

Learning by Heart: Grade 4

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Daily Prayers

*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.)

*Morning Prayer*

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*Evening Prayer*

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*Asking A Blessing*

The eyes of all look to You [O Lord], And You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing. Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Returning Thanks*

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. He gives food to all flesh; He gives to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. He delights not in the strength of the horse. He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord takes

pleasure in those that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy.

We thank You, Lord God, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for all Your benefits, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Books Of The Bible

Old Testament

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|  | <i>Major Prophets</i>              |
|  | I-sai'ah                           |
|  | Jer-e-mi'ah                        |
|  | Lam-en-ta'tions                    |
|  | E-ze'kiel                          |
|  | Dan'iel                            |
|  | <i>Minor Prophets</i>              |
|  | Ho-se'a                            |
|  | Jo'el                              |
|  | A'mos                              |
|  | O-ba-di'ah                         |
|  | Jo'nah                             |
|  | Mi'cah                             |
|  | Na'hum                             |
|  | Ha-bak'kuk                         |
|  | Zeph-a-ni'ah                       |
|  | Hag'gai                            |
|  | Zech-a-ri'ah                       |
|  | Mal'a-chi                          |
|  | <i>Poetic Books</i>                |
|  | Job                                |
|  | Psalms                             |
|  | Proverbs                           |
|  | Ec-cle-si-as'tes                   |
|  | Song of Songs (or Song of Solomon) |

Books Of The New Testament

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| <i>Historical Books</i> | 2 Thes-sa-lo'nians |
| Mat'thew                | 1 Tim'o-thy        |
| Mark                    | 2 Tim'o-thy        |
| Luke                    | Ti'tus             |
| John                    | Phi-le'mon         |
| Acts                    | He'brews           |
| Ro'mans                 | James              |
| 1 Cor-in'thi-ans        | 1 Pe'ter           |
| 2 Cor-in'thi-ans        | 2 Pe'ter           |
| Ga-la'tians             | 1 John             |
| E-phe'sians             | 2 John             |
| Phi-lip'pi-ans          | 3 John             |
| Co-los'sians            | Jude               |
| 1 Thes-sa-lo'nians      |                    |
| <i>Prophetic Book</i>   |                    |
| Rev-e-la'tion           |                    |

The Bible

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

2 John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

3 Rom 3:20 For by the law is the knowledge of sin.

### The Ten Commandments

#### *First Commandment*

**You shall have no other gods.**  
*What does this mean?* We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

4 Gen 17:1 I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.

5 Mat 4:10 You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.

6 Rom 13:10 Love is the fulfillment of the law.

#### *Second Commandment*

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**  
*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

7 Psa 50:15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

8 Prov 18:10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.

9 2 Tim 2:19 Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.\*

#### *Third Commandment*

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**  
*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

10 Mat 12:8 For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.\*

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

#### *Fourth Commandment*

**Honor your father and your mother.**  
*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

12 Prov 23:22 Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old.

#### *Fifth Commandment*

**You shall not murder.**  
*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

13 Eph 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

14 1 John 3:15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

#### *Sixth Commandment*

**You shall not commit adultery.**  
*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

15 Gen 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

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

#### *The Seventh Commandment*

**You shall not steal.**  
*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

17 Psa 37:21 The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives.

18 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.**

**What does this mean?** We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

19 James 4:11 Do not speak evil of one another, brethren.

20 1 Pet 4:8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

#### *The Ninth Commandment*

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**What does this mean?** We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

21 1 Tim 6:6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

#### *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.

**What does this mean?** We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

22 Psa 37:4 Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

#### *The Close Of The Commandments*

**What does God say about all these commandments?**

**He says:** "For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments" (Exodus 20:5-6).

23 Psa 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

24 Mat 5:48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

24a 17 Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel.

25 James 2:10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

#### The Creed

26 Psa 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

27 Psa 118:1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

28 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.**

**What does this mean?**

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this he does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy,

without any merit or worthiness in me.

For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

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

30 Psa 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

31 Psa 36:6 O LORD, You preserve man and beast.

32 Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

#### *The Second Article (Redemption)*

[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.

#### *What does this mean?*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

33 John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

34 Mat 9:6 The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins.

35 Psa 31:1 In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness.

36 Rom 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

37 1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.

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

39 1 John 1:7 The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

#### *Third Article (Sanctification)*

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.

#### *What does this mean?*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

40 John 20:21 As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

41 Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

42 1 Cor 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

43 Titus 3:5 He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit

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

44a Rom 8:28 All things work together for good to those who love God.

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.

45 Mat 21:22 And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.

46 1 Th 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

*The Introduction*

Our Father who art in heaven.

47 Mat 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

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

*First Petition*

Hallowed be Thy name.

49 Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

50 John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

*Second Petition*

Thy Kingdom come.

51 Isa 55:11 My word shall not return to Me void.

52 Phil 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Third Petition*

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

53 Mat 9:38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

54 1 Tim 2:4 [God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

*The Fourth Petition*

Give us this day our daily bread.

55 Acts 17:28 For in Him we live and move and have our being.

56 1 Pet 5:7 Cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

57a 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.

57 Luke 18:13 God, be merciful to me a sinner!

58 Psa 19:12 Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults.

*Sixth Petition*

And lead us not into temptation.

59 Prov 1:10 My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent.

60 1 Tim 6:8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

*Seventh Petition*

But deliver us from evil.

61 Acts 14:22 We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.

62 Th 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.

*The Conclusion*

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

63 Prov 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous.

64 1 Tim 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and 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.**

***Which is that word of God?***

**Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: 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. (Mat 28.19)**

65 John 3:5 Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

66 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.

***What benefits does Baptism give?***

**It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

67 1 Cor 4:1 Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

68 Tit 3:5 He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

Confession

69 Mat 9:2 Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.

70 James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another.

71 1 John 1:9 He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

72 Gal 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**73 1 John 1:7 The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Psalm 23

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

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

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

77 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.

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

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

Favorite Hymns and Prayers

*Morning Prayer*

The morning bright with rosy light/  
Hath waked me up from sleep; Father,  
Thy own great love alone/ Thy little  
one doth keep.

*Evening Prayer*

Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray  
Thee, Lord, my soul to keep; if I  
should die before I wake, I pray  
Thee, Lord, my soul to take; and this  
I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*

I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at  
heart I am; for my Shepherd gently  
guides me, knows my need and well  
provides me, Loves me every day the  
same, even calls me by my name.

*I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus*

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only Thee; Trusting Thee for  
full salvation, Great and free.

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
Amighty Fortress is our God, A trusty  
Shield and Weapon; He helps us free  
from every need/ that hath us now  
o'ertaken. The old evil Foe/ Now  
means deadly woe; Deep guile and  
great might/ Are his dread arms in  
fight; On earth is not his equal.

*Oh That The Lord Would Guide My Ways*  
Oh, that the Lord would guide my  
ways/ To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace/  
To know and do His will!

*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*  
What a Friend we have in Jesus, All  
our sins and griefs to bear! What a  
privilege to carry/ Everything to God  
in prayer!

*Abide With Me*  
Abide with me! Fast falls the  
eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord,  
with me abide, When other helpers  
fail and comforts flee. Help of the  
helpless, Oh, abide with me!

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*  
I know that my Redeemer lives; What  
comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was  
dead; He lives, my everliving Head.

*Holy Ghost, With Light Divine*  
Holy Ghost, with light divine/ Shine  
upon this heart of mine; Chase the  
shades of night away, Turn the  
darkness into day.

*My Hope Is Built On Nothingless*  
My hope is built on nothingless than  
Jesus' blood and righteousness; I  
dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. On

#### **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