# Lesson 22: Our Heavenly Father

## Memory work

Memorize either the questions and answers or Hymn 63:1

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| 120.Q. Why has Christ commanded us to address God as Our Father? *A. To awaken in us at the very beginning of our prayer*  *that childlike reverence and trust toward God*  *which should be basic to our prayer:*  *God has become our Father through Christ*  *and will much less deny us what we ask of Him in faith*  *than our fathers would refuse us earthly things.* | Hymn 63:1 *Our Father, great in majesty,*  *enthroned in heaven eternally,*  *with childlike trust we seek your face,*  *relying on your love and grace.*  *In faith and reverence we draw near*  *for you, in Christ, our prayer will hear.* |
| 121.Q. Why is there added, in heaven? *A. These words teach us*  *not to think of God’s heavenly majesty in an earthly manner,*  *and to expect from His almighty power*  *all things we need for body and soul.* |  |

## Homework

1.(4) Look up Matthew 7:9-11.

a) What will an earthly father not give to his son? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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b) In what way is your heavenly Father superior to an earthly father? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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c) What do you learn from this about God and yourself praying to God? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2.(2) Are you allowed to call God your Father if you don’t believe in Him? \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3.(2) Does God owe you anything if you don’t trust Him as your Father? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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4.(2) Imagine we were not allowed to call God our Father. How would it make you feel about God?

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(An important question: Muslims figure that God (Allah) is not a father)