

## Grade 8 BCT

### 1. What is the Torah?

The Torah is the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures, also called the Pentateuch. It is God's original law.

### 2. What books of the Bible are contained in the Pentateuch?

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy

### 3. What happened in the Sermon on the Mount that is described in Chapter 5 of Matthew's Gospel?

Jesus taught using the Beatitudes.

### 4. Name the Beatitudes.

- Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

### **5. What is free will?**

Free will is the gift from God that allows us to choose what we do. It is the basis for our moral responsibility.

### **6. What is natural law?**

Natural law is part of our human nature to understand what is good. It lets us take part in God's wisdom and goodness.

### **7. What are virtues?**

Virtues are good habits that we develop to help us consistently do the right thing.

### **8. What are the four cardinal virtues?**

1. prudence
2. justice
3. temperance
4. fortitude

### **9. Which cardinal virtue means balance and self-control and helps us to avoid addictions to things that might hurt our bodies?**

Temperance

### **10. Which cardinal virtue means to give both God and our neighbors what is due to them?**

Justice

### **11. Which cardinal virtue gives us the strength to overcome temptations to do wrong, no matter how intense the temptations are?**

Fortitude

### **12. Which cardinal virtue is good judgment, exercised with caution?**

Prudence

**13. What are the three theological virtues?**

1. Faith
2. Hope
3. Charity

**14. Who wrote the Summa Theologica?**

St. Thomas Aquinas, a doctor of the Church

**15. What three things need to be considered when judging the morality of an act?**

1. The object
2. The intent
3. The circumstances

**16. How can we form our consciences and live the life God wants for us?**

1. Follow the teachings of Sacred Scripture and the Church
2. Seek guidance from holy people
3. Pray to the Holy Spirit for help

**17. What are the two types of sin?**

1. Venial
2. Mortal

**18. What is a venial sin?**

A venial sin is an offense against God's will that weakens our relationship with God and others. It also harms our personal character.

**19. What is a mortal sin?**

A mortal sin is a serious offense against God's will that completely separates a person from God. It is called "mortal" because it leads to eternal death.

**20. What two things are necessary to commit a mortal sin?**

1. You must know that you are committing a serious sin.
2. You must choose to do it anyway.

**21. What is Salvation?**

Salvation is the forgiveness of sins and the restoration of friendship with God, which can be done by God alone.

**22. What are the seven capital or deadly sins?**

1. Pride
2. Greed
3. envy
4. Wrath
5. lust
6. Gluttony
7. sloth

**23. Which of the capital sins is the belief that you are better than others?**

Pride

**24. Which of the capital sins is the practice of eating or drinking too much?**

Gluttony

**25. Which of the capital sins is the resentment against people who have more things, privileges, or success than you?**

Envy

**26. Which of the capital sins is laziness, or slacking when action is needed?**

Sloth

**27. Which of the capital sins is an intense anger that leads us to seek revenge instead of making things right?**

Wrath

**28. Which of the capital sins is the out-of-control desire to enjoy yourself, especially in a sexual way?**

Lust

**29. What are the Five Precepts of the Church?**

1. Attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from unnecessary labor on these days.
2. Confess your sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year.
3. Receive the Holy Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
4. Observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. Help to provide for the material needs of the Church according to your ability.

**30. What is the Magisterium?**

The Magisterium is the official teaching authority of the Church which is made up of the Pope and the bishops in union with him.

**31. What is doctrine?**

Doctrine is the Church's teachings based on God's Revelation by and through Jesus Christ.

**32. Can the Pope speak infallibly?**

Yes, only when explicitly stated on the topics of faith and morals.

### **33. What are the 10 Commandments?**

1. I am the Lord your God, you shall not have other gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and your mother
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's possessions.

### **34. What is idolatry?**

Idolatry is making other things (like money, possessions, popularity, etc.) more important than God.

### **35. Why are Tarot cards and Ouija boards sinful?**

Attributing power to anything other than God is a sin against the 1st Commandment. Attempting to communicate with dead leaves our souls exposed to evil forces.

### **36. What is the denial of God's existence?**

Atheism

### **37. Why do we venerate images such as the cross or statues?**

We venerate images to meditate on these objects as a way of honoring the presence of God in the world.

### **38. What is the Sabbath?**

The Sabbath is the Jewish tradition of prayer, fasting and worshipping together from sundown on Friday until sundown on Saturday.

**39. Where in Canon Law does it state that missing Mass through our own fault on a Sunday or a Holy Day of Obligation is a mortal sin?**

**Please name the paragraphs and provide a quote.**

It is at canon 1247 and canon 1248, paragraph 2. Quote: "The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day."

**40. What does honor mean?**

Honor means to show great respect or courtesy.

**41. What does discipline mean?**

Discipline means to develop self control.

**42. What do children owe their parents?**

Children owe their parents respect, gratitude, obedience, and help.

**43. What duties do parents have towards their children?**

Parents are obligated to provide for the spiritual and physical needs of their children.

**44. List a few ways we can take the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment and apply it to our participation in greater society.**

1. Obey civil laws
2. Take advantage of the right to vote
3. Respect all military and veterans
4. Respect elected government officials
5. Respect people in authority at our place of employment

**45. What is a procedure that intentionally ends an unborn child's life?**

Abortion

**46. When does a human being receive a soul from God?**

A human receives a soul at the moment of Conception.

**47. What is legitimate defense?**

Legitimate defense is the principle that makes it necessary to protect oneself or others.

**48. Why should all lives be protected?**

All people are created in the Image and Likeness of God and possess inherent dignity from the moment of conception.

**49. What does reparation mean?**

The act of reparation means to amend or restore a wrong that was done against another person or God.

**50. What commandment forbids us to be envious of others?**

The Tenth Commandment

**51. What is envy? (CCC 2539)**

Envy is one of the capital sins. Envy is sadness at the sight of another's goods and the immoderate desire to acquire them for oneself, even unjustly. When it wishes grave harm to a neighbor, it is a mortal sin.

**52. Why does the priest “wash his hands” during Mass?**

To symbolize his desire for a pure and clean heart.

**53. What commandment tells us to practice the virtue of truthfulness?**

The Eighth Commandment

**54. What is the virtue of living your sexuality in a pure and healthy way, particularly by obeying the Sixth and Ninth Commandments?**

Chastity

**55. What is concupiscence?**

The attraction that all human beings have towards sin, as a result of Original Sin.



**56. What are our bodies meant to do?**

Our bodies are meant to give glory to God.

**57. Name the two purposes of marital intimacy**

1. Procreation
2. Unity of spouses

**58. What does the virtue of chastity blossom in? (CCC 2347)**

Friendship

**59. The Church works to transform our world into a loving community where people respect one another, share the earth's goods and settle conflicts peacefully. What is this respect for all creation and human rights called?**

Social justice

**60. What is the difference between charity and justice?**

Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves. Justice is the cardinal virtue which consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and to neighbor.

**61. What does it mean to work for the common good?**

To work for the common good helps to enable all people, as individuals or groups, to be given the opportunities to fulfill all their needs.

**62. What does it mean to live in solidarity with others?**

To live in solidarity with others means to share with people who are poor or powerless not only our material goods but our friendship and prayer as well.

**63. What is the Canticle of Mary (her prayer of praise)?**

The Magnificat

**64. Where is the Magnificat found in Scripture?**

Luke 1:46-55

**65. Why is Mary's Magnificat a good example of prayer?**

Mary is humble yet confident in God's goodness.

**66. What is praise?**

Praise is a form of prayer where we express our appreciation and admiration for all that God has done for us.

**67. What is a petition?**

Petition is a form of prayer in which we ask God for forgiveness or help.

**68. Who is the author of the Book of Psalms?**

King David

**69. What is Psalm 51 about?**

In Psalm 51, David asks God for forgiveness.

**70. The Psalms are an essential and permanent element of what? (CCC 2597)**

The Prayer of the Church in the Liturgy of the Hours.

**71. Why is Abraham a good model of prayer? (CCC 2570)**

His heart is entirely submissive to God and he obeys him. He believed in God's promises.

**72. Why is Moses a good model of prayer? (CCC 2593)**

He responds to the living God's initiative.

**73. What is the ultimate prayer of the Church?**

The Mass

**74. What do we call a change of heart that turns us away from sin and closer toward God?**

Conversion

**75. What is prayer? (CCC 2559)**

“Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God.”

**76. In the New Covenant, what is prayer? (CCC 2565)**

Prayer is a living relationship between us and our Father who is good beyond measure, in union with His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

**77. Why is it possible to always pray?**

We can pray without ceasing because nothing can separate us from the love of God.

**78. What are the different forms of prayer?**

1. Blessing and adoration
2. Petition
3. Intercession
4. Thanksgiving
5. Praise
6. Contrition

**79. What type of prayer is used to pray for God’s loving care for a particular person, place or activity?**

Blessing

**80. What type of prayer do we pray any time we pray on behalf of someone else?**

Intercession

**81. Different cultures have various devotions that have been approved by the Church to help spread the Good News of Jesus. Name at least 5 different devotions that are expressed as a devotional form of piety.**

1. Eucharistic Adoration
2. Rosary
3. Angelus
4. Novenas
5. Stations of the Cross
6. Scapulars
7. Miraculous Medal
8. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
9. Devotions honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe

**82. What does the Catechism of the Catholic Church call “the quintessential (the most perfect) prayer?”**

The Lord’s Prayer

**83. What are the ten reasons why the Our Father – the Lord’s Prayer – is the perfect way for God’s people to pray?**

1. Jesus Himself gave it to us
2. It teaches us how to pray
3. It is addressed to the Father
4. It helps us know who God is
5. It helps us know who we are
6. It helps us to be more like God our Father
7. It helps us have humble and trusting hearts
8. It is about “we”, not about “me”
9. It is the prayer of the Church
10. It is a summary of the whole Gospel

**84. What distinguishes the two parts of the Lord’s Prayer?**

The first part contains petitions that focus on the glory of God the Father, and the second part has petitions that name our human needs and desires.

**85. What does the word, “hallowed” mean?**

Holy

**86. What was the common language of Jesus’ time and culture?**

Aramaic

**87. What is a trespass as it is used in the Our Father?**

Another name for a sin

**88. Name the Holy Days of Obligation and give their dates.**

January 1st- Mary, Mother of God

40 days after Easter- Ascension

August 15th- Assumption

November 1st- All Saints Day

December 8th- Immaculate Conception

December 25th- Christmas

**89. Recite the Angelus.**

P: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

R: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. (Hail Mary)

P: Behold the handmaid of the Lord

R: Be it done unto me according to your word. (Hail Mary)

P: And the Word was made flesh

R: And dwelt among us. (Hail Mary)

**90. Name the books in the Pentateuch.**

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

**91. Name 6 facts about St. Joan of Arc.**

Born in France on January 6, 1412, As a little girl she began to hear voices of St. Michael, St. Catherine and St. Margaret, At 13th years old she had a vision of Sts Michael, Catherine and Margaret who told her to drive out the English from France during the 100 year war, , at 16 she convinced two soldiers to take her to King Charles, Charles sent her to war dressed in armor like a soldier her presence boosted the morale of the regular soldiers and they won the battle, some French nobles conspired to hand her over to the English, she was tried as a heretic and burnt alive at the stake, a few years after her death the Pope had an investigation and found that she was innocent and declared her a martyr, feast day May 30th and is the patroness of France and patron saint to soldiers.

**92. Recite the Prayer to St. Michael.**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

**Prayers**

**Sign of the Cross**

**Our Father**

**Angel of God**

**Grace After Meals**

**Morning Offering**

**Act of Contrition**

**Recitation of the Rosary**

**Mass Responses**

**Apostles Creed**

**Act of Faith (short version)**

**Act of Hope (short version)**

**Act of Love (short version)**

**Stations of the Cross**

**Hail Holy Queen**

**Nicene Creed**

**Prayer of St Francis**

**Magnificat**

**Angelus**

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**Come Holy Spirit**  
**Joyful Mysteries**  
**Luminous Mysteries**  
**Glorious Mysteries**  
**Sorrowful Mysteries**

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**R=Review E=Encourage M=Memorize**

**Prayers/Devotions**

**M-Memorize R-Review E-Encourage**

**The Sign of the Cross (M)**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**Hail Mary (M)**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

**Our Father (M)**

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

**Grace Before Meals (M)**

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ Our Lord. Amen

**Grace After Meals (M)**

We give Thee thanks for all Thy gifts, almighty God. You live and reign forever. Amen

**Glory Be (M)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

**Angel of God (M)**

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's (His) love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen



### **The Morning Offering (M)**

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, and for the conversion of all sinners, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. Amen

### **The Apostles Creed (M)**

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; 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 shall 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

### **Act of Contrition (M)**

Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You. I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen

### **Angelus (M)**

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R: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. (Hail Mary)  
P: Behold the handmaid of the Lord  
R: Be it done unto me according to your word. (Hail Mary)  
P: And the Word was made flesh  
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Let us pray: Pour forth we beseech you O Lord Your grace into our hearts. That we to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel may by His passion and cross be brought the glory of His resurrection through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

### **The Most Holy Rosary (E)**

#### **The Five Joyful Mysteries**

(Monday & Saturday)

1. Annunciation
2. Visitation
3. Birth of Jesus
4. Presentation
5. Finding of Jesus in the Temple

### **The Five Luminous Mysteries**

(Thursday)

1. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
2. Jesus' Self-manifestation at the Wedding of Cana
3. Jesus' Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

### **The Five Sorrowful Mysteries**

(Tuesday & Friday)

1. Agony in the Garden
2. Scourging at the Pillar
3. Crowning of Thorns
4. Jesus Carries His Cross
5. Crucifixion

### **The Five Glorious Mysteries**

(Wednesday & Sunday)

1. Resurrection
2. Ascension
3. Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5. Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

### **Hail Holy Queen (E)**

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his Life, Death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that, meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Stations of the Cross (E)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Station: Jesus is condemned to death.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Station: Jesus carries His cross.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Station: Jesus falls the first time.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus meets His mother.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry His cross.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus falls the second time.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
- 9<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus falls a third time.

10<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus' clothes are taken away.

11<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross.

12<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus dies on the cross.

13<sup>th</sup> Station: The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross.

14<sup>th</sup> Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb.

### **Act of Faith (short version) (M)**

Oh my God, I believe in You and in all that You teach through Your Holy Church, because Your Word is true.

### **Act of Hope (short version) (M)**

Oh my God, I hope in You for all the graces that I need for my eternal salvation and for heaven itself, because You are infinitely powerful, good and merciful and because You are faithful to Your word.

### **Act of Love (short version) (M)**

O my God, I love you above all things, because You are infinitely good, and for Your sake I love my neighbor as myself.

### **Nicene Creed (M)**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, **consubstantial**  
with the Father;

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was **incarnate**  
of the Virgin Mary,  
and became a man.

For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried

and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic,  
and apostolic Church.  
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection  
of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.