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"Inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance, faith in Christ the Son of the living God, and of baptism, and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands, when eight years old, the sin be upon the heads of the parents; for this shall be a law unto the inhabitants of Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized. * * * * And they shall also teach their children to pray and to walk uprightly before the Lord." Doctrine and Covenants xxii. 4; new edition, lxxviii. 25, 26, 28.

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CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN.

CHAPTER I.

NAME—BIRTH—BLESSING—BAPTISM—CONFIRMATION—
DUTY TO GOD, PARENTS, AND MANKIND.

[Questions and Answers Nos. 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, will be used according to circumstances.]

1. Q. What is your name?
A. _____.
2. Q. Who gave you that name?
A. My father and mother, and it was confirmed upon me when I was blessed by the Elders of the Church.
3. Q. On what day, and in what month and year were you born?
A. On the _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord _____.
4. Q. In what town, county, and country were you born?
A. In the town of _____, in the county of _____, in _____.
5. Q. On what day, and in what month and year, were you blessed?
A. On the _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord _____.
6. Q. In what Branch and Conference of the Church were you blessed?
A. In the _____ Branch of the _____ Conference.
7. Q. Who pronounced the blessing upon you?
A. Elder _____.
8. Q. Have you been baptized?
A. _____.

9. Q. When were you baptized?

A. On the — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.

10. Q. Who baptized you?

A. Elder [or Priest] —.

11. Q. In what Branch and Conference of the Church were you baptized?

A. In the — Branch of the — Conference.

12. Q. When were you confirmed a member of the Church, by the laying on of hands for the Gift of the Holy Ghost?

A. On the — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.

13. Q. Who confirmed you?

A. Elder —.

14. Q. What duties should you perform?

A. My duty to God, and my duty to my parents, and to all mankind.

15. Q. What is your duty to God?

A. To love him with all my heart, and to keep his commandments.

16. Q. Why should you love God, and keep his commandments?

A. Because it is by his power and goodness that I exist, and am sustained day by day.

17. Q. What is your duty towards your parents?

A. To love and obey them.

18. Q. Why should you love and obey your parents?

A. Because it is a command of God, and because they were the means of bringing me into the world; they nursed and fed me when I was a little babe, and now continually love me, and provide food, clothing and lodging for me. They watch over me in sickness, direct me in health, and teach me to be clean, neat, industrious, and orderly, so that when I have grown up I may be useful.

19. Q. What is the reward of obedience to parents?

A. A long life, with the constant favor and blessing of God, and eternal life and happiness in the world to come.

20. Q. What is the punishment of disobedience to parents?

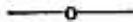
A. A short life with the constant displeasure and curse of God, and misery in the world to come.

21. Q. What is your duty to all mankind?

A. To love them, and to treat them with kindness.

22. Q. Why should you love all mankind, and treat them with kindness?

A. Because God commands it, and because all mankind desire to be happy, and, unless they love and strive to be kind to each other, they cannot be happy. Therefore all persons should love each other, that they may live as happily as possible.



CHAPTER II.

ON THE KNOWLEDGE OF A GOD.

1. Q. How do you and mankind in general learn that there is a God?

A. In three ways. First—by tradition; second—by reason; third—by revelation.

2. Q. How do mankind learn by *tradition* that there is a God?

A. Parents tell their children that there is a God, the children in turn tell their children, and so on from parents to children it is handed down for hundreds and thousands of years. In this way mankind learn by tradition that there is a God.

3. Q. How do mankind learn by *reason* that there is a God?

A. They look around them, and see the sun shining by day and not by night; they see and feel the long days and hot weather of summer, and the short days and cold weather of winter, come regularly round; they see the rains descend, and the fruits and verdure of the earth appear in their seasons; and as these things cannot be stopped, nor the times when they come be altered, by men, they conclude that there must be a Being much superior to man, who governs and directs all things. In this way, men learn by reason that there is a God.

4. Q. How do men learn by *revelation* that there is a God.

A. God reveals himself to men; or he sends to them