

TRIPLE PLAY



**Bible Memorization
Bible Knowledge
Catechism**

Dear Parents and Students,

Hear O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them to your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

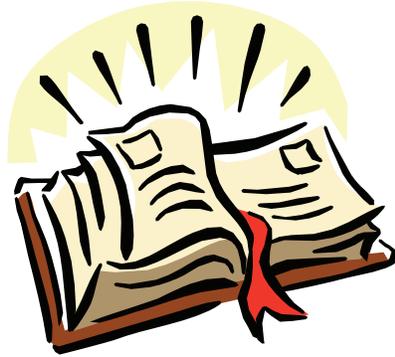
The passage above, which is often called the Shema, is in many ways a theme passage for the Christian Education Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Wales. It is an especially important passage for the Triple Play Program.

Triple Play is a discipleship program designed to help our young people (age 3—fifth grade) and their families gain the Bible knowledge, Scripture memorization, and Catechism training that is vital for Christian growth and understanding. The Shema tells us to impress the commands (or the teachings of God) on the hearts of our children. The Triple Play program is a tool to help you as parents to impress these important truths on your children's hearts.

The Shema gives some practical ways in which the Israelites were to impress the commandments onto their children. It says to talk about them, when you sit at home, when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. In other words, the things of God should be spoken of and talked about in every area of our lives. We are called to take advantage of every opportunity to carry on our responsibility of discipling and teaching our children.

Triple Play is something for your child's growth but it is something that will be most beneficial if you help your child along the way. In other words, it is going to be impressed upon them more and more as you talk about these things with your child when you are sitting at home, when you are driving in your car, when you get ready for bed at night, and when you wake in the morning. More than mere memorization our desire is to see our children grow up with a heart for the LORD. We don't want to force them just to learn about him. Rather, our hope is that tools like Triple Play will give our children the beginnings that they need for a lifelong relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

The passage also tells us to tie the commands as symbols on our



hands, and on our foreheads, to write them on our doorframes, and on our gates. These symbols served as reminders to the people of God but they also served as useful tools for memorizing the commands and the teachings of God. Be creative with Triple Play. Writing the Bible Memory verses on index cards and placing them around your house (the bathroom mirror, the refrigerator door, etc.) might be one

way to help you and your child remember the verses. There are certainly other creative tools that can help make Triple Play more fun and more attainable. Make games out of the verses and knowledge questions. (Hangman is always a good one.) These games and methods not only assist the learning process but they also provide great opportunities for you to spend time with your child(ren). Take advantage of this Biblical means of quality time.

This Triple Play booklet is a new format for the program. In this new format each child begins Triple Play at Stage 1. (Children as young as age 3 can begin this program and benefit from its format.) The child then progresses at his/her own pace through each stage. Along the way as milestones are reached there will be incentives given to mark certain accomplishments. When your child is ready to give answers for Triple Play he/she needs simply to come to the Chapel at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings and meet with one of the Triple Play facilitators. They will hear your child's responses and record their progress.

In addition to individual accomplishments, group progress is also watched, throughout the year, during the Opening Exercises portion of Sunday School. The group sets a goal at the beginning of the school year and if that goal is met before summertime they receive a reward as a group. This is a great time for the children to encourage one another and to see Triple Play (Christian Education) as a joint effort, something that we do best when we do it together.

We hope you and your child(ren) will accept the Triple Play challenge and be a part of this means of knowing God and of growing as disciples of Christ.

God Bless You,
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SHEPHERDS



Shepherd;

Stage 1

Bible History:

Know the answers to the following questions:



Q: Who was the first man?

A: *Adam*

Q: Who was the first woman?

A: *Eve*

Q: Who built the ark?

A: *Noah*

Q: Who killed Goliath?

A: *David*

Q: Who died to save mankind?

A: *Jesus Christ*

Q: Who is Jesus Christ?

A: *The Son of God*

Q: Who was the mother of Christ?

A: *Mary*

Q: Why do we celebrate Christmas?

A: *It was the day of Jesus' birth*

Q: What happened on Good Friday?

A: *Jesus died on the cross*

Q: What happened on Easter?

A: *Jesus rose from the dead*

Scripture Memorization

1 John 4:16 God is love.

Psalms 69:13 I pray to you, O LORD.

Psalms 136:1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

Isaiah 43:5 Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

Shepherds

Stage 2

Bible Knowledge:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, AMEN.

The LORD'S Prayer

Scripture Memorization:

Psalm 4:3 The LORD will hear when I call to him.

Psalm 56:3 When I am afraid, I will trust in you.

Psalm 86:5 You are forgiving and good, O Lord.

Psalm 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Shepherds

Stage 2



Catechism Beginnings:

Know the answer to the following questions "Of Christ"

- Q: Who saves us from our sins?
A: *Jesus Christ*
- Q: Whose Son is He?
A: *The Son of God*
- Q: What person in the Trinity is Christ?
A: *The second person*
- Q: How many natures has Christ?
A: *Two*
- Q: What are they?
A: *He was God and He became man.*
- Q: How did He take our sins upon Himself?
A: *He suffered and died on the cross for our sins.*
- Q: When did He become man?
A: *In God's time.*
- Q: What kind of life did he live here on earth?
A: *He was poor and he suffered.*
- Q: For whom did Christ suffer?
A: *For those he loved that the Father had given Him.*



PROPHETS



Prophets

Stage 3



Bible Knowledge:

The Seven Days of Creation

Day 1	Light (Day & Night)
Day 2	The Sky
Day 3	The Land and Seas
Day 4	The Sun, Moon, and Stars
Day 5	Birds and Fish
Day 6	Animals and Mankind
Day 7	God Rested

Catechism Beginnings:

Know the answers to the following question in "Of God" and "Of Creation."

- Q: Is there more than one God?
A: *There is only one God.*
- Q: How many person are in the one God?
A: *Three Persons*
- Q: Who are they?
A: *The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*
- Q: Is each really God?
A: *Yes*
- Q: Who made you?
A: *God*
- Q: Of what were you made?
A: *Dust*
- Q: What does that teach you?
A: *To be humble and mindful of death.*
- Q: Why were you made?
A: *To serve God.*
- Q: Why should you serve God?
A: *Because HE made us, saved us, and keeps us.*
- Q: What does God require of you?
A: *To believe and obey Him.*

Prophets

Stage 3



More Catechism Beginnings:

- Q: Where was man placed when he was created?
A: *In a holy and happy place.*
- Q: Did he continue in this happy and holy place?
A: *No.*
- Q: What happened?
A: *He sinned against God.*

Scripture Memorization:

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Psalms 100:3 Know that the LORD is God.

John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."

Deuteronomy 6:18 Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight.

Prophets

Stage 4



Bible Knowledge:

The Lord's Prayer (see Stage 2)
*The Five Books of the Pentateuch**

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

*The Three Patriarchs**

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

*The Four Gospels**

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

Bible Memorization

- Genesis 9:13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.
- Genesis 28:15 I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go.
- 1 John 3:18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.
- 1 John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
- Psalms 121:2 My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- John 14:15 If you love me, you will obey what I command.

Prophets

Stage 4



Catechism Beginnings:

Know the answers to the following questions in "Of the Covenants."

- Q: What is a covenant?
A: *A bond between two or more persons.*
- Q: How many covenants are there?
A: *Two.*
- Q: What are they?
A: *The covenant of works and the covenant of grace.*
- Q: What covenant did God make with Adam?
A: *Of Works*
- Q: What did Adam have to do in the covenant of works?
A: *Obey God perfectly.*
- Q: The covenant of grace was made with whom?
A: *Christ.*
- Q: What did Christ do in the covenant of grace?
A: *He obeyed the whole law for His people and suffered punishment for their sins.*
- Q: Did Adam act for himself alone in the covenant of works?
A: *No, for all mankind.*
- Q: What did God promise to do in the covenant of grace?
A: *To justify and sanctify those for whom Christ died.*
- Q: Did Adam keep the covenant of works?
A: *No.*
- Q: How did Adam break it?
A: *By eating the fruit that God had told him not to eat.*
- Q: Did everyone break the covenant with God?
A: *Yes.*
- Q: How have the descendants of Adam been affected by his sin?
A: *Everyone is born with a sinful nature.*
- Q: Can we be saved from our sinful nature?
A: *Yes.*
- Q: How are our sins forgiven?
A: *Through the blood of Jesus Christ?*

WISE MEN



Wise Men

Stage 5

Bible Knowledge:

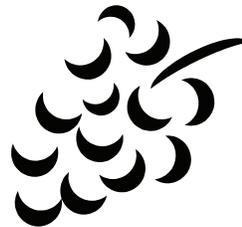


The Ten Commandments

1. You shall have no other gods before me
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Fruit of the Spirit

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness,
Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness,
and Self-Control



Tell the Story of the following miracles and know the Bible reference:

Paralytic Man Healed:	John 5:1-8
Feeding of the Five Thousand:	John 6:1-14
Heals a Man Born Blind:	John 9:1-12
Raising of Lazarus from the Dead:	John 11:1-6/17-23/32-44

Wise Men

Stage 5

Catechism Beginnings:

Know the answers to the following questions in "Of the Holy Spirit" and "Of the Commandments."



- Q: Can you repent and believe on your own?
A: *No, only with the Spirit's help.*
- Q: Which person of the Trinity is He?
A: *The third person.*
- Q: How many commandments did God give on Mt. Sinai?
A: *Ten.*
- Q: How are they divided?
A: *Two tablets.*
- Q: How many are there in the first tablet?
A: *Four.*
- Q: What do the first four commandments tell us?
A: *How to love God.*
- Q: What do the last six commandments tell us?
A: *How to love ourselves and other people.*
- Q: What do the ten commandments basically tell us to do?
A: *To love God with all our heart and our neighbor as we love ourselves.*
- Q: Are you able to keep the commandments of God?
A: *No.*



Wise Men
Stage 5
Bible Memorization



Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 7:20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Matthew 22:36-39

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as your self.”



Matthew 22:40

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Wise Men

Stage 6

Bible Knowledge:



The Ten Commandments

1. You shall have no other gods before me
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Fruit of the Spirit

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness,
Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control

Four Major Prophets

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel

Twelve Disciples

Peter, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, Matthew, Philip,
Bartholomew, James, Thaddeus, Simon, and Judas.

Wise Men

Stage 6

Bible Knowledge (cont.):



Tell about the following parables, give their meanings, and know the Bible reference:

Parable of the Sower: Matthew 13:1-23

Parable of the Weeds: Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43

Parable of the Unmerciful Servant: Matthew 18:22-35



Catechism Beginnings:

Know the answers to the following questions in "Of Prayer."

Q: What is prayer?

A: *Asking for blessings.*

Q: In whose name should we pray?

A: *In the name of Christ?*

Q: For what things are you to pray?

A: *That He would bring me to Christ, renew my heart, forgive my sins, keep me from evil, and give me all needed blessings.*

Q: What has God given us in His Word to teach us how to pray?

A: *The Lord's Prayer*



Wise Men
Stage 6
Bible Memorization



Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

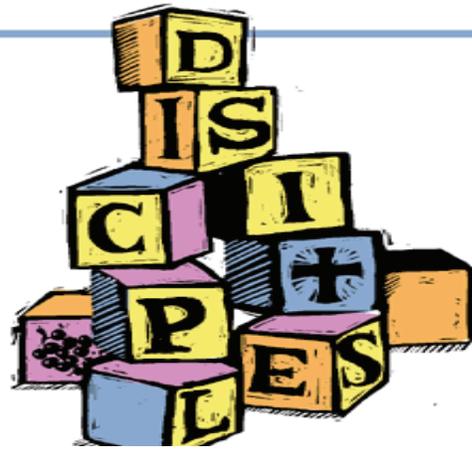
John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Romans 10:9 If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast.

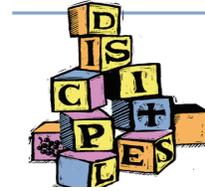
DISCIPLES



Disciples

Stage 7

Bible Knowledge:



The Greatest Commandment

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”
Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Books of the New Testament:

(Be able to recite them in order all at once)

Matthew	Ephesians	Hebrews
Mark	Philippians	James
Luke	Colossians	1 Peter
John	1 Thessalonians	2 Peter
Acts	2 Thessalonians	1 John
Romans	1 Timothy	2 John
1 Corinthians	2 Timothy	3 John
2 Corinthians	Titus	Jude
Galatians	Philemon	Revelation

Tell the story of the following miracles and know the Bible Reference:

Healing of the Demon-possessed Man:	Mark 5:1-13
Healing of a Boy with an Evil Spirit	Mark 9:17-27
Blind Bartameus Receives his sight	Mark 10:46-52

Tell about the following parables, give their meanings, and know the Bible Reference:

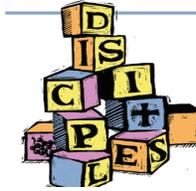
Parable of the Tenants:	Mark 12:1-9
Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard:	Matthew 20:1-16
Parable of the Wedding Banquet:	Matthew 22:1-14

Disciples

Stage 7

Catechism Beginnings:

Know the answers to the following questions in "Of the Sacraments."



Q: How many sacraments are there?

A: *Two.*

Q: What are they?

A: *Baptism and the Lord's Supper.*

Q: Who appointed these sacraments?

A: *Jesus Christ.*

Q: Why did Christ establish these sacraments?

A: *To identify, strengthen, and comfort those that believed in the covenant of grace.*

Q: In whose name are we baptized?

A: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

Q: What does your baptism teach you?

A: *I am born a sinner, and that by God's grace, when He died on the cross, I am saved from my sins.*

Bible Memorization

The Beatitudes: Matthew 5:3-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

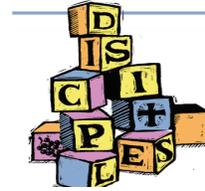
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Disciples

Stage 8

Bible Knowledge:



The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker 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, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 the life everlasting. AMEN

Books of the Old Testament:

(Be able to recite them in order all at once)

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Tell the story of the following miracles and know the Bible Reference:

A large draught of fish caught:	Luke 5:1-7
Centurion's servant cured:	Luke 7:1-10
Raising the widow's dead son:	Luke 7:11-17
Ten lepers healed:	Luke 17:11-19

Tell about the following parables, give their meanings, and know the Bible Reference:

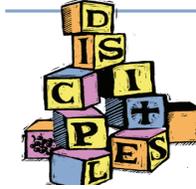
Parable of the Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37
Parable of the Rich Fool	Luke 12:13-21
Parable of the Prodigal Son	Luke 15:11-32

Disciples

Stage 8

Catechism Beginnings:

Know the answers to the following questions in "After Death."



Q: What happens to the evil after they die?

A: *They are sent to hell.*

Q: What kind of place is hell?

A: *A terrible place of everlasting punishment.*

Q: What becomes of the righteous after death?

A: *They go to heaven.*

Q: What is heaven?

A: *A happy and glorious place, where believers live for ever praising God and living with Him.*

Bible Memorization

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.



Let the little children come to me. - Jesus

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