

Monday


4 JULY DEVOTION

Catechism

PART 3: Church and Means of Grace

 **Question 27**

Where is Christ now and what is he doing?

 **Answer**

Christ is in Heaven, saving his elect and ruling the nations.

Catechism Reference

Acts 5:31

Read from a child-friendly version. Ask children to read as appropriate, respective to age. Briefly explain the meaning of the verse. If you need help, here is our summary:

When Peter was arrested, he preached boldly to the Jewish leaders. Though they had gotten Jesus “killed by hanging on a tree” (vs30), God had made him King! God did this in two stages. First was RESURRECTION. God raised Jesus from the grave to eternal life with a perfect human body. Second was ASCENSION. God raised Jesus up to Heaven from Earth, to His “right hand”. That’s Old Testament language for being the King (Ps 110:1-2). From there, he is giving people the gift of new hearts that repent and trust him. That’s why Peter calls him “Leader and Saviour” - because he rules, and he forgives sins.

Prayer

Write down your family’s prayer requests below.

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1 Corinthians 15:25

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Some of the Christians in Corinth were doubting if Jesus really rose from the dead. So Pastor Paul showed them how important it was that Jesus rose again after he died. He says that Jesus’ resurrection started the Kingdom of God! When he rose and was ascended, he sat on God’s throne where he will rule until death ends (vs26), and forever more. So right now, Jesus is in Heaven fighting against his enemies, saving his chosen people, and ruling above all the other kings. He is worthy of our praise, and our worship.

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Sermon Reading

Mark 15:33-47

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When Jesus died for our sin, amazing things happened. 1) The whole sky went dark in the middle of the day. 2) He had miraculous energy to yell out loudly, when he was nearly dead. 3) The thick, tall curtain in the Temple (miles away) tore from top to bottom. No wonder the Roman Soldier thought that Jesus was a son of one of the Roman gods! Something else happened too that day; prophecies were fulfilled from hundreds of years before! For example, Isaiah 53:9 said that Jesus would be buried in a rich man’s grave. And Jesus was buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea (a rich man) - before he had to use it himself. God was doing an amazing thing when He sent Jesus to die - he was punishing him for our sin. Have you trusted Christ for dying in your place?

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Psalm Reading

Psalm 36

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This Psalm is a reminder that God sees everything we do, and loves us anyway. Vs 1-4 tell us what people think who don't repent. "God will never really know", they think. "I'm not afraid of judgement." But vs 5-6 are a comfort to the Christian: God will not let people get away with their sin, he is too righteous. And he loves his children. Vs 7-9 is a song about God's amazing love to his children, that he has forgiven with so much grace. Vs 10-12 give us a helpful guide to prayer: Please keep pouring out your love to me, God. But don't let me become arrogant. And please don't let wicked people tempt me to sin and misery. We can agree with that prayer - Amen!

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Sermon Reading

Revelation 1

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When John was in prison for preaching about Jesus, Jesus appeared to him! Jesus wasn't going to let John suffer alone. In fact, that's why Jesus gave John the visions to write in the book of Revelation - so that every church can know that no matter how much they are suffering, Jesus is the King who is saving his Church. Even if horrible things happen to us, the greater news is that Jesus "freed us from our sins by his blood" (vs 5). Jesus is also using the ups and down of history to build his kingdom. In this chapter, Jesus is shown as God, and King, and Priest, and Prophet. He is scary in some parts, but for those who trust him by faith - he is our loving saviour.

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Weekly Bible Story

JESUS IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

BEGINNERS GOSPEL STORY BIBLE (0+ yrs)

Story 26: Zechariah Can't Talk - Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

THE GOSPEL STORY BIBLE (5+ yrs)

Story 75: Daniel in the Lions' Den - Daniel 6

You can read to your children before bed, at breakfast, after dinner or any time that you can commit to that allows you to be consistent.

Extension

ADDITIONAL READING & DISCIPLESHIP

CATECHISM REFERENCE - Hebrews 1:3

After Jesus finished paying for our sins, and cleansing our souls, he rose again and was seated on God's throne. Jesus lived a 33 year life of being a lowly human, and the last day of his life was filled with mocking and punishment. But after he rose from the dead - he was glorified and exalted. He is no longer lowly and meek, but is now the majestic King above every name and every other being! He is ruling in heaven, and is building his Kingdom.

CATECHISM REFERENCE - Hebrews 7:25

If you were given a hundred years of doing whatever you want - what would you do? Well Jesus, who is sitting on God's throne in Heaven for a LONG time... is praying. He is saving every person chosen by the Father, and protecting them from their enemies. But because Jesus was our perfect representative, and because we are united to him - He prays to God to forgive us and accept us. And God ALWAYS does. 1) Because God loves us. 2) Because He always listens to his son Jesus. And 3) because Jesus earned our place in Heaven. So what is Jesus doing now? He isn't bored, and he isn't just trying to think of fun things to do. He is praying for your faith to never fail - and his prayers always work.

PRAY FOR OUR NEPAL MISSIONARIES -

BLAKE, SILPI, CALEB AND GRACE CANNON.

Grace is currently unwell with high fevers.

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INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BIBLE