

Learning By Heart: Grades 1

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Daily Prayers

Table Prayer

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blest. Amen.

Invocation

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

(Used at the beginning of devotions while making the sign of the cross. The sign of the cross reminds us that in our baptism we were joined to Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins.)

1 Psa 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet.

The Ten Commandments

First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

2 Mat 4:10 You shall worship the LORD your God.

Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

5 Psa 50:15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble.

Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

(Explain that "Sabbath" is the Hebrew word for "rest.")

7 Luke 11:28 Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!

Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

9 1 John 3:15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer.

Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

(Explain that "adultery" is when a husband or wife love something more than one another.)

11 Psa 101:3 I will set nothing wicked before my eyes.

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

12 2 Th 3:10 If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

13 James 4:11 Do not speak evil of one another.

14 1 Pet 4:8 Love will cover a multitude of sins.

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

15 Psa 37:4 Delight yourself also in the LORD.

16 Mat 5:48 Therefore you shall be perfect.

17 Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel.

(Explain that "Gospel" means the good news about Jesus.)

The Creed

20 Psa 118:1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

21 Mal 3:6 For I am the LORD, I do not change.

The First Article (Creation)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

22 Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

24 Psa 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD.

26 Psa 139:14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

The Second Article

[I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

28 Psa 31:1 In You, O LORD, I put my trust.

29 Rom 1:17 The just shall live by faith.

30 2 Cor 5:15 He died for all.

31 Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Third Article

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

34 1 Cor 10:31 Do all to the glory of God.

35 Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him.

Lord's Prayer

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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

38 1 Th 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks.

The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

39 Luke 1:37 For with God nothing will be impossible.

First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

40 2 Tim. 4:18 To [God] be glory forever and ever. Amen!

Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

41 Rom 8:28 All things work together for good to those who love God.

The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

43 Mat 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

44 Prov 28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper.

Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

45 1 Tim 6:8 Having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil.

46 2 Cor 12:9a My grace is enough for you.

The Conclusion

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

48 Mat 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Confession

50 Mat 9:2 Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.
51 James 5:16 Pray for one another.

52 1 John 1:9 He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.

55 Mark 9:24 Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!

56 Rev 2:10 Be faithful until death.

Psalm 23

57 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

58 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

59 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

60 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will

fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

61 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

62 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Learning by Heart: Key Passages

Kindergarten:	Psalm 119.105; Psalm 50.15; Matthew 5.48
First Grade:	Romans 8.28; Romans 1:16; Romans 1:17
Second Grade:	Matthew 6:33; John 8:31; 1 John 1:7
Third Grade:	John 3:16; Acts 4:12; Matthew 5:16
Fourth Grade:	Romans 13:10; 1 John 3:15; Psalm 51:5
Fifth Grade:	John 11:25; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 John 1:8
Sixth Grade:	Isaiah 55:11; Acts 2:42; 1 Peter 4:8

Our goal is that each student would have committed to long-term memory each of the successive passages as well as the Catechism as they pass through each grade. For example, by the end of sixth grade a student would be able to recite anyone one of these passages "off the top of their head" even though it was not part of any particular Learning by Heart assignment.