

KIDS CATECHISM

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Parent to child(ren): The chapter we are studying this week reminds me of my school days. **The first school lesson** my teacher taught in school wasn't about math or english. It wasn't about science or the ABC's. It was called, **"the Golden Rule."** Do you know it? "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you!" My teacher taught this because she knew us students wouldn't be able to learn and grow in what she wanted to teach us if we argued or fought.

Now I think it's pretty easy to get along well with someone who agrees with me, how about you? But isn't it kind of hard to get along with someone who disagrees with us? Have you ever noticed that? Well, how do you handle things when someone disagrees with you? Do you argue? Do you try to make them see it your way? Are you patient and understanding if they don't see things right?

God is so very loving with everyone! And I am so glad that He is! One of the ways God shows His love is by His patience. He really lets all of us have plenty of time to grow and learn. I think God wants us Christians to realize, like He does, that we are just like children who go to school. We are at different levels of understanding about Him and about His word. It's like being in different grades. Some Christians are like children in the 3rd grade. They can read and write, and so are well on their way! But they do still have a lot of advanced lessons to learn. Others are like 10th graders. They know quite a bit more than the 3rd graders. Some are just starting out on their journey of faith. They are like those in kindergarden. Still others, are like school teachers (*and yet even they still have a lot to learn, because God is far too great for anyone to know even close to all there is to know about Him!*)

While all of us Christians should be trying to learn and grow in God's "school of faith," we should especially all remember **the first school lesson... the "Golden Rule."** If we practice that, we will get along well with each other in the process; even with those who see some things different than us. And that's what this chapter is all about.

Q66. How should we relate to Christians who don't know as much as we do?

A66. *With love and acceptance, taking care not to debate or argue (14:1) (cf., 15:1,7)*

Q67. Some Christians believe they can eat whatever they like; others don't. Some Christians believe Saturday is the only day we should worship, others believe any day is fine. How should we Christians handle these disagreements?

A67. *By not other Christians or thinking less of them over such things (14:2-6; 10)*

Q68. Paul said we should not "put a stumbling block" in our brother's way. What does he mean?

A68. *I should not do what offends my brother when I am with him (14:13) (cf., 1 Cor. 8:9; 13; 10:32)*

Q69. Is it what day we worship or our diet that makes us well pleasing to God and makes others able to easily receive me, or is something else?

A69. *Something else! It's walking in righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (14:17-19)*

Q70. If I don't believe a thing is right, even if someone else says it's o.k., what should I do?

A70. *I should not do it, because anything I do that I don't believe is right, is sin to me. (14:23)*

***** Italicized words can be used as shortened answers for smaller children. Older children can be helped to understand and learn the full answers.**

SCRIPTURES TO HELP YOUR KIDS HIDE IN THEIR HEARTS

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Romans 14:5, "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."

Romans 14:19, "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."

Romans 14:23, "And he that doubteth is condemned if he eat, because he eats not in faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

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Romans 14:5, "...Some think one day is more holy than another day, while other think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable."

Romans 14:19, "So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up."

Romans 14:23, "But if you have doubts about whether or not you should eat something, you are sinning if you go ahead and do it. For you are not following your convictions. If you do anything you believe is not right, you are sinning."

----- Suggested Memory Work -----

Up to age 6 / answers only (shortened, *italicized* answers)

Ages 7 - 9 / shortened answers plus one scripture

Ages 10-12 / full answers plus one or two scriptures

Ages 13 & up / full answers plus all three scriptures

NOTE TO DADS: At least one day this week, sit and read the "Parent to child(ren) section with your family. Then, read **Romans 14** with them (let those who can take turns and share in the reading). Make sure everyone is using the same translation. Next, go over the questions with them and see how they do just getting the basic idea. After that, help them with the wording of the answers (giving them one Q & A on M-F and encouraging them to memorize the answer is one way you could approach this part). By reading God's Word to them and passing on to them the things God is teaching you at Calvary Chapel, you will be discipling your own family, equipping them to be strong in the Lord and mighty in His Word (see, I John 2:14b)!