

Children & the Lord's Supper— A Study Guide

Questions to help children
profess their faith and
come to the Lord's Table.

We hope this little booklet¹ is helpful for parents as they nurture the faith of their children.

When parents discern that their child is ready to profess their faith and begin to participate in the Lord's Supper they should arrange to meet with an elder of theirs and the child's choosing. Our church leadership is excited to converse with your child about their faith in an age appropriate way, encourage them, and invite them to begin to participate in the Lord's Supper.

This conversation is often guided by the membership questions (numbered 1-5) that we ask new members when they join the church. These questions have been reworded in child-sized pieces. Scripture references are given along with the questions as helps to the parents in teaching their children about the good news.

¹ This booklet is adapted from Pat Roach's *Children, Church Membership, and the Lord's Supper*.

Church Membership Question:

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope, save in His sovereign mercy?

Questions for Children Coming to the Table

a. What is sin?

(I John 3:4; James 4:17; Jer. 17:9)

b. What does God think of sin?

(Psalm 7:11-12; Eph. 4:18; Rom. 1:18)

c. Are you a sinner?

(Romans 3:23; Psalm 14:3)

d. Can you be God's friend if you are a sinner? (I John 1:5-10)

e. What is mercy? (Eph. 2:4-6)

Church Membership Question:

2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the gospel?

Questions for Children Coming to the Table

a. Who is Jesus Christ? (I John 4:7-10; John 3:16-18; John 1:1, 18; Col. 1:15, 19-20)

b. What does it mean to have faith? (Eph. 2:8-9; John 20:30-31; Gal. 2:16)

c. Did Jesus die and rise again from the dead for you? (Romans 4:25; 5:8)

Church Membership Question:

3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Questions for Children Coming to the Table

a. What is a Christian? (I John 3:1; Rom. 8:15-17; I Cor. 3:23; Gal. 3:28-29)

b. How do Christians learn what makes God happy? (John 4:24; Psalm 119:105; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

c. Do you promise to live like a Christian?

Church Membership Question:

4. *Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?*

Questions for Children Coming to the Table

a. Why do you come to church on Sunday?
(Eph. 5:19-21; I Cor. 16:2; Heb. 13:7)

b. How are we supposed to act when we come together to worship? (Hebrews 12:28)

c. How can you help other people worship God?
(Psalm 92:1-4; Col. 3:16)

d. What are some ways God wants you to support the church? (2 Cor. 9:6-7; Heb 10:24-25)

Church Membership Question:

5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study (i.e. work for) its peace and purity?

Questions for Children Coming to the Table

a. What are the elders in the church supposed to do? (I Peter 5:1-5)

b. Do you promise to pray for the elders and leaders in the church?

c. Do you know why you were baptized as a baby? (Acts 2:38-39; Mark 10:13-16; I Cor. 12:12-13; I Cor. 6:11)

Additional Questions:

Why do we have the Lord's Supper?
(Acts 2:42; I Cor. 10:16)

What does the Lord's Supper remind us of?
(Matt. 26:26-29)

What do the bread and wine represent?
(I Cor. 11:23-26)

Why do you want to take the Lord's Supper? (I Cor 10:16-18)

Moses, describing the Passover celebration, said to the Jewish people:

"You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' you shall say..."