

Basic Study Questions

For

Grade Two

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

➤ **Grade 2 First Semester (Chapters 1-20)**

1.1 Who is God?

God is the all-perfect, almighty, all-loving Being, who created Heaven and Earth.

1.2 What is the soul?

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

1.3 What is the Bible?

The Bible is the holy book which tells us about God's special people, about Jesus and about the beginning of the Church.

1.4 What are the two main parts of the Bible?

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

1.5 Who wrote the four Gospels found in the New Testament?

The four Gospels were written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

2.1 How many gods are there?

There is ONE God.

2.2 How many Persons are there in one God?

There are THREE persons in one God.

2.3 What is a mystery?

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

2.4 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.

2.5 Who taught us about the Blessed Trinity?

Jesus taught us about the Blessed Trinity.

2.6 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 – three Persons, one God.

3.1 Why is God called the “Creator of Heaven and earth”?

To create means to make something out of nothing. God made Heaven and earth out of nothing – so He is the Creator of Heaven and earth.

4.1 What makes you a human being?

I am a human being because I have a body and a soul. God created human beings as either male or female (man or woman).

4.2 Who were the first man and woman?

Adam was the first man and Eve was the first woman. They were created in the image and likeness of God and in a state of grace.

4.3 What is grace?

Grace is the gift of God’s life in our soul. We receive special grace through the sacraments.

4.4 What is a guardian angel?

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

4.5 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.

5.1 What are angels?

Angels are invisible spirits. They praise and serve God and are His messengers.

5.2 What is sin?

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

5.3 What is Original Sin?

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

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

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

Note: also covered in Chapter 7

6.1 What did the Sacrament of Baptism do for you?

Baptism washed away Original Sin from my soul and made it rich in the grace of God.

7.1 Name three men from the Old Testament who responded to God with obedience, faith and trust as they waited for the promised Savior.
The three men were Noah, Abraham and David.

8.1 What are the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments are God's Laws (rules) which were given to Moses to pass on to the people. These laws are for all people of all time. When we follow the Ten Commandments, we are obeying God.

8.2 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.

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

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

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

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

9.1 What are the two Great Commandments taught by Jesus?

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

9.2 What are the two kinds of sin we commit?

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

9.3 What is mortal sin?

Mortal sin is a very serious sin which kills all life of grace in a soul. We cannot go to Heaven if we have a mortal sin on our soul.

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

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

9.5 What is venial sin?

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

10.1 Was anyone other than Jesus free from Original Sin?

The Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very first moment of her life. We call this the Immaculate Conception.

10.2 Who is the Mother of Jesus?

The Mother of Jesus is the Blessed Virgin Mary.

11.1 Where was Jesus born?

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

11.2 Who is Jesus Christ?

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

11.3 Why did Jesus, the Son of God, become man?

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

11.4 What is Christmas?

Christmas is the birthday of Jesus.

12.1 What are the names of the members of the Holy Family?

Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the members of the Holy Family.

12.2 Who is St. Joseph?

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

13.1 Who was John the Baptist?

John the Baptist was the last of the prophets and Jesus' cousin. He prepared people for the coming of Jesus. When John baptized Jesus, God the Father spoke from Heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son..." so the people would believe Jesus was the Son of God.

14.1 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.

15.1 What is prayer?

Prayer is talking with and listening to God. It is lifting our heart and mind to God.

15.2 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*.

16.1 What is a miracle?

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

16.2 Why did Jesus work miracles?

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

17.1 What is sorrow for sins?

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

18.1 Will God always forgive our sins?

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

18.2 Through whom does God forgive sins?

God forgives sins through our priests. Jesus first gave the power to forgive sins to his Apostles and that power is passed on to all priests through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

18.3 Through which Sacrament are sins forgiven?

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

the Rite of Confession/Reconciliation can be found on pp. 15-16

18.4 What is absolution?

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

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

- a. Know what your sins are – * see Examination of Conscience p.14*
- 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

19.2 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.

20.1 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 21-34)**

21.1 Who is the “Good Shepherd”?

Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

22.1 What is the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist?

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

22.2 When did Jesus first give us the Holy Eucharist?

Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This was the first Mass.

22.3 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 (is ordained) a priest, he receives the same power from Jesus through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

23.1 What happened on Good Friday?

On Good Friday, Jesus suffered and died on the Cross.

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

Jesus suffered and died on the Cross at Mount Calvary to make up for the sins of all mankind and to open the gates of Heaven.

24.1 What happened on Easter Sunday?

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

25.1 What is the Mass?

The Mass is the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, and the gift of Himself in the Holy Eucharist. We also celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

25.2 Why is the Mass offered to God?

The Mass is offered to God for the following reasons:

- a. To worship Him
- b. To make up for our sins which offend Him
- c. To say thank you to Him for all our blessings
- d. To ask for His help for ourselves and for others

26.1 What are the two main parts of the Mass?

The two main parts of the Mass are the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

26.2 What is the Creed?

The Creed is a statement of what we believe as Catholics. [credo: I believe]

Note: Apostles' Creed is found in Chapter 31

27.1 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 Consecration.

27.2 What do we call the **change** of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus?

The change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus is called transubstantiation.

28.1 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 Holy Communion – no food or drink except water and medicine.

29.1 What is the Ascension?

The Ascension is the return of Jesus to Heaven forty days after Easter.

29.2 Who are the Apostles?

The Apostles were friends of Jesus who learned from Him and were sent by Him to share His message with everyone. They became the first bishops. "Apostle" means one "who is sent".

30.1 What is the Holy Spirit?

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

30.2 What happened on Pentecost?

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to Mary and the Apostles.

30.3 What did the Holy Spirit do for the Apostles?

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

30.4 What is a sacrament?

A sacrament is an outward sign instituted (begun) by Jesus Christ to give us grace.

30.5 Name the seven Sacraments.

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

31.1 Who founded/started the Catholic Church?

Jesus Christ started the Catholic Church.

31.2 What is a bishop?

A bishop is a man who has received the Sacrament of Holy Orders. He continues the work of the Apostles by helping us to learn and grow in our faith: a bishop preaches, teaches and guides us. A bishop takes care of large groups of Catholics.

31.3 What is a priest?

A priest is a man who has received the Sacrament of Holy Orders and who assists the bishop with his duties. A priest can forgive our sins (in the name of Jesus), celebrate Mass, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus.

31.4 What is a pope?

A pope is a man who is head of the entire Church on earth. He is the successor of St. Peter. He is the chief leader and teacher of the Catholic Church on earth. We call the pope Holy Father.

31.5 Who was the first Pope?

St. Peter was the first Pope.

32.1 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.

32.2 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.

33.1 What is the name of the place in the church where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is kept?

The tabernacle is where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is kept in the church.

33.2 What do we call the special light which burns by the tabernacle to let us know Jesus is there?

The special light next to the tabernacle is called the Sanctuary Lamp.

34.1 What is Heaven?

Heaven is eternal life and happiness with God.

34.2 What is a saint?

A saint is a soul in heaven.

34.3 What is Purgatory?

Purgatory is a place of temporary separation from God. Purgatory is cleansing souls of venial sins in preparation to enter Heaven.

34.4 What is Hell?

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

34.5 What will happen at the end of the world?

At the end of the world, the dead will rise and their bodies will 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.

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)

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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.

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.

Please see next page for lists of the Books of the Old Testament and New Testament

Please note: Go to the Parish website (<http://straymonds.org/>) and under the Formation drop down menu, click on Religious Education – there you will find a link to *The Catholic Books of the Bible Song* video – a catchy tune by which the children can learn these names.

The Books of the Old Testament

THE PENTATEUCH

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah

BIBLICAL NOVELLAS

Tobit
Judith
Esther
1 Maccabees
2 Maccabees

WISDOM BOOKS

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon
Wisdom
Sirach

PROPHETIC BOOKS

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

The Books of the New Testament

THE GOSPELS

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts of the Apostles

LETTERS

Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews

CATHOLIC LETTERS

James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude
Revelation

A Children's Examination of Conscience

Did I miss Mass on purpose (through my own fault) on a Sunday or a Holy Day? (Do not confuse this with your parents not taking you to Mass. You only have the obligation to ask them to take you)

Do I pay attention in Mass? Do I laugh or talk in church?

Was I late for Mass through my own fault?

Have I used the Lord's name in vain?

Do I use other bad language?

Have I been disrespectful of others?

Do I obey my parents or others who I should obey?

Do I complete my household chores?

Do I humbly accept correction from my parents?

Have I talked back to them?

Do I speak respectfully to those in authority over me?

Did I use angry words?

Do I fight or cause fights with my friends or brothers or sisters?

Have I called someone a name or said mean things about or to someone?

Was I unkind to others? Did I tease someone unkindly?

Did I try to get even with someone?

Have I stolen anything?

Did I hurt someone's property?

Have I looked at bad things on TV or the internet?

Have I cheated?

Have I caused another to commit sin?

Do I brag? Am I prideful?

Have I lied?

Do I ask permission to do things that I know should not be part of my ordinary life?

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The Rite of Reconciliation/How to go to Confession

Walk in and close the door and either kneel or sit. If you prefer to make your Confession face to face, let the priest know and he will open the curtain.

Child:

- 1) Make and say the Sign of the Cross:
“In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”
- 2) Say, “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned, this is my first Confession, and these are my sins...”(name your sins) starting with the mortal ones and saying how many times, then the venial sins
- 3) When you return for other Confessions, you will say, “It has been _____ weeks, months, etc. since my last confession (3 weeks, 6 months, or however long it has been.)
- 4) When you have finished telling the priest your sins, say, “For these and all the sins of my whole life, I am truly sorry.” or “For these and all my sins, I am truly sorry.”

Priest:

- 1) May give words of advice or suggestions.
- 2) Will give you a penance (often this will be prayers to be said in the church after Confession). To show the priest you will do the penance say “Yes Father” or “Thank you, Father.”
- 3) Priest will ask you to say an Act of Contrition.

Child: 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 have offended 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.

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Priest:

- 1) Will give you absolution by saying, "...I absolve you..." (the prayer which forgives/removes your sins).
- 2) The priest will end the absolution prayer by saying, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." *

Child:

- * 1) When the priest is saying this, you should make the Sign of the Cross.
- 2) He will probably say, "Go in peace," and you respond, "Thanks be to God."
- 3) Before leaving say, "Thank you, Father."

Step out and leave the door open. Find a quiet place in the church and say your penance.



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