

Faith Basics

For Kids



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Introduction

Dear Parents,

This booklet was created to provide a simple, practical tool for our elementary-aged students to learn the basics of the Christian faith within our Sunday school program. A similar booklet is also available for adults. Together, these can provide your family with a simple resource to learn and teach the basic truths of the Christian faith in a fun and family-friendly way. Because of the basic nature of these concepts, this booklet can also be used in conjunction with supplemental activities and curriculum from other sources to further enhance your child's understanding of these topics.

On the first page of this booklet is a checklist. This will give your child an overview of the essential facts and skills to be learned and to work on them at their own pace. As your child begins to master these topics, they should in turn acquire the skills and essential building blocks for faith that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. This resource is not meant to cover every topic about the Christian faith, but simply to give your child a solid starting point.

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We hope you will find this resource helpful as you seek to learn more about God and discover His purpose and plans for your life!

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Ministry Team

FAITH BASICS Checklist

Student's Name: _____

1. ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

- Can name the 3 Persons of the Trinity.
- Can name at least 5 Attributes of God.
- Can name at least 5 Names or Titles for Jesus.
- Can name at least 5 main Ministries of the Holy Spirit.
- Know what God created on the first 6 days of Creation.

2. DISCIPLESHIP SKILLS

- Know what God's mission is for the Church & all Christians.
- Can describe the A-B-C's of Salvation.
- Can recite the Lord's Prayer.
- Can describe the different types of prayer through "P.R.A.Y."
- Can recite 5 of the 10 Commandments, all 10 Commandments.
- Can explain the meaning of Baptism, & the meaning of Communion.

3. BIBLE SKILLS

- Can explain the difference between the Old & New Testaments.
- Know how many books there are in the Bible.
- Can use the Table of Contents to find any book in the Bible.
- Can read a Bible reference by using the Book, Chapter & Verse. (e.g. "John 3:16" reads as Book of John, Chapter 3, Verse 16)
- Know the names of the first & last books of the Bible.
- Know the names of the first 4 books of the New Testament.
- Know the names of the first 5 books of the Old Testament.
- Know where to find the book of Psalms the book of Proverbs

4. BIBLE MEMORY VERSES

- Can recite: John 3:16 Mark 12:30-31 Matthew 28:19-20
- Joshua 24:14-15 Micah 6:8 Proverbs 3:5-6 Jeremiah 29:11

Becoming a World Changer for Jesus

I can become a world changer for Jesus by...

1. ...learning God's eternal truths from the Bible. (*Psalm 119:105*)
2. ...trusting in Jesus Christ to be my Lord and Savior. (*Romans 10:9-11*)
3. ...loving & worshipping God & fully living for Him. (*Deuteronomy 5, Mark 12:29-31*)
4. ...using my gifts and talents to serve God & others. (*Psalm 112:5, Prov. 19:17, Matthew 6:19-34, 1 Corinthians 12, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, 1 Peter 4:10*)
5. ...praying regularly for my family and friends. (*James 5:13-16, Philippians 4:6-7*)
6. ...telling my family and friends about Jesus. (*Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 5:19*)
7. ...regularly going to church and being a part of God's family. (*Ephesians. 4, Hebrews 10:25*)
8. ... being a good neighbor to people I meet throughout my day. (*Luke 10:25-37, Galatians 6:9-10, 2 Corinthians 2:14-15*)
9. ... growing as a godly servant & leader in all areas of my life. (*1 Timothy. 3:1, Romans 12:6-8, 2 Corinthians 2:14-15*)

"The only thing that really counts is faith that shows itself through love."

Galatians 5:6b NIrV

"I have been crucified with Christ. I don't live any longer. Christ lives in me. My faith in the Son of God helps me to live my life in my body. He loved me. He gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20 NIrV

God's Mission for the Church

Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

What is God's Mission for the Church and for all Christians?

God's Son, Jesus Christ, is our Savior & King. He has appointed his Church to teach his followers to fulfill his mission here on earth through the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

- **The Great Commandment** - We are to love the LORD our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves. (Deut. 6:5, Mark 12:29-31, Matthew 22:37-39)
- **The Great Commission** - We are to make new followers for Jesus, baptize them, and teach others to follow and obey Him. (Matt. 28:18-20)

Who are Christians?

Christians are all people who have put their trust in Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Savior.

What is the Church?

Jesus Christ is the leader of the Church. The Church includes all Christians around the world. It also includes our local church. The Church is also called The Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27), and The Bride of Christ (Revelation 22:17).

Who are we supposed to tell about God's good news?

Every person has an OIKOS that is made up of around 8 to 15 people. Your OIKOS includes all the people that you know really well. These can include your family members, your relatives, and your friends. These are the people for whom God wants you to pray regularly. He wants you to show them His love through your kindness. And God wants you to let them know about Jesus.

See the last page of this booklet to fill out your own list of 8 to 15 people, and start changing your world by praying for & sharing God's love with your OIKOS!

A-B-C's of Salvation

How to become a child & friend of God

- **Admit** that you are a sinner and need God's forgiveness.
- **Believe** that Jesus died & rose from the dead to pay for your sins.
- **Confess** that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior & choose to live for Him.

You can make this commitment with God by praying a prayer similar to the following:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner in need of your forgiveness. Please forgive my sins through the work that Jesus did on the cross to pay the penalty that I deserve. I want to receive your Son Jesus Christ into my heart today as my Lord and Savior for all time. Please take control of my life and help me to live for You.
- In Jesus' Name, Amen!



The "Roman Road" to Salvation:

- **Romans 3:23** - teaches us that everyone has sinned.
- **Romans 6:23** - teaches us about what happens when we sin.
- **Romans 5:8** - teaches us how our sins were paid for.
- **Romans 10:9-13** - teaches how to receive God's free gift of salvation.
- **Romans 5:1, Romans 8:1, Romans 8:38-39** - teaches us about the benefits of salvation through Jesus Christ.
- **Romans 12** - teaches us how to live for God.

The Meaning of Baptism and Communion



What is Baptism?

1. Baptism is a special event that happens after a person has asked Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Savior. This decision to follow Jesus is celebrated by having this person dipped into a pool of water. Getting baptized helps other people know about the important decision a person has made to follow Jesus. (Acts 8:35-38, Heb. 10:22)
2. Baptism shows us the story of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. For the person getting baptized, it shows their own death to sin and new life in Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:3-14, 1 Cor. 15:3-4, Colossians 2:11-12)
3. Jesus commanded all of His followers to get baptized. Baptism is a way to show to Jesus that we want to obey Him. (Matthew 28:19)
4. When a person asks Jesus to be their Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit baptizes them spiritually into the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit causes them to be born-again. This is when a person becomes a part of the Family of God. (Acts 2:38-41, 11:16, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Galatians 3:26-27, 1 Peter 3:21-22)



What is Communion?

1. At Jesus' last supper, he commanded all of his followers to remember Him by regularly sharing in a serving of bread & wine (grape juice) together. The bread & juice each serve as reminders to us of the body and blood of Jesus Christ that he gave up for us. (Matt. 26:17-29, Mark 14:12-25, Luke 22:14-20)
2. By eating this bread and juice a person shows that he or she is a part of the Body of Christ. A person becomes a part of the Body of Christ when they place their trust in the body and blood of Jesus Christ to pay for their sins. (John 6:51-58, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17)
3. Communion gives Christians a regular chance to confess their sins to God before taking the bread & juice. (1 Corinthians 11:17-34)

God's Attributes-for kids

1. Because **GOD is a personal Spirit**, I can get to know Him better every day. (John 15:5)

GOD IS OUR CREATOR...

2. Because **GOD is all-powerful** (The Biggest & the Strongest), He can help me with anything. (Jeremiah 32:17)
3. Because **GOD is everywhere**, I know that I am never alone! (Psalm 139:7-10)
4. Because **GOD knows everything**, I will go to Him with all my questions and worries. (Colossians 2:3)
5. Because **GOD is Creator King**, I know He made me special! I can trust His plan for me! (Ephesians 2:10)

GOD IS OUR JUDGE...

6. Because **GOD is holy** (Perfect & Clean), He is able to make my dirty heart clean. I want Him to help me keep it that way! (Rev. 4:8b)
7. Because **GOD is totally truthful**, I can trust what the Bible says is true and live by it! (Proverbs 30:5)
8. Because **GOD is always right**, I will do what He says! (Ps 119:137-138)
9. Because **GOD is just**, I know He will always treat me fairly! (Deuteronomy 32:4)

GOD IS OUR SAVIOR...

10. Because **GOD is love**, I know He loves me no matter what, and He helps me to love others as I love myself. (1 John 4:16)
11. Because **GOD is merciful**, I know He forgives me when I sincerely ask in Jesus' name! (Daniel 9:9)
12. Because **GOD is faithful**, I can be sure He always keeps His promises! (II Timothy 2:13)
13. Because **GOD never changes**, I don't have to worry about the future. (Hebrews 13:8)

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Days of Creation

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."
-Genesis 1:1



1

God separated the light from the dark.



4

God created the sun, moon, & stars.



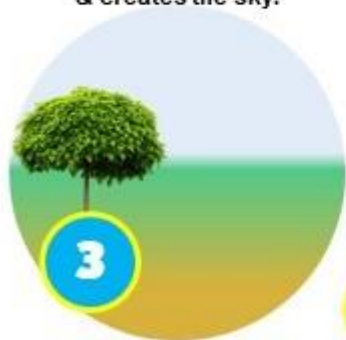
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God separated the waters & creates the sky.



5

God created the sea creatures & the birds.



3

God created dry land, plants & trees.



7

God rested.



6

God created land creatures & humans.

"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good."
-Genesis 1:31

The Holy Trinity

God is Three Persons in One Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

How can we understand that God exists as 3 persons in 1?

One example is to look at a three leaf clover.

A clover has three leaves,
yet each leaf is part of the same clover.

Another example is that of water.

Water can exist in 3 different forms: solid, liquid, and gas, but each form is made of the same stuff: Water

That's kind of like God: He is Three Persons, but each Person is part of One and the same God.

While water changes between its three forms, however, God is always Three Persons at the same time.

For further study, read Bible verses:

Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19, John 14:15-26, 15:26, 16:5-15, 17:1-5,
& 1 Peter 1:2



The Names and Titles of Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus has many names and titles that help us to understand him better. The following are just a few of Jesus' names and titles.

Lord	Jesus' followers called him "Lord". This title was used by the early Jewish people to speak about God since they did not want to misuse God's name.
Jesus	This name means "God saves". (Matthew 1:21)
Christ	"Christ" is the Greek word for the Jewish "Messiah" which means "Anointed One". (Psalm 2:2, John 1:41)
Emmanuel	Means "God with us" which teaches us that Jesus Christ is God. (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23)
The Son of God	Jesus is the unique and eternal Son of God. He is the 2 nd person of the Trinity of God. (Psalm 2, Isaiah 9:6, John 1:34)
The Son of Man	Even though he was God, Jesus came into the world as a full human-being. This allowed him to die for us to pay for our sins. (Daniel 7:13-14, Luke 9:22, Hebrews 2:14-17)
The Word	Jesus came to show the world who God was. He showed this through his teachings, his miracles, & his love and forgiveness to people. (John 1:1, 14, Col. 1:15-20, Heb. 1:3)
Light of the World	As the "Light", Jesus came to show people the truth of what is hidden in our hearts. (John 1:7-9, 8:12)
Lamb of God	In the Old Testament, the Jews were required to offer up a lamb to God as a way to pay for their sins. Jesus was the final Lamb given by God Himself to pay for our sins. (Isaiah 53, John 1:29, Hebrews 9:28, 10:11-12)
King of Israel	Jesus was born into the family line of the Jewish King David. He will rule on his throne forever. (Lk. 1:32-33, Jn 1:49)
King of kings and Lord of Lords	This will be the name Jesus is called when He returns to earth again to set up his future, eternal Kingdom. (Revelation 19:16, Psalm 72:10-11, 17, Zechariah 14:16-19)

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The Jobs of the Holy Spirit

The jobs of the Holy Spirit take place throughout the entire life of a Christian. These jobs include the following:

Convicts	He helps us to become aware of our sins. (Jn. 16:8-11)
Renews	He makes new believers in Jesus Christ become spiritually renewed. This is also called being born again. (John 3:3-7, Rom. 12:2, 1 Pet. 1:3,23, Titus 3:5)
Indwells	He comes to live inside the heart of all people who have put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. (Acts 2:38, Rom. 5:5, 1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19, 2 Cor. 5:5, Eph. 1:13-14, 2 Tim. 1:14, Titus 3:4-5)
Baptizes	He includes all new Christians into the body of Christ. (Acts 11:16, 1 Cor. 12:13)
Seals	He seals up all Christians as a way to guarantee their eternal salvation. (Eph. 1:13, 4:30, 2 Cor. 1:22, 5:5)
Gives Gifts	He gives each Christian at least one spiritual gift to serve Him. (Rom. 12:6-8, 1 Cor. 12:7-11)
Bears Fruit	He helps Christians to have the "Fruit of the Spirit". This includes: love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Gal. 5:16-18, 5:22-23 & Phil. 2:13)
Fills	He strengthens Christians to do things they cannot do on their own to help them to live for God. (Acts 1:8, Rom. 8:26, Eph. 3:16, 5:18, Phil. 4:13)

Verses for further study on the Holy Spirit: Numbers 11:25, 1 Samuel 10:6 & 16:13-14, Psalm 51:11, 139, Isaiah 11:2-3, 48:16, 63:11, Joel 2:28-29, Acts 5:3-4, 2 Corinthians 3:17, 1 Timothy 4:1

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How to P.R.A.Y

P.R.A.Y.- Praise, Repent, Ask and Yield

Praise	<p>Praise God by thanking Him for something wonderful He has done.</p> <p>(Read: Psalm 105:1-4)</p>
Repent	<p>Repent by asking God for forgiveness for something wrong you have done.</p> <p>(Read: James 4:2b-3a)</p>
Ask	<p>Ask God for help in your own or someone else's life. (petition & intercession)</p> <p>(Read: John 15:7, Matthew 21:21-22, Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-2, 1 John 5:14)</p>
Yield	<p>Yield by giving up your own way of doing things. Instead, ask God to help you to do things His way. Read the Bible to learn about how God wants you to live.</p> <p>(Read: Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 119:105, Romans 12)</p>

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.

Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are Yours. Now and forever. Amen

(See Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:1-4)

The Armor of God

Ephesians 6:13-17



“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.”

-Ephesians 6:10-11

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

God first gave the 10 Commandments to Moses on top of Mt. Sinai.
These laws are God's moral rules for all humans. (Exod. 20, Deut. 5)

1. You shall have no other gods before me.	Put God first in your life and obey all His commands.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.	Worship only God. Anything can become an idol to us including power, wealth, pleasure, fame, etc...
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.	Use God's name with reverence and respect.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.	God wants us to take a day of rest to worship Him. Jesus is the one who now gives us our Sabbath rest. Set aside a day each week to worship Him and enjoy His rest. (Col. 2:16-17, Heb. 4:1-11)
5. Honor your father and your mother.	For younger children: heed your parent's advice so that you may gain in wisdom & live well. For older children: be there for your parents as they age. (Prov. 19:20, 20:11, Eph. 6:1-3, 1 Tim. 5:4)
6. You shall not murder.	Do not allow your anger to turn into hate or revenge. Do not commit violence against others. Since God created us in His own image, every human life is valuable to Him. (Matt. 5:21-26, 5:43-48)
7. You shall not commit adultery.	Husbands & wives should be faithful to one another. (Matt. 5:27-30)
8. You shall not steal.	Do not gain wealth by committing fraud, theft, or by cheating others. Earn an honest living thru your own hard work. (Eph. 4:28)
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.	Do not slander others or make false accusations. Don't lie. Be honest & trustworthy. Speak the truth in love. (Prov.12:17,22,24:28, Eph 4:15)
10. You shall not covet.	Do not be motivated by greed, envy, or selfish ambition. Instead, be motivated by generosity & self-sacrifice. (2 Cor.9:6-15)

Jesus summed up God's commandments in the following way:

"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

-Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)

Bible Memory Verses

List #1

John 3:16 (NIV)

"For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life."

The Great Commandment Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)

"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and
greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your
neighbor as yourself.'"

The Great Commission Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of
the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything
I have commanded you."

Bible Memory Verses

List #2

Joshua 24:15 (ESV)

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

"And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God."

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight."

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."

Becoming a New Creation in Christ!

"Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation.

The old is gone! The new has come!" -2 Corinthians 5:17 NIrV



The journey of becoming a new creation in Christ is kind of like that of a butterfly. A butterfly starts its life off as a caterpillar. Later, it is changed into a beautiful butterfly.

The Bible says that all people are sinners and that we all fall short of God's glorious standards (1 John 1:8-10, Romans 3:23). It also says that we all need to confess our sinful ways to God. It asks us to commit our lives to God through His Son, Jesus Christ. By choosing to follow Jesus, we are making the decision to avoid sin in our lives. We are also choosing to live a new life in Jesus Christ by living the way that God wants us to live. The Bible says that when a person is in Christ, they become a new creation.

Jesus told a man named Nicodemus that if a person wants to enter the Kingdom of God, he or she must be spiritually born again. "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." (John 3:3-7) A person is able to be born again when they make a decision to put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. It is God's Holy Spirit who then comes to live in the heart of every believer to help them live for God. (Titus 3:5 & 1 Peter 1:3) Being spiritually born again is what allows the new believer in Christ to begin the journey of becoming a new creation.

(Read Romans 12 & Galatians 5:22 to learn about the fruits of this new life in Christ.)

"But the Fruit of the Spirit is..."



love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness & self-control."

Galatians 5:22-23

Other verses on spiritual fruit:
Luke 6:43-45, John 15:1-17, Ephesians 5:9-11,
Titus 2:11-14

Your OIKOS Prayer List

Every person has an OIKOS that is made up of around 8 to 15 people. Your OIKOS includes all of the people in your life whom you know really well. These can include your family members, your relatives, and your friends. These are the people that God wants you to pray for regularly. He also wants you to change their world by showing them His love and kindness. If there are any people in your OIKOS who don't yet know about Jesus Christ, ask God to give you a chance to tell them about him! Write down the names of the people in your OIKOS on this list, and pray for them every day!

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____
- 4.) _____
- 5.) _____
- 6.) _____
- 7.) _____
- 8.) _____
- 9.) _____
- 10.) _____
- 11.) _____
- 12.) _____
- 13.) _____
- 14.) _____
- 15.) _____

Who is in your OIKOS?



Verses about sharing your faith:

Mark 5:19
2 Corinthians 5:18-20
Romans 10:17
1 Peter 3:15
Colossians 4:5-6

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