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12. What is the Bible?
A. The Bible is God's book.
22. What in the Bible?
A. All that God wants us to know.
32. What does the Bible say about God?
A. It says that God is a Spirit.
42. Can you see God?
A. No, we can't see a spirit. But God can see us.
52. What else does the Bible say about God?
A. That he knows all things, and can see all things.
62. Where is God?
A. In Heaven.
72. Where else is God?
A. He is everywhere, He is in this room.
82. Can God see in dark night?
A. Yes, just as well as in any light.
92. Can you hide any thing from God?
A. No, and he knows what I am thinking about.
102. Who made you?
A. God.
112. Out of what?
A. Out of dust.
122. What else did God make?
A. The whole world.
13. Did God make every thing that is alive, and every thing that is dead?
A. He made every body, and all the birds, & cattle, & dogs, & horses, & fish, and creeping things; and all the trees, & flowers, & grapes, & corn, & everything else.

14. Do you love to eat & drink, and sleep and play?
A. Yes.

15. And who made so that you can take pleasure in all these things?
A. God.

16. Who kept you alive every day, and every night?
A. God: if he did not take care of me every minute, I should die directly.

17. What ought to be done for all God's goodness to you?
A. I ought to thank him & love him every day, & try to please him in every way.

18. The Law.

19. How can you please God?
A. By obeying his commandments.

20. What does God command you to do?

21. To do my duty to God & man.

22. What is your duty to God?
A. To love him with all my heart, to keep holy the Sab. day, & never to take his name in vain.

23. How can you show that you love God?
A. By keeping his commandments.

24. What does your mean by keeping holy the Sab. day?
A. To do no work on that day, but to keep holy, to think about God, to learn all he know, to go to church if we can.

25. What do people go to Church for?
A. To learn what God wants us to do, to pray to him, to forgive our sins, to sing to his praise.

26. What do you mean by thinking about God in a right way?
A. Learn to talk about God in a right way, and never to sinus by his name.

27. Does God allow people to swear by any thing else?
A. No, we must never swear by God's name, nor any thing else, we must always just say yes & no.

28. What is your duty to man?

29. To obey my parents & mysuperiors, & to love all my neighbors as well as I do myself.
2. How must you love them as much as yourself?
A. Must be kind to 'em all—never be angry with 'em—nor steal from them—nor tell lies on them—nor court anything that belongs to them.

Heaven & Hell

3. What does the Bible call the people who try to obey God's Commandments?
A. The righteous—good people—Children of God.

3. What does it call the people who can't try to obey them?
A. The wicked—bad people—Chidren of the Devil.

4. Where will the good people go, when they die?
A. To Heaven.

5. Where will the bad people go?
A. To Hell.

6. What sort of place is Heaven?
A. A happy place, where the righteous have pleasure forever.

7. What sort of place is Hell?
A. A bad place, where the wicked forever.

37. What must you do, if you want to go to Heaven & keep out of Hell?
A. Must obey God's Commandments.

Salvation—S. Christ

38. But haven't you sinned against God already?
A. Yes; I have often sinned against God.

39. What do you mean by sinning against God?
A. To sin against God, is to do any thing he forbids me, or not to do any thing he commands me.

40. Does the Bible say you can be saved after you have sinned against God?
A. Yes; it says that Jesus Christ can save me; he is the Saviour of Sinners.

41. What does this mean you?
A. The mercy & goodness of God.

42. Who is S. Christ?
A. He is God's own Son.

43. What did he do to save Sinners?
A. He pleased God, by obeying his laws in our place.

44. What did he suffer to save Sinners?
A. He suffered a cruel death, to satisfy God for our Sins.
How I could have no good thoughts and feelings toward God.

18. Might you to love the Holy Spirit?
   A. Yes, for doing me so much good.

19. What ought you to ask him?
   A. To come into my heart every day to make me good, child.

Day of Judgment

18. Will I ever come again?
   A. Yes; He will come again, & make the Lord's vineyard clean, so that the Lord's vineyard may be clean on the day of judgment.

19. Do you expect to die before the judgment day?
   A. Yes; my body will die, but my soul can never die.

20. Give your body back to life again, as it is now, or shall it be changed on the day of judgment?
   A. Yes, my body will be made perfect on the day of judgment.

21. What will Jesus Christ do on the day of judgment?
   A. He will reward the righteous, and judge the wicked.

22. What must become of you if you remain unrighteous?
   A. I shall be sent down to hell, & be miserable forever.

23. But where shall you go, if you have fear of God & tried to please him?
   A. I shall be taken up to heaven & shall live there, with God & Christ, forever.