

1. **1. Who made us?** God made us.
2. **2. Who is God?:** God is the Supreme Being, infinitely perfect, Who made all things and keeps them in existence.
3. **3. Why did God make us?:** God made us to show forth His goodness and to share with us His everlasting happiness in heaven.
4. **4. What must we do to gain the happiness of heaven?:** To gain the happiness of heaven we must know, love, and serve God in this world.
5. **5. From whom do we learn to know, love, and serve God?**
We learn to know, love, and serve God from Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who teaches us through the Catholic Church.
6. **6. Where do we find the chief truths taught by Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church?:** We find the chief truths taught by Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church in the Apostles' Creed.
7. **7. Say 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen
8. **13. What do we mean when we say that God is eternal?** When we say that God is eternal we mean that He always was and always will be, and that He always remains the same.
9. **15. What do we mean when we say that God is all-knowing?**
When we say that God is all-knowing we mean that He knows all things, past, present, and future, even our most secret thoughts, words, and actions.
10. **16. What do we mean when we say that God is all-present?**
When we say that God is all-present we mean that He is everywhere.
11. **18. Does God see us?:** God sees us and watches over us with loving care.
12. **20. What do we mean when we say that God is almighty?**
When we say that God is almighty we mean that He can do all things.
13. **21. Is God all-wise, all-holy, all-merciful, and all just?** Yes, God is all-wise, all holy, all-merciful, and all-just.
14. **24. Is there only one God?** Yes, there is only one God.
15. **25. How many Persons are there in God?:** In God there are three divine Persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
16. **29. What do we mean by the Blessed Trinity?** By the Blessed Trinity we mean one and the same God in three divine Persons.
17. **35. What do we mean when we say that God is the Creator of heaven and earth?:** When we say that God is the Creator of heaven and earth we mean that He made all things from nothing by His almighty power.
18. **36. Which are the chief creatures of God?:** The chief creatures of God are angels and men.
19. **37. What are the angels?:** Angels are created spirits, without bodies, having understanding and free will.
20. **39. Did all the angels remain faithful to God?** Not all the angels remained faithful to God; some of them sinned.
21. **40. What happened to the angels who remained faithful to God?:** The angels who remained faithful to God entered into the eternal happiness of heaven, and these are called good angels.
22. **42. How do the good angels help us?:** The good angels help us by praying for us, by acting as messengers from God to us, and by serving as our guardian angels.
23. **44. What happened to the angels who did not remain faithful to God?:** The angels who did not remain faithful to God were cast into hell, and these are called bad angels, or devils.
24. **48. What is man?:** Man is a creature composed of body and soul, and made to the image and likeness of God.
25. **51. Who were the first man and woman?** The first man and woman were Adam and Eve, the first parents of the whole human race.
26. **54. What commandment did God give Adam and Eve?** God gave Adam and Eve the commandment not to eat of the fruit of a certain tree that grew in the Garden of Paradise.
27. **55. Did Adam and Eve obey the commandment of God?**
Adam and Eve did not obey the commandment of God, but ate of the forbidden fruit.
28. **56. What happened to Adam and Eve on account of their sin?:** On account of their sin Adam and Eve lost sanctifying grace, the right to heaven, and their special gifts; they became subject to death, to suffering, and to a strong inclination to evil, and they were driven from the Garden of Paradise.
29. **57. What has happened to us on account of the sin of Adam?:** On account of the sin of Adam, we his descendants, come into the world deprived of sanctifying grace and inherit his punishment, as we would have inherited his gifts had he been obedient to God.
30. **58. What is this sin in us called?:** This sin in us is called original sin.
31. **62. Was any human person ever preserved from original sin?:** The Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from original sin in view of the merits of her Divine Son; and this privilege is called her Immaculate Conception.
32. **63. Is original sin the only kind of sin?** Original sin is not the only kind of sin; there is another kind, called actual sin, which we ourselves commit.

33. **65. How many kinds of actual sin are there?:** There are two kinds of actual sin: mortal sin and venial sin.
34. **66. What is mortal sin?:** Mortal sin is grievous offense against the law of God.
35. **69. What three things are necessary to make a sin mortal?:** To make a sin mortal these three things are necessary: first, the thought, desire, word, action or omission must be seriously wrong and considered seriously wrong; second, the sinner must be mindful of the serious wrong; third, the sinner must fully consent to it.
36. **70. What is venial sin?:** Venial sin is a less serious offense against the law of God, which does not deprive the soul of sanctifying grace, and which can be pardoned even without sacramental confession.
37. **77. Did God abandon man after Adam fell into sin?** God did not abandon man after Adam fell into sin, but promised to send into the world a Savior to free man from his sins and to reopen to him the gates of heaven.
38. **78. Who is the Savior of all men?:** The Savior of all men is Jesus Christ.
39. **79. What is the chief teaching of the Catholic Church about Jesus Christ?:** The chief teaching of the Catholic Church about Jesus Christ is that He is God made man.
40. **82. Is Jesus Christ more than one Person?** No, Jesus Christ is only Person; and that Person is the second Person of the Blessed Trinity.
41. **83. How many natures has Jesus Christ?** Jesus Christ has two natures: the nature of God and the nature of man.
42. **90. What is meant by the Redemption?** By the Redemption is meant that Jesus Christ, as the Redeemer of the whole human race, offered His sufferings and death to God as a fitting sacrifice in satisfaction for the sins of men, and regained for them the right to be children of God and heirs of heaven.
43. **94. What do we learn from the sufferings and death of Christ?:** From the sufferings and death of Christ we learn God's love for man and the evil of sin, for which God, who is all-just, demands such great satisfaction.
44. **98. When did Christ rise from the dead?** Christ rose from the dead, glorious and immortal, on Easter Sunday, the third day after His death.
45. **101. When did Christ ascend into heaven?** Christ ascended, body and soul, into heaven on Ascension Day, forty days after His Resurrection.
46. **105. Who is the Holy Spirit?** The Holy Spirit is God and the third Person of the Blessed Trinity.
47. **110. How many kinds of grace are there?** There are two kinds of grace: sanctifying grace and actual grace.
48. **136. What is the Church?:** The Church is the congregation of all baptized persons united in the same true faith, the same sacrifice, and the same sacraments, under the authority of the Sovereign Pontiff and the bishops in communion with him.
49. **152. Which is the one true Church established by Christ?** The one true Church established by Christ is the Catholic Church.
50. **153. How do we know that the Catholic Church is the one true Church established by Christ?:** We know that the Catholic Church is the one true Church established by Christ because it alone has the marks of the true Church.
51. **155. What are the chief marks of the Church?:** The Chief marks of the church are four: It is one, holy catholic or universal, and apostolic.
52. **189. Which are the two great commandments that contain the whole law of God?:** The two great commandments that contain the whole law of God are:
- first, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind, and with thy whole strength;
- second, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
53. **195. Which are the commandments of God?:** The commandments of God are these ten:
1. I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.
 2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
 3. Remember thou keep holy the Lord's day.
 4. Honor thy father and thy mother.
 5. Thou shalt not kill.
 6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
 7. Thou shalt not steal.
 8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
 9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.
 10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.
54. **304. What is a sacrament?:** A sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.
55. **305. How many sacraments are there?:** There are seven sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony.
56. **379. What is the Sacrament of Penance?:** Penance is the sacrament by which sins committed after Baptism are forgiven through the absolution of the priest.
57. **388. What is contrition?:** Contrition is sincere sorrow for having offended God, and hatred for the sins we have committed, with a firm purpose of sinning no more.