliath in defense of God's people. He grew up to be a great king of Israel. Jesus descended from the family of David.

9.1 How many gods are there?

There is ONE God.

9.2 What is worship?

Worship is the love, honor and adoration which we give to God. The First Commandment tells us we should worship and serve God alone.

9.3 What does it mean to be reverent?

To be reverent means to show respect. The Second Commandment requires us to show respect for God's name and all holy places and things.

10.1 Why do Christians consider Sunday to be the Lord's Day?

Christians consider Sunday to be the Lord's Day because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday morning.

10.2 What is the best way to keep the Lord's Day holy (Third Commandment)?

The best way to keep the Lord's Day holy is to go to Mass. It is also important not to do unnecessary work on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

10.3 What are Holy Days of Obligation?

Holy Days of Obligation are those days on which the Church celebrates something very special. These days are just like Sundays - the faithful are obligated to go to Mass.

11.1 What does it mean to honor our Father and Mother (Fourth Commandment)?

To honor our Father and Mother, we must love, respect and obey them. We should also respect and obey anyone who is in authority over us.

11.2 What does "You shall not kill" mean (Fifth Commandment)?

"You shall not kill" means we should always try to do what is right to others – including our enemies – and to mend any wrong which we have done to other people. It also means we should not harm the life of anyone.

12.1 What does purity mean (relating to Sixth and Ninth Commandment)?

Purity means being clean/pure in what we think, do, and say. We should respect our own body and the bodies of others. We should be modest and should stay away from movies, books, and pictures that are not good examples to us. Also, if we get married one day, we keep the promises we make to the person we marry.

12.2 What does “You shall not steal” mean? (Seventh Commandment)?

You shall not steal means you should not take or damage something that belongs to someone else.

12.3 What does “You shall not lie” mean (Eighth Commandment)?

You shall not lie (bear false witness) means you must always speak the truth.

12.4 What are truth and honesty?

Truth is how things actually are. Honesty means telling the truth.

12.5 What does covet mean (Tenth Commandment)?

To covet means to want something more than we should; especially wanting something that belongs to someone else.

13.1 What is sin?

Sin is choosing to do something we know is wrong. Sin is disobeying God.

13.2 What is forgiveness?

Forgiveness is pardoning someone who has done something wrong.

13.3 In what four ways is sin committed?

Sin is committed by thoughts, words, and deeds and also by omissions. Omissions are things we should do, but choose not to do.

13.4 What are the two kinds of sin that we commit?

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

13.5 What is mortal sin?

Mortal sin is a very serious/grave act of disobedience against the law of God. It is done on purpose with full knowledge that it is wrong; it kills all life of grace in our soul.

13.6 What is venial sin?

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

13.7 Through what Sacrament are sins forgiven?

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

13.8 Through whom does God forgive our sins?

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

13.9 Will God always forgive us?

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

14.1 What is an examination of conscience?

An examination of conscience is when we think about what we have done wrong - or if we did not do something we should have - in preparation for Confession.

14.2 What is sorrow for sins? What is contrition?

Sorrow for sins is sadness and hatred for the sins we have committed because we know they have offended God. Sorrow should make us decide not to sin again. Contrition means sorrow.

14.3 What is penance?

Penance is what the priest tells us to do to help us make up for the wrong we have done.

14.4 What is absolution?

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

14.5 What are the five steps to make a good Confession?

- a. Examination of conscience to 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 / Confession
- e. Do the penance the priest gives you

15.1 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.

15.2 Who is the Mother of Jesus?

The Mother of Jesus is the Blessed Virgin Mary.

15.3 Was Mary free from Original Sin?

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

15.4 Who is St. Joseph?

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

15.5 Where was Jesus born?

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

15.6 Who is Jesus Christ?

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

15.7 What is Christmas?

Christmas is the birthday of Jesus.

15.8 Who makes up the Holy Family?

Jesus, Mary and Joseph make up the Holy Family.

➤ **Grade 3 Second Semester (Chapters 16-30)**

16.1 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.

16.2 What special event happened as Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River?

As Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit came down upon Him in the form of a dove and God the Father spoke from Heaven saying, "This is My Beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."

17.1 What is a miracle?

A miracle is something wonderful done by the power of God; it can only be done by God.

17.2 Why did Jesus work miracles?

Jesus worked miracles to prove that He was God.

17.3 What is a mystery?

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

17.4 What is the Incarnation?

The Incarnation is the mystery of God becoming man - the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus Christ.

17.5 Is Jesus Christ God and man?

Yes, Jesus Christ is true God and true man.

18.1 What feast were Jesus and His Apostles celebrating at the Last Supper?

Jesus and His Apostles were celebrating the Jewish feast of Passover at the Last Supper.

18.2 When was the first Mass celebrated?

Jesus celebrated the first Mass with His Apostles at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday.

18.3 What is the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist?

The Holy Eucharist is the Sacrament which is truly the Body and Blood of Christ under the appearance of bread and wine. Jesus gave us the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. It is also called Holy Communion.

19.1 What is a sacrifice?

A sacrifice is something that is offered to God; it is giving up something that we like as a way to show God how much we love Him.

19.2 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.

19.3 What happened on Good Friday?

On Good Friday, Jesus died on the Cross.

19.4 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.

19.5 What are the Stations of the Cross?

The Stations of the Cross are a devotional prayer in which we think about the suffering and death of Jesus. There are fourteen Stations.

20.1 What is the Holy Mass?

The Holy Mass is the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross offered to God, by the priest, in every Catholic Church. It is also the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist.

20.2 Is the Sacrifice of the Mass the same sacrifice as the Sacrifice of the Cross?

The Sacrifice of the Mass is the Sacrifice of the Cross; the only difference is in the way it is offered.

21.1 Why can priests today change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus?

Jesus gave the power to change bread and wine into His Body and Blood to His Apostles and they passed it on to the bishops and priests who came after them, through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

21.2 What is the Gospel?

Gospel means “good news”; the Gospel tells the story of the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

21.3 Why do we stand as the Gospel is read at Mass?

We stand to hear the Gospel read at Mass because we are hearing Jesus’ own words spoken to us.

21.4 What is the Creed?

The Creed is a statement of what we believe about God and His Church.

21.5 Are we required to go to Mass?

We are required to go to Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation.

22.1 When during the Mass do the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus?

The bread and wine become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus at the Consecration.

22.2 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, which means *change of substance*.

22.3 After the Consecration, is there nothing left of the bread and wine?

After the Consecration, neither bread nor wine is present any longer. Only the appearances of bread and wine remain.

22.4 When the Host is broken into several parts, is the Body of Jesus Christ broken?

When the Host is broken into several parts, the Body of Jesus is not broken. The Body of our Lord remains whole and entire in each of the parts (even the tiniest crumb).

22.5 Does Jesus remain in the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass?

Yes, Jesus remains in the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass. The Blessed Sacrament (Jesus) is kept in the Tabernacle.

23.1 What is the New Covenant?

The New Covenant is full friendship with God, established by Jesus Christ through His sacrifice on the Cross. We share in the covenant through Holy Communion.

24.1 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 Communion

24.2 What are the effects of receiving the Eucharist worthily?

Receiving the Eucharist worthily fills our soul with grace - Jesus' own life; it helps us to become more like Him. It removes venial sins from our soul. The Eucharist gives us strength to become the person God wants us to be.

25.1 What is a disciple?

A disciple is a follower/student of Jesus.

25.2 What is the Resurrection?

The Resurrection is Jesus rising from the dead. We celebrate this on Easter Sunday.

25.3 What is the Ascension?

The Ascension is the return of Jesus to Heaven forty days after He rose from the dead.

25.4 Who were the Apostles?

The Apostles were twelve men who learned from Jesus and then were sent to share His message with all people. "Apostle" means one "who is sent".

26.1 Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. The Holy Spirit is God.

26.2 What happened on Pentecost?

On Pentecost, ten days after the Ascension, the Holy Spirit came to Mary and the Apostles, giving them courage and knowledge.

26.3 What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the Church?

The Holy Spirit teaches all truth, strengthens us for spiritual battle and helps us to understand our Faith. The Holy Spirit gives us knowledge and courage to bring other people to the Faith.

26.4 When do we receive the Holy Spirit?

We receive the Holy Spirit when we are baptized.

27.1 Who founded/started the Catholic Church?

Jesus Christ started the Catholic Church.

27.2 What is the Church?

The Church is the group of followers of Jesus who are baptized, believe the same Faith, receive the Sacraments, and obey the Pope.

27.3 Who is the Pope?

The Pope is the head of the whole Church on earth. He is the Successor of St. Peter. He is the chief leader and teacher of the Catholic Church on earth.

27.4 Who was the first Pope?

St. Peter was the first Pope.

27.5 What is a Bishop?

A bishop is a man who continues the work of the Apostles by helping us to learn and grow in our faith: they preach, teach and guide. A bishop takes care of a large groups of Catholics.

27.6 What is a priest?

A priest is a man who has received the Sacrament of Holy Orders and who can forgive our sins, offer Holy Mass, and change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. Priests help the bishop to preach, teach and guide.

27.7 What is a religious?

A religious is a man or a woman who is dedicated to God in a special way.

27.8 What is a missionary?

A missionary is a person who works to spread the Good News of Jesus all over the world.

27.9 What is a martyr?

A martyr is someone who dies for his faith in Jesus.

27.10 What is a saint?

A saint is a holy person who loved and served God very much on earth and after their death, went to Heaven.

27.11 What does "catholic" mean?

Catholic means "universal" or "for all".

28.1 What is a sacrament?

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

28.2 Name the seven Sacraments.

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

28.3 What is a Christian?

A Christian is a baptized follower of Christ.

29.1 What is the Immaculate Conception?

Mary – our Blessed Mother – is called the Immaculate Conception because she was free from Original Sin from the very first moment of her life.

30.1 What is Heaven?

Heaven is the place of perfect happiness with God forever.

30.2 What is purgatory?

Purgatory is where souls are cleansed of all venial sin and prepared for Heaven. Purgatory is temporary.

30.3 What is Hell?

Hell is a place for souls that chose to turn their back on God in this life. Hell is forever.

30.4 What is the Communion of Saints?

The Communion of Saints refers to all the members of the Church – those on earth, those in Heaven and those in Purgatory.

30.5 What will happen at the end of the world?

At the end of the world, God will gather all of the people who have ever lived and He will judge the lives of each one. This is called the Last Judgment.

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.

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.

9. Name the Ten Commandments (in order)

See BSQ 7.2

10. Grace before meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

11. Grace after meals

We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, O Almighty God, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

12. Name the Seven Sacraments

See BSQ 28.2

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Supplemental:

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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