

HDURC Parents,

The young kid's catechism class will start back up again in November. We will focus solely on the Heidelberg Catechism, and will spend November reviewing the first 13 questions, so as to catch up to the usual schedule by December, at which point we will slow down to one question per Sunday with the rest of the church.

If you have not been keeping up with the regular schedule, we suggest you take the time in the following weeks to review these questions for November.

November 5 - Introduction, Q&A 1 & 2

November 12 - God's law, Q&A 3-5

November 19 - Creation & the fall, Q&A 6 - 11

November 26 - Justice & satisfaction, Q&A 12-13

Suggestions for study:

Make your best effort to go over the catechism a few times each day, with an objective of having the kids memorize the answers. For discussion, talk about the key words, big picture concepts, and if possible, maybe review some of the Scripture references (e. g., read John 3 for background on Question 8). With kids this age, discussions of specific questions can get off into long rabbit trails, but even these kinds of discussion can be helpful for seeding family discussions.

It can be helpful to make your own handouts for each month. For instance, you can find our particular translation of the Heidelberg at:

<http://www.rcus.org/heidelberg-catechism-2011/>

Copy and paste the three or four questions for each month into your word processor and print a few copies to have around the house, such as the dinner table, etc.

If you struggle with keeping up with daily catechism reading, try to make a game of it. For example, when kids ask at the dinner table, "can I have some ice cream?", try answering "yes, but first you have to answer me this question...."

If you feel you need more help with catechism, the consistory is reviewing a few different study guides to determine if they can be reliably used.

Sincerely,

The Consistory