

LESSON 16: GOD ALMIGHTY: OUR CREATOR AND OUR FATHER

Memory work

Either memorize the catechism answers below or the first 3 stanzas of the song on the back of this sheet. The melody of the song is that of Psalm 42 in the Book of Praise.

26. *Q. What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?*

*A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them,
and who still upholds and governs them,
is my God and my Father.*

*In Him I trust so completely
that He will provide me
with all I need.*

He is able to do so as almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.

27. *Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?*

*A. His almighty and ever present power;
whereby He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures,
and so governs them that all things,
come to us not by chance but by His fatherly hand.*

Homework

1.(2) How long did it take God to create the whole universe? _____

2.(3) Look at the last line of answer 26 above. Which line of the Lord's Prayer also reminds us of this truth? _____

3.(3) Why is it such a great thing to say that the God of the Bible is your Father?

4. (2) What does it mean to say that God is "Almighty"? _____

I Believe in God the Father

Apostles' Creed Article 1

1. I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, he who made both heaven and earth.
 2. I re-ly on him com-plete-ly as to have no anx-i-ous doubt
 3. God up-holds all of cre-a-tion by his ev-er pre-sent power
 4. We'll be pa-tient in our suf-fering, when we face ad-ver-si-ty

Out of noth-ing he cre-at-ed eve-ry-thing that he called forth.
 that he'll give me all that's need-ful, for my soul and flesh, through-out.
 so that health and al-so sick-ness, rain and drought, and eve-ry flower
 with full trust a-bout the fu-ture, thank-ful in pros-per-i-ty.

By his prov-i-den-tial power he up-holds it eve-ry hour.
 He will turn to my own good all the hard-ship of this world.
 do not come to us by chance but from God's pa-ter-nal hands.
 We will al-ways know the love of our faith-ful God a-bove.

For the sake of Christ my Sav-iour he's my God and lov-ing Fa-ther.
 For he is the God Al-might-y and a Fa-ther who loves ful-ly.
 He's the Lord of earth and heav-en from whom eve-ry gift is giv-en.
 In his hand is all cre-a-tion sub-ject to his good di-rec-tion.