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"And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children."—*Deut.* vi. 6, 7.

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CATECHISM FOR YOUNG FRIENDS.

GOD THE FATHER.

1. Who is God ?
"God is a spirit." John iv. 24.
2. How many Gods are there ?
"He Himself says, I, even I, am He, and there is no God with me." Deut. xxxii. 39.
3. What does the Bible tell us of His character ?
"God is love." 1 John iv. 8.
4. What further does the Apostle John say of Him ?
"God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all."
1 John i. 5.
5. What does the Bible tell us of His eternal existence ?
"From everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God."
Ps. xc. 2.
6. Why is He called the Creator ?
"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Gen. i. 1.
7. What command is given by this great and holy Being ?
"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."
Deut. vi. 5.

GOD THE SON.

8. What are some of the names given unto the Lord Jesus Christ in Scripture?

"And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Is. ix. 6.

9. And what Title is given to Him in the Revelation?

"His name is called the Word of God." Rev. xix. 13.

10. What does the Apostle John tell us of His union with the Father?

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made." John i. 1-3.

11. And what does the same Apostle say of His union with man?

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, *the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*" John i. 14.

12. Had His coming to the earth been spoken of by the prophets?

700 years before He came Isaiah wrote—"A virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call His name Immanuel." * Is. vii. 14.

13. Where did the prophet Micah say He should be born?

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little

* Immanuel—God with us.

among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Micah v. 2.

14. When the time arrived for Christ's coming to the earth, to whom was an angel sent from God?

"To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary." Luke i. 27.

15. What was his message?

"The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee, therefore also that holy thing that shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Luke i. 35.

16. How did the decree of a Roman Emperor cause the fulfillment of Micah's prophecy?

"Joseph went up from Galilee unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed, with Mary his espoused wife." Luke ii. 4.

17. What glorious event announced by the angels to the shepherds took place there?

"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke ii. 11.

18. What was the anthem sung by the angels?

"Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will to men." Luke ii. 14.

19. Were men ready to receive this Saviour?

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." John i. 11.

20. What blessing came then, and will come now to those who will receive?

“But to as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.” John i. 12.

21. How did He describe His work on earth?

“The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and to the poor the gospel is preached.” Luke vii. 22.

22. To what cruel treatment was He subjected when arraigned before the Jews?

“Then did they spit in His face and buffeted Him, and others smote Him with the palms of their hands.” Matt. xxvi. 67.

23. What momentous event closed this wonderful earthly life?

“And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left.” Luke xxiii. 33.

24. Was that all of His story?

“But God raised Him from the dead.” Acts xiii. 30.

25. Did any one see Him after His resurrection?

“And He was seen many days of them which came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses unto the people.” Acts. xiii. 31.

26. What occurred after this?

“And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight.” Acts. i. 9.

27. What had been His teaching to His disciples as regarded Himself?

“I came forth from the Father and am come into the world, again I leave the world and go to the Father.” John xvi. 28.

28. Now at the right hand of God, what office does He perform for us?

“Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.” Hebrews vii. 25.

29. How does the Apostle Paul sum up the story of the coming of our Lord?

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” 1 Tim. iii. 16.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.

30. Before the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified what did He tell His disciples?

“It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.” John xvi. 7.

31. Was this promise fulfilled?

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts. ii. 1, 4.