

# Doctrinal Questions for Family Discipleship

This document is an instructional tool in the form of questions and answers to help you teach your children Bible doctrine. This is not meant to replace Scripture, but to support your children's growing understanding of The Big God Story. Use the questions with your children during a car ride, at meals, or during any other time you choose. Each question has an answer (italicized) and some supporting Scripture verses. Ask your children the question and they will respond with the memorized answer. Feel free to have your younger children memorize a shorter version of the answer. Older children should be able to memorize the entire answer. In addition to memorizing the entire answer, teens will benefit from reading the supporting Scripture verses.

## About the Bible and God

1. What is the main purpose of human beings? *To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.* (Ps. 86:9; Isa. 60:21; Ps. 16:5-11; 1 Cor. 6:20)
2. What does God use to teach us how to glorify and enjoy Him? *The Bible, which is the word of God.* (Luke. 24:27, 44; 1 Cor. 14:37; Deut. 4:2; 2 Tim. 3:15-17)
3. What is the Bible? *God's true and inspired Word.* (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:19-21)
4. What does the Bible primarily teach? *What people must believe about God and what God requires from them.* (John 5:39; John 20:31; Deut. 10:12-13; Micah 6:8)
5. Who wrote the Bible? *Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.* (1 Pet. 1:20-21; Acts 1:16; 2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Pet 2:10-11)
6. Can we trust the Bible? *Yes. The Bible is all-sufficient and without error.* (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Rev. 22:18-19; Ps. 12:6; Num. 23:19)
7. Who made you? *God made me.* (Gen. 1:26-27; Gen. 2:7; Eccl. 12:1; Acts 17:24-29)
8. What else did God make? *God made all things.* (Genesis 1, esp. verses 1 & 31; Acts 14:15; Rom. 11:36; Col. 1:16)
9. Why did God make you and all things? *For His own glory.* (Ps. 19:1; Jer. 9:23, 24; Rev. 4:11, 15)
10. How can you glorify God? *By loving Him and doing what He commands.* (Eccl. 12:13; Mk. 12:29-31; John 15:8-10; 1 Cor. 10:31)
11. Why should you glorify God? *Because He made me and takes care of me.* (Dan. 4:39; Rom. 11:36; Rev. 4:11)
12. Who is God? *God is a spirit, and does not have a body like humans.* (John 4:24; 2 Cor. 3:17); 1 Tim. 1:17)

13. Is there more than one God? *No, there is only one true God.* (Deut. 6:4; Jer. 10:10; Mark. 12:29; Acts 17:22-31)
14. In how many persons does this one true God exist? *In three persons.* (Matt. 3:16-17; John 5:23; John 10:30; 1 John 5:20)
15. Who are they? *God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.* (Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Pet. 1:2; Jude 20-21)
16. Where is God? *God is everywhere.* (Ps. 139:7-12; Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 17:27-28)
17. Can you see God? *No, I cannot see God, but He always sees me.* (Gen. 16:13; Ex. 33:20; John 1:18; 1 Tim. 6:16)
18. Does God know all things? *Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.* (1 Chr. 28:9; 2 Chron. 16:9; Luke. 12:6-7; Rom. 2:16)
19. Can God do all things? *Yes. God can do all His holy will.* (Ps. 147:5; Jer. 32:17; Dan. 4:34-35; Eph. 1:11)
20. How long has God existed? *God has always been.* (Ps. 90:2; 1 Tim. 1:17)

### **About Creation, Humanity, the Fall, and Sin**

21. How do we know that there is a God? *Nature shows the glory of God. God's Word and the Holy Spirit tell us.* (Rom. 1:19-20; Ps. 19:1-3; Acts 17:24; 1 Cor. 2:10; 2 Tim. 3:15, 16)
22. What is creation? *Creation is God's making everything out of nothing by His powerful word in six days—and all very good.* (Gen. 1; Heb. 11:3; Col. 1:16; Acts. 17:24)
23. Who were our first parents? *Adam and Eve.* (Gen. 2:18-25; Gen. 3:20; Acts 17:26; 1 Tim. 2:13)
24. Of what were our first parents made? *God made the body of Adam out of the ground, and formed Eve from the body of Adam.* (Gen. 2:7, 21-23; 3:19; Ps. 103:14)
25. What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies? *He gave them souls that could never die.* (1 Cor. 15:45; Eccl. 12:7; Zech. 12:1)
26. Do you have a soul as well as a body? *Yes. The Bible teaches me that I have a soul that can never die.* (Matt. 10:28; Mark 8:34-38; 12:30)
27. How are humans unique? *Humans bear the image of God.* (Gen. 1:26; Col. 3:10; Eph. 4:24)

28. In what condition did God make Adam and Eve? *He made them holy and happy.* (Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 8:4-8)
29. Did Adam and Eve stay holy and happy? *No. They sinned against God.* (Gen. 3:1-7; Eccl. 7:29; Hos. 6:7)
30. What is sin? *Sin is any disobedience or transgression of God's law.* (Rom. 3:20; James 2:9-10; 1 John 3:4)
31. What is disobedience? *Disobedience is not being or doing what God requires.* (James 4:17)
32. What is transgression? *Transgression is doing what God forbids.* (1 Sam. 13:8-14; 15:22-23; Hos. 6:7; Rom. 1:21-32)
33. What was the sin of our first parents? *Eating the forbidden fruit.* (Gen. 2:16-17; 3:6)
34. Why did they eat the forbidden fruit? *Because they did not believe what God had said.* (Gen. 3:1-6; Heb. 11:6)
35. Who tempted them to this sin? *The devil tempted Eve, and she gave fruit to Adam.* (Gen. 3:1-13; 2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:13-14; Rev. 12:9)
36. What happened to our first parents when they sinned? *Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.* (Gen. 3:14-24; 4:1-24; James 1:14-15)
37. What effect did the sin of Adam have on all humanity? *All humanity is born in a state of sin and misery.* (Ps. 51:5; Rom. 5:12, 18-19; 1 Cor. 15:21-22; 1 John 5:19)
38. What do we inherit from Adam as a result? *A sinful nature.* (1 Kings 8:46; Ps. 14:2-3; 58:3; Eccl. 9:3; Matt. 15:18-20; John 2:24-25; Rom. 8:7)

### **About Salvation**

39. What does every sin deserve? *The anger and judgment of God.* (Deut. 27:26; Rom. 1:18; 2:2; Gal. 3:10; Eph. 5:6).
40. Do we know what God requires of us? *Yes. He has given us law, but in our hearts and in writing.* (Rom. 2:14-15)
41. Can anyone go to heaven with a sinful nature? *No. Our hearts must be changed before we can be ready for heaven.* (Rom. 8:7; Jer. 31:33-34; Ezek. 36: 25-27; John 1:12-13; 3:1-10; 1 John 5:1, 4, 18)
42. What is a change of heart called? *Regeneration.* (Titus 3:5-6)

43. Who can change a sinner's heart? *Only the Holy Spirit.* (John 3:3; Rom. 8:6-11; 1 Cor. 2:9-14; 2 Thess. 2:13-14; Titus 3:5-6)
44. Did our Lord Jesus Christ ever sin? *No. He was holy and clean and obeyed God perfectly.* (Luke 23:47; Phil. 2:8; Heb. 4:15; 7:26; 1 Pet. 2:22; 1 John 3:5)
45. What is the atonement? *Christ satisfied God's justice by his suffering and death as a substitute for sinners.* (Mark 10:45; Acts 13:38-39; Rom. 3:24-26; 5:8-9; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Gal. 3:13; 1 Pet. 3:18)
46. What kind of death did Christ die? *The painful and shameful death of the cross.* (Ps. 22; Isa. 53; Matt. 27:27-56; Mark 15:16-41; Luke 23:26-49; John 19:17-30)
47. For whom did Christ die? *For the whole world but especially for those whom the Father had given him.* (John 3:16; Rom. 3:23-24; 1 John 2:1-2; 1 Tim. 4:10; Isa. 53:8, 12; John 10:11, 15-16, 26-29; 17:9; Heb. 2:13)
48. Who will be saved? *Only those who repent from sin and believe in Christ will be saved.* (Mark 1:15; Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:37-41; 16:30-31; 20:21; 26:20)
49. What does it mean to repent? *To be sorry for sin, to hate and reject it because it is displeasing to God, and to turn away from sin to serve Christ.* (Luke 19:8-10; Rom. 6:1-2; 2 Cor. 7:9-11; 1 Thess. 1:9-10)
50. What does it mean to believe or have faith in Christ? *To know that your only hope is Christ and trust only in Christ for salvation.* (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:5; 1 John 5:11-12)
51. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power? *No. Only God by his Spirit gives repentance.* (Eph. 2:1, 4-5; 1 Cor. 2:13-14; 12:3; Rom. 5:5)
52. What is justification? *God's regarding sinners as if they had never sinned and giving them righteousness in Christ.* (Zech. 3:1-5; Rom. 3:24-26; 4:5; 5:17-19; 8:33; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 8:12; Phil. 3:9)
53. What is righteousness? *It is God's goodness.* (Ex. 33:19; 34:6; Ps. 33:5; Hos. 3:5; Rom. 11:22)
54. Can anyone be saved by his own righteousness? *No. No one is good enough for God.* (Prov. 20:9; Eccl. 7:20; Rom. 3:10-23)

### **About Sanctification, the Church, and the Last Days**

55. What is sanctification? *God's freeing sinners in Christ Jesus from slavery to sin so that they may live for God by faith with a love for God in heart and life.* (John 17:17; Rom. 6:1-14; 8:1-4; 1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 2:10; 4:22-24; 1 Thess. 5:23)

56. Will the Christian be totally free from sin in this life? *No. A growing love for God by faith are certain and continual, but freedom from sin is complete only in heaven.* (Phil. 3:12-15; 2 Pet. 1:3-8; 1 John 3:2)
57. What keeps the Christian from being totally free from sin in this life? *The remaining sinful nature.* (Gal. 5:17; Phil. 3:12-15; 1 John 3:1-3)
58. What is regeneration? *A change of heart that leads to true repentance.* (Gal. 5:22; Eph. 2:5-8; 2 Thess. 2:13)
59. What is prayer? *Prayer is talking with God.* (Gen. 17:22; 18:33; Neh. 1:4-11; 2:4; Matt. 6:6; Rom. 8:26-27)
60. How does the Holy Spirit bring us to salvation? *He uses the Bible, which is God's Word.* (1 Thess. 1:5-6; 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:15-16; James 1:18; 1 Pet 1:22-23)
61. How can we know God's Word? *We are commanded to hear, read, and study the Scriptures.* (1 Pet. 2:2; Rev. 3:22; Matt. 21:42; 22:29; 2 Tim. 3:14-17)
62. What is a church? *An assembly of baptized believers who meet together under the preaching of God's Word.* (Matt. 18:20; Acts 2:42)
63. What two ordinances did Christ give to his church? *Baptism and the Lord's Supper.* (Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 11:24-26)
64. What is baptism? *The immersing of believers into water, as a sign of their union with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection.* (John 3:23; Acts 2:41; 8:12, 35-38; Col. 2:12)
65. Who should be baptized? *Only those who repent from their sins and believe in Christ for salvation.* (Acts 2:37-41; 8:12; 18:8; 19:4-5).
66. What is the Lord's Supper? *The eating of bread and drinking of grape juice to remember the sufferings and death of Christ.* (Mark 14:22-24; 1 Cor. 11:23-29)
67. What does the bread represent? *The bread represents the body of Christ, broken for our sins.* (Matt. 26:26; 1 Cor. 11:24)
68. What does the grape juice represent? *The grape juice represents the blood of Christ, poured out for our salvation.* (Matt. 26:27-28; 1 Cor. 11:25)
69. Who should partake of the Lord's Supper? *Baptized believers who repent of their sins and love one another.* (Matt. 5:21-24; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 11:18, 20, 27-33; 1 John 3:24-27; 4:9-11)
70. Where is Christ now? *Christ is in heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father.* (Rom. 8:34; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 10:12; 12:2)

71. Will Christ come again? *Yes. At the last day he will come to judge the world.* (Matt. 25:31-43; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; 2 Tim. 4:1)
72. What happens to men when they die? *The body returns to dust and the soul goes to be with God or to a place of suffering and waiting for judgment.* (Gen. 3:19; Eccl. 12:7; 2 Cor. 5:1-6; Heb. 12:22-23; Phil. 1:23; 2 Pet. 2:9; Rom. 2:5)
73. Will the bodies of the dead be raised to life again? *Yes. The Bible says, "There will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked."* (Acts 24:15b; John 5:28-29; Dan. 12:2)
74. What will happen to the wicked on the Day of Judgment? *They will be cast into hell.* (Ps. 9:16-17; Luke 12:5; Rom. 2:8-9,12; 2 Thess. 1:8-9; Rev. 20:12-15)
75. What is hell? *Hell is a place of dreadful and endless punishment.* (Matt. 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-31)
76. What will happen to the righteous in the Day of Judgment? *They will live with Christ forever in a new heaven and a new earth.* (Isa. 66:22; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; 2 Pet. 3:10-13; Rev. 21:1-4)