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ILLUSTRATED CATECHISM

FOR LITTLE CHILDREN



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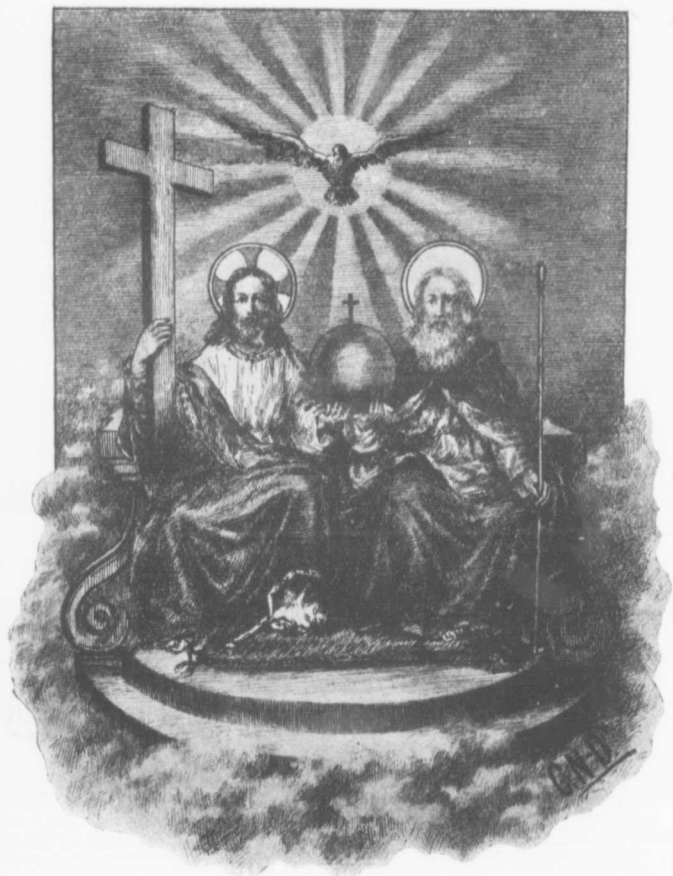


God sees all and knows all.

I

GOD.

1. Who made you ?
God made me.
2. Can you see God as you see your father
and mother ?
No, I cannot see God.
3. Why can you not see God ?
Because He has no body.
4. What then is God ?
God is a pure spirit.
5. Who made God ?
Nobody made God, He was always God.
6. Does God see you ?
Yes, God sees me at all times.
7. Does God know everything ?
Yes, God knows everything, even my
thoughts and feelings.



The three Divine Persons are but one God.

8. Why did God create you ?

God created me to know Him, to love Him
and to serve Him.

9. Where is God ?

God is everywhere, but He has two homes,
one in Heaven and one in the Taber-
nacle.

II

THE HOLY TRINITY.

10. How many Gods are there ?

There is but one God.

11. How many persons are there in God ?

There are three persons in God, the Fa-
ther, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

12. Are these three persons three Gods ?

No, these three persons are but one God.

13. Can you understand how it is that
three persons are but one God ?

No, I could not understand it even if I
tried, for it is a mystery.



The angels take care of us.

14. What name is given to this mystery of three persons in one God ?

It is called the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

III

THE HOLY ANGELS.

15. Are there any other spirits besides God ?

Yes, the angels and our souls are spirits.

16. Why did God create angels ?

God created the angels to sing His praises and to take care of us.

17. By what name do you know the angel who takes care of you ?

The angel who takes care of me is called my Guardian Angel.

18. Are there any bad angels ?

Yes, the bad angels are known by the name of demons or devils.

19. Were these angels always bad ?

No, God made them good, but they became bad by refusing to obey God.

20. What do the bad angels try to do ?

The bad angels try to make us fall into sin.



Adam and Eve, our first parents.

IV

MAN.

21. Who made everything on earth ?
God made everything on earth.
22. Did God make man also ?
Yes, God made man .
23. How did God make man ?
He gave Him a body and a soul.
24. Can you see your soul ?
No, because my soul is a spirit.
25. Is your soul more beautiful than your
body ?
Yes, because it is made to the image of
God.
26. Of what is your body made ?
My body is made of dust.
27. What must you do to keep your soul
pure and good ?
I must keep it free from sin.



Sin makes Jesus sorry.

V

SIN.

28. What is sin ?

Sin is an act of disobedience that displeases God.

29. Are there big sins and small sins ?

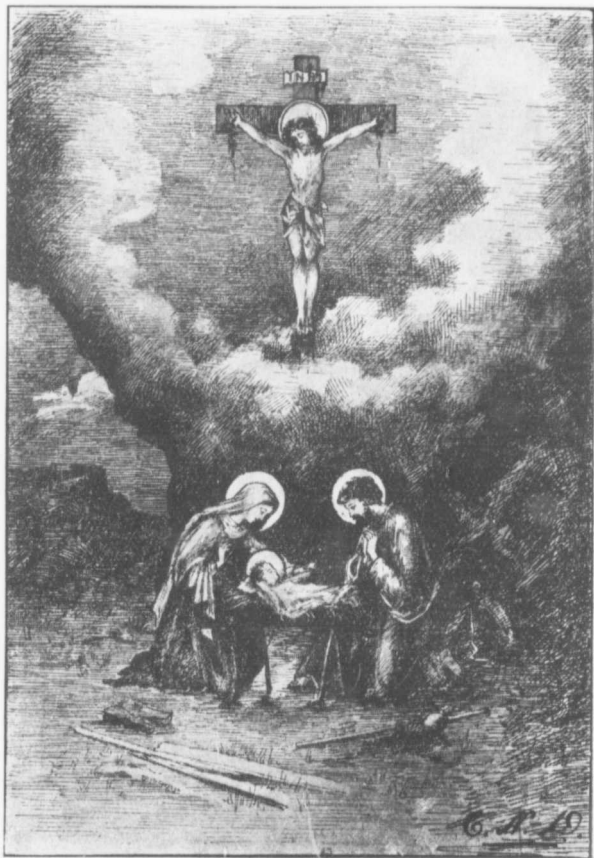
Yes, big sins displease God more than small sins do.

30. Does God still think of us as His children when we commit big sins ?

No, God cannot think of us as His children when we displease Him by committing sin.

31. What happens when we commit big sins ?

We lose heaven and deserve hell.



The Incarnation. The Redemption.

VI**OUR LORD.**

32. Who committed the first sin ?
Adam and Eve, our first parents.
33. Did God take pity on our first parents
after their sin ?
Yes, He promised to send them a Redeemer.
34. Who was this Redeemer ?
Our Lord Jesus Christ.
35. Who is Our Lord Jesus Christ ?
Our Lord is the Son of God, the Second
Person of the Blessed Trinity.
36. What did Our Lord do in order to save
us ?
He came on earth in the form of a little
child like us.
37. On what day did He become a little
child ?
On Christmas day.

38. Who was the Mother of the Infant Jesus ?

The Blessed Virgin Mary was the Mother of the Infant Jesus.

39. What is the mystery of a God as a little Infant called ?

It is called the Mystery of the Incarnation.

40. Did God always remain a little child ?

No, He grew and became a man.

41. What did He do for us when He was a man ?

He suffered all kinds of torments and died upon a cross.

42. On what day did He die ?

On Good Friday.

43. Why did He die on the Cross ?

To open heaven for us.

44. What is the mystery of Christ's death called ?

The Mystery of the Redemption.

45. Where was Our Lord's body placed after His death ?

In a tomb or grave.

46. Did Our Lord stay in the grave ?

No, He came back to life on the third day after He died.

47. On what day did Christ come back to life ?

On Easter Sunday.

48. Where is Our Lord now ?

He is in Heaven and in the Tabernacle.

49. Why did Our Lord go the Heaven ?

To prepare a place for us all.

50. Why does He stay in the Tabernacle ?

To come to us in Holy Communion.

VII

CONFESSION.

51. What must we do when we have committed sin ?

We must ask pardon of Our Lord and promise never to displease Him again.



*Jesus pardons the child who makes a
good confession.*

52. What else must we do ?

We must go to confession to tell our sins to a priest.

53. What sins must we tell ?

All the sins we have committed.

54. Why should we tell our sins to a priest ?

To have them forgiven by God.

55. Would a person make a good confession if he hides a big sin in confession ?

No, he makes a bad confession.

56. Is it a great sin to make a bad confession ?

Yes, it is a very great sin, since it deserves hell.

VIII

COMMUNION.

57. What is First Communion ?

First Communion is receiving our Dear Lord for the first time.

58. Do you see Our Lord in Communion ?

No, I do not see Him.



" This is My Body, this is My Blood. "

59. Why ?

Because He is hidden in the little white host.

60. Who hides Our Lord in the little white host ?

The priest, during Holy Mass.

61. What words does the priest say in placing Our Lord in the host ?

This is My Body; this is My Blood.

62. How does the priest give us Communion ?

He places the host on our tongue.

63. Should we leave the host on our tongue ?

No, we must swallow it at once.

64. Why ?

So that our Dear Lord may go into our heart.

65. Can you eat or drink before Communion ?

No, we must be fasting in order to go to Communion.



O Jesus, remain always in my heart.

66. What prayer can you say before Communion ?

I can say as many times as I wish : Dear Jesus, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, Come into my heart.

67. What prayer can you say after swallowing the little host ?

I can say many times : Dear Jesus, I adore Thee, I love Thee, and I thank Thee.

68. What must you do in order that Our Lord may always stay in your heart ?

I must never displease Him by doing anything wrong.



IX**REWARD AND PUNISHMENT.**

69. What will God give us if we never offend Him by sin ?

He will give us heaven where we shall be happy forever.

70. What is heaven ?

Heaven is God's home, where He is happy with His angels and Saints.

71. Shall we always stay in heaven ?

Yes, we shall be happy forever.

72. Will God punish us if we commit big sins ?

Yes, He will send us to hell, where we shall burn forever.

73. What is Hell ?

Hell is the home of the devil and of all bad people.

74. What must we do to keep ourselves good ?

We must pray well, and love God more than anything on earth.

MORNING PRAYERS

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE HOLY GHOST, AMEN,

My God, I give Thee my heart. May no one else but Thee, my sweet Jesus, ever have possession of it. May the love of Jesus, Mary and Joseph fill my heart, and the hearts of all the faithful.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

THE ANGELICAL SALUTATION

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead,

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CONFITEOR

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May the Almighty God have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant me pardon, absolution and remission of my sins. Amen.

ACT OF FAITH

O my God! I most firmly believe in Thee, and in all Thou hast revealed to Thy Holy

Catholic Church; because Thou art Truth itself, who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

ACT OF HOPE

O my God ! relying on Thy promises and upon the merits of Jesus Christ, my Saviour, I most firmly hope in Thee, and trust that Thou wilt grant me grace to observe Thy commandments in this world and reward me in the next.

ACT OF CHARITY

O my God, who art infinite in every perfection and worthy of all my love, I love Thee with my whole heart, and I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God ! I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest my sins most sincerely, not only because by them I have lost all right to heaven, and have

deserved the everlasting torments of hell, but, above all, because they displease Thee, my God, who art so deserving of all my love, on account of Thy infinite goodness and most amiable perfections; and I firmly purpose, by Thy holy grace, never more to offend Thee, and to amend my life.

