

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 9

Overview/Purpose

Lord's Day 9, concluding with Lord's Day 10 (question 27), covers the study of God the Father. Question 26 establishes that he is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the creator and sustainer of Heaven and Earth and since we have been adopted as his children on account of Christ he is our father. As the creator and sustainer of the world the following questions are answered:

- Did God create the world?
- How did he create it?
- For what end did he create it?

Method

Following the Trivium, the grammar stage calls for rote memorization. Constant drilling and recitation is absolutely necessary and will require direct parental participation.

Suggested Materials For Parents

See "The Commentary of Dr. Zacharias Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism", pgs 139-146.

Word Definitions

• Believe	• God the Father	• Almighty
• Maker	• Heaven	• Earth
• Eternal Father	• Lord	• Jesus Christ
• Nothing	• Made	• Likewise
• Upholds	• Governs	• Eternal counsel
• Providence	• Sake	• Christ his Son
• God	• Father	• Rely
• Entirely	• Doubt	• Provide
• Necessary	• Soul	• Body
• Evils	• Valley of tears	• Advantage

• Almighty God	• Willing	• Faithful
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Suggested Activities

- Review word definitions
- Marching around the home while chanting the questions and answers
- Memory game to review word definitions and catechism questions
- Spelling test using the words in this catechism lesson
- Memorize key bible verses
- Service projects to reinforce the lessons found in the catechism questions

- Many opportunities for creativity!

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Question 26. What believest thou when thou sayest, "I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

Answer. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (who [a] of nothing made heaven and earth, with all that is in them; who likewise upholds and [b] governs the same by his eternal counsel and providence) is for the sake of Christ his Son, my God and my Father; on whom I rely so entirely, that I have no doubt, but he will provide me with all things necessary [c] for soul and body: and further, that he will make whatever evils he sends upon me, in this valley of tears [d] turn out to my advantage; for he is able to do it, being Almighty [e] God, and willing, being a [f] faithful Father.

[a]: Gen. 1; Gen 2; Psa. 33:6

[b]: Psa. 115:3; Mat. 10:29; Heb. 1:3; John 5:17

[c]: John 1:12,16; Rom. 8:15,16; Gal. 4:5,6; Eph. 1:5; 1John 3:1

[d]: Psa. 55:22; Mat. 6:26

[e]: Rom. 8:28; Rom. 4:21

[f]: Rom. 10:12; Mat. 6:26; Mat. 7:9,10,11