



The Crosspoint Catechism

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What is a “catechism”?

Catechism is a word most of us don't use very often, but the concept is pretty simple. A catechism is a list of questions and answers that are used to teach the principles and doctrines of our faith.





Why use catechisms?

Churches have utilized catechisms for hundreds of years because of how effective they are for teaching fundamental doctrines. Here are some reasons behind their effectiveness:

- ★ **Ease of use:** It provides an easy and strategic way to live out Deuteronomy 6:7: *"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."*
- ★ **Provides a doctrinal framework:** Catechisms help establish a clear theological framework. Memorizing these answers is not the end goal for the child's faith, but it does provide a basic understanding that can be built upon as they grow.
- ★ **Utilizes memorization:** The short, concise nature of these statements makes them easy to memorize. Memorization objectives provide the opportunity for tangible progress that can be seen and celebrated.



Why another catechism?

There are some wonderful, time-honored catechisms out there. In fact, many of the questions in this one were borrowed or adapted from the Catechism for Young Children (a children's adaptation of the Westminster Shorter Catechism).

However, most catechisms being used today can be pretty daunting, ranging from 52 - 145 questions. Our hope is to provide a resource for parents (or anyone discipling children) that is:



Attainable: With only 24 questions, the finish line is within sight from the outset.



Gospel Focused: It provides children with a basic understanding of the gospel.



Synchronizing: Provides a common point of reference for parents and our children's team.



How to use this catechism

This is likely the simplest teaching tool you'll ever use. Simply read these questions to your child and help them memorize the answers. Here are a few helpful tips along the way:

1) Have one book per child

We recommend getting a separate book for each child. This will give them a sense of ownership and the ability to see and celebrate the progress of each child.

2) Start as early as possible

If your child can speak, they are old enough to start memorizing. Think of this as a theological alphabet. Kids learn the alphabet song and begin writing letters long before they know what the letters mean or how they are used to form words.

3) Repetition is your friend

Memorization will naturally follow repetition. You may be surprised at how quickly your child can memorize these simply by listening to you read the questions and answers.

4) Use a spiral method within each section

Within each section, always start with the first question. Resist the temptation to skip over the ones they already know. Once you get to the next section, revisit the previous section occasionally to prevent memorization lapse.

5) Celebrate Progress

Buy some stickers and let the child put a sticker on each one they've memorized (way more fun than you writing a check mark). Think of some things you can do to celebrate the completion of each section. It can be as simple as going out for ice cream or making their favorite food.





PART I

GO







QUESTION 1

Who made you?

ANSWER 1

**God made
me.**



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QUESTION 2

What else did God make?

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ANSWER 2

**He made all
things.**

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QUESTION 3

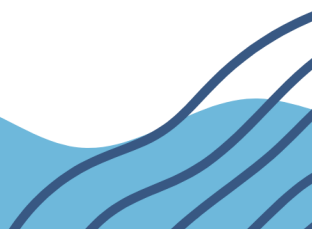
**Why did God make you
and all things?**

ANSWER 3

**For His own
glory.**



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QUESTION 4

How can you glorify God?

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ANSWER 4

**By loving Him
and doing what
He commands.**

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QUESTION 5

Why do you glorify God?

ANSWER 5

**Because He
made me and
takes care of
me.**



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QUESTION 6

**Is there more than one
true God?**

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ANSWER 6

**No, there is only
one God.**

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QUESTION 7

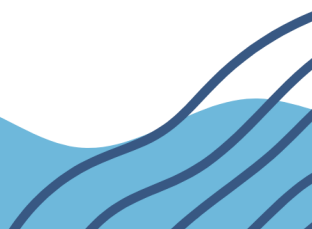
**In how many persons does
this God exist?**

ANSWER 7

**In three
persons.**



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QUESTION 8

**Who are these three
persons?**

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ANSWER 8

**The Father,
the Son, and the
Holy Spirit.**

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QUESTION 9

**Where do you learn how to
love and obey God?**

ANSWER 9

In the Bible.



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QUESTION 10

Who wrote the Bible?

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ANSWER 10

**Chosen men
who were
inspired by the
Holy Spirit.**

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PART 2



SIN





QUESTION 11

**Who were our first
parents?**

ANSWER 11

Adam and Eve.



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QUESTION 12

**In what condition did God
make Adam and Eve?**

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ANSWER 12

**He made
them holy and
happy.**

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QUESTION 13

**Did Adam and Eve obey
God perfectly?**

ANSWER 13

**No, Adam and
Eve disobeyed
God in the
garden.**



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QUESTION 14

**Have we obeyed God
perfectly?**

ANSWER 14

**No, all people
have sinned by
disobeying
God.**



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QUESTION 15

**What happens to us
because of our sin?**

ANSWER 15

**Eternal
separation and
punishment
from God.**



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QUESTION 16

Can we do enough good things to go to Heaven?

ANSWER 16

**No, we cannot
be good enough
to meet God's
standard.**



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PART 3

SALVA

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QUESTION 17

**Can we escape God's
punishment for our sin?**

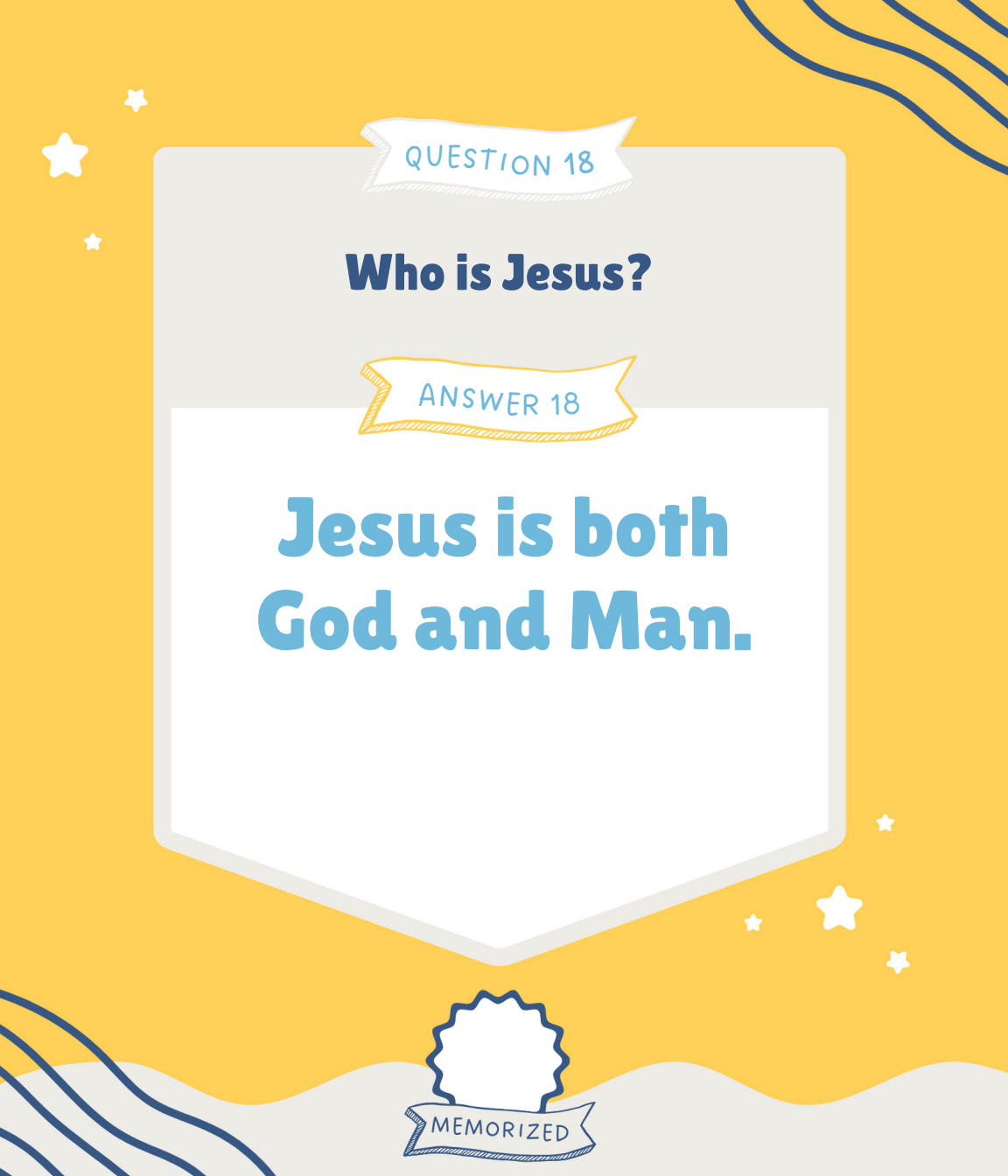
ANSWER 17

**Yes, through
faith in Jesus.**



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QUESTION 18

Who is Jesus?

ANSWER 18

**Jesus is both
God and Man.**



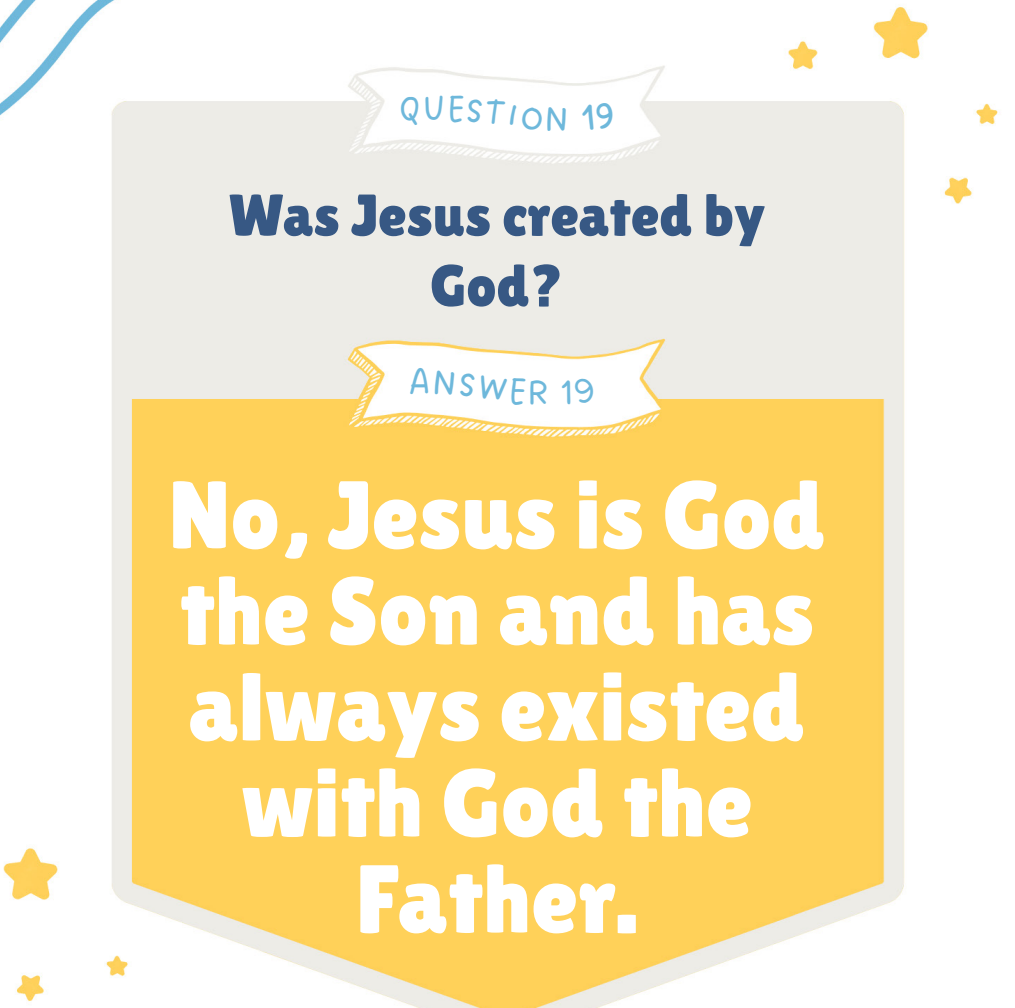
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QUESTION 19

**Was Jesus created by
God?**

ANSWER 19

**No, Jesus is God
the Son and has
always existed
with God the
Father.**



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QUESTION 20

What did Jesus do for us?

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ANSWER 20

**Jesus became
a man, lived
a perfect life,
and died in our
place.**



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QUESTION 21

**How do we know that God
accepted this sacrifice?**

ANSWER 21

**Jesus rose from
the dead!**



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QUESTION 22

Who will be saved?

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ANSWER 22

**Anyone who
repents of sin
and believes in
Jesus.**



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QUESTION 23

**What is it to believe or
have faith in Jesus?**

ANSWER 23

**To trust alone
in Jesus for
salvation.**



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QUESTION 24

**What happens when we believe
in Jesus and follow Him?**

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ANSWER 24

**The Holy Spirit
indwells our
hearts.**



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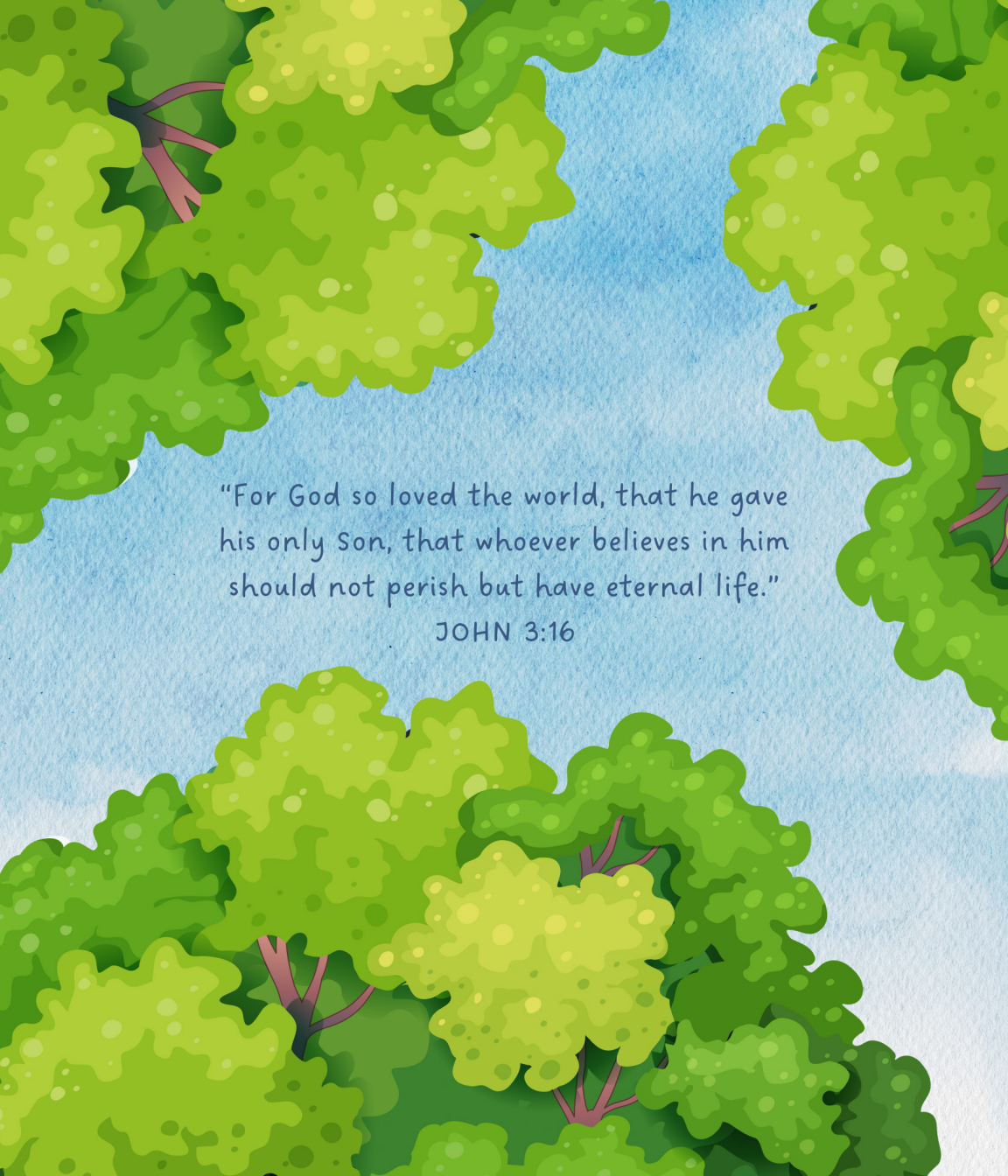
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"For God so loved the world, that he gave
his only Son, that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal life."

JOHN 3:16