

Monday

9 MAY DEVOTION

Catechism

PART 2: Christ and His Covenant

 **Question 19**

What is faith and repentance?

 **Answer**

Faith is trusting in Jesus to save me, and repentance is turning away from my sin.

Catechism Reference

Hebrews 6:1

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:

“Elementary doctrine” means the most basic and important teachings. In this verse, we see what the writer of Hebrews calls the most important teachings to believe to be saved. He says “faith and repentance”, which we learned last week are how we enter the Covenant of Grace (the Gospel). The word “repentance” can mean “a chase of mind”, but is more than that. It means a turning of our heart and life “from dead works”. Acts 20:21 also says that repentance is “towards God”. Imagine a U-Turn away from sin, and towards God in our heart and life. Heb 6:1 also says that faith is “toward God”. Acts 20:21 says it is “in our Lord Jesus Christ”. Faith is believing what God says in His Word. So “faith and repentance” means believing and trusting Jesus, and turning away from our sin.

Prayer

Write down your family’s prayer requests below.

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As age appropriate, delegate prayer points to your children.

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Psalm Reading

Psalm 128

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This Psalm shows us what it is like to follow and obey what God says in His Word. It is not just spiritual blessings we get. We find that when we obey God’s wise laws, our whole life sees the blessings. Our work (or education) is blessed by God, as well as our marriages, our families, and our homelife (vs1-4). See also Psalm 1:2-3. When we love and obey God, we also are used by God to bless his Kingdom. In the Old Testament the Kingdom was “Zion...Jerusalem...Israel” (vs5-6). In the New Testament, the Kingdom is the Kingdom of Jesus, through the Church. So when we obey and love God, we see our families, our Church and His Kingdom grow to His glory.

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Sermon Reading

Mark 14:1-11

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When it came time for Jesus to die, everything happened exactly according to God’s plan. The timing of Jesus’ death at Passover, the fact that he would die publicly, and that he would be betrayed by Judas was all in God’s control. In this passage, he predicts Judas’s betrayal, which Judas thought was a secret! When Jesus had the Passover meal with his disciples, he taught them that all the scriptures, the whole sacrificial system of Israel, and all of history pointed to him! Lastly, Jesus tells Peter, much to his dismay, that he would also deny Jesus. This passage shows us that the cross of Jesus had to happen exactly the way it did!

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Psalm Reading

Psalm 130

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This prayer is a desperate one. The Psalmist doesn't pray against his enemies, but against his own sin while he is in a difficult situation. We should all pray for God to help us fight our sin. First, he prays for forgiveness and mercy for his sins (vs1-4). Second he patiently prays for God to enter into his difficult situation (vs5-6). Thirdly, he encourages other people to pray to God and wait for him when we are in need (vs7-8). We can follow his example by confessing our sins, asking for God's strength to be holy, and waiting patiently for God's help. What do you need to pray to God for help for today?

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Sermon Reading

James 5:12

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We have all said something like this before: "I promise you I'll give it back!" or "Cross my heart, I'm telling the truth!" Did you know God doesn't want us to say these kinds of things? In the Bible we see that sometimes it is good to make a promise, and swear an oath. But this is usually when a legal, or religious situation. God himself swears an oath to save us through the Gospel. But swearing an oath, or making a promise, should never be done about unimportant things, or because that's the only way to get people to trust us! Instead, we should honour the truth always, and let our "yes" be yes, and our "no" be no.

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Weekly Bible Story

JESUS IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

BEGINNERS GOSPEL STORY BIBLE (0+ yrs)

Story 19: Hannah Prays - 1 Samuel 1

THE GOSPEL STORY BIBLE (5+ yrs)

Story 51: God Hears Hannah's Prayer - 1 Samuel 1:1 - 2:11

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 11:6

This verse tells us that we cannot have a relationship with God without faith. Faith is what believes God's promises, even if what they promise is invisible. True, saving, faith believes these things: that God exists; that He sent Jesus to die for our sin; that He forgives people through Jesus; and that Jesus is Lord. Faith believes, and does not work for salvation. It is just our heart resting on God's promises. Have you believed the good news God has said about Jesus?

CATECHISM REFERENCE - Acts 3:19

Part of the way the Apostles preached the Gospel, was to tell people to repent. Repent means to turn your life around, from sin, to God. But they didn't mean to fix up your whole life, and stop sinning in every way, before you could come to Jesus. They taught that repentance started with how you think about Jesus, and sin. When they said, "repent and be saved", it meant, "stop living for sin, and stop trying to get to heaven yourself. Trust Jesus for forgiveness, and commit your life to live for him." How would you explain what "repent" means to a friend?

PRAY FOR OUR NEPAL MISSIONARIES - BLAKE, SILPI, CALEB AND GRACE CANNON.

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INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BIBLE