



## Parents Informational Meeting

Faith Reformed Church, 8/27/23

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### 1. Introduction

### 2. The Name *Quest*

Questions for  
Understanding  
Essential  
Scriptural  
Truths

### 3. The First Catechism

Overview:

Year #1 (Q&A ##1-57): God, Adam & Eve, Sin, Grace

Year #2 (Q&A ##58-108): Faith, Christ, Ten Commandments

Year #3 (Q&A ##109-150): Lord's Prayer, Sacraments, Christ's Return

### 4. Memorizing the Catechism

#### A. Overview

- i. Students memorizing approximately ½ of the catechism each time through
- ii. Every child is unique
- iii. “Encouraging” and “incentivizing” vs. “requiring”

#### B. *Why* memorize the catechism?

- i. Biblical reasons
- ii. Developmental reasons
- iii. Practical reasons
- iv. Historical reasons
- v. For Further Reading:
  - (a) “Tim Keller on Why You Should Catechize Your Children,” at [www.thegospelcoalition.org](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org)
  - (b) Tim Challies, “The Benefits of the Catechisms,” at [www.challies.com](http://www.challies.com)
  - (c) John Piper, “Should We Memorize Catechisms or Scripture?” at [www.desiringgod.org](http://www.desiringgod.org)

### 5. Parental Involvement in *Quest*

A. Parents' Nights: December 13, 2023 and April 24, 2024

B. Resources for Family Discipleship

i. *First Catechism* Booklet

ii. “Ask Me WhoOo” Songs (3 vols.) – every Q&A in the First Catechism set to a memorable tune. 3-CD set available for \$30 at: <http://askmewhooo.com/cd.html>. Also available on major streaming services for free: YouTube, Amazon, Apple Music (iTunes), Spotify, etc.

iii. “FC2Go” App – digital flashcards for the First Catechism. Available for \$3.49 at: <https://www.gcp.org/ProductDetail.aspx?Item=02002D>

iv. *Big Truths for Little Kids: Teaching Your Children to Live for God*, by Susan and Richie Hunt – a family devotion based on the First Catechism (highly recommended). Available for \$17.99 at Christianbook.com

v. <https://www.reformedmama.com/childrens-catechism> – a treasure-trove of resources for teaching the catechism at home, including crafts and activities for many of the questions

## 6. Quest Logistics

A. Format:

6:10-6:30: Check-in and games (Great Room and basement/back lawn, weather permitting)

6:30-7:00: Large Group

7:00-7:30: Small Groups

Small Groups:

K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade (Boys and Girls): Compass Crew

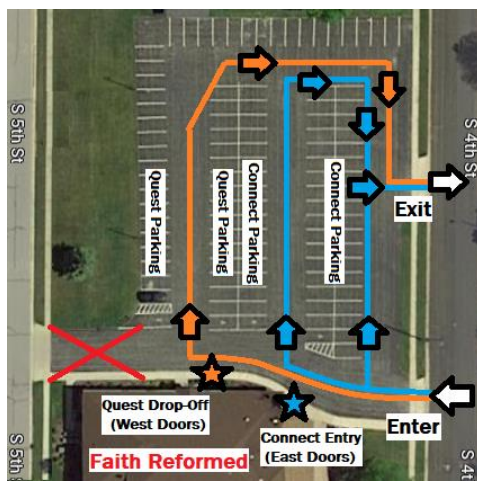
2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Boys and Girls): Treasure Hunters

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls: Adventure Seekers

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys: Explorers

B. Schedule: first Quest is **Wed., Sept. 6**

C. Transportation: Quest parents should follow the **ORANGE-colored route** (below)



D. Registration: online at <https://shorturl.at/qEJY2> or in person on Sept. 6

## 7. Q&A