



Mapping Out Your Voyage

Suggested itinerary for a leisurely trip.
Be flexible. Extend weeks as needed!



WEEK/Q & A	SECTIONS/SONGS	DONE
1 Q 1-6	SEC. 1 KNOWLEDGE OF GOD	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Q 7-11	SEC. 2 POWER OF GOD	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Q 12-16	SEC. 3 FALL OF MANKIND	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Q 17-20	SEC. 4 MISERY OF SIN	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Q 21-24	SEC. 5 GIFT OF GOD'S SON	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Q 25-28	SEC. 5 GIFT OF GOD'S SON	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Q 29-33	SEC. 6 WORK OF GOD'S SPIRIT	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Q 34-38	SEC. 6 WORK OF GOD'S SPIRIT	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Q 39-45	SEC. 7 TEN COMMANDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Q 46-51	SEC. 7 TEN COMMANDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 Q 52-57	SEC. 7 TEN COMMANDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 Q 58-63	SEC. 7 TEN COMMANDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 Q 64-69	SEC. 7 TEN COMMANDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 Q 70-72	SEC. 7 TEN COMMANDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 Q 73-76	SEC. 8 SALVATION OF MAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 Q 77-81	SEC. 8 SALVATION OF MAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 Q 82-87	SEC. 9 PICTURES OF GRACE	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Q 88-95	SEC. 10 THE LORD'S PRAYER	<input type="checkbox"/>



THINGS YOUR CHILDREN SAID, ASKED, OR DID ON THE JOURNEY

We'd love to hear your stories at mark@quillpress.org!



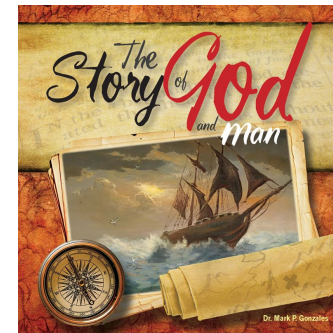
THE STORY OF GOD AND MAN

THE FOUNDATION OF THE FAITH FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

In 1776, children in New England public schools discovered the foundation of the Christian faith by memorizing the Westminster Shorter Catechism that was printed in their first grade reading primer!

Today, the privilege to disciple children falls to parents, churches, and Christian schools through the tools of books, art, and music.

The resource below uses all three tools to help parents and children discover the heart of God and His ways in just **7 minutes a night . . .**



A children's picture book with
**3 Reformation catechisms blended into
95 Q & A's in rhyming verse and 10 songs**

QUICK-START GUIDE INSIDE!

How to Best Use This Resource

A Quick-guide for Parents

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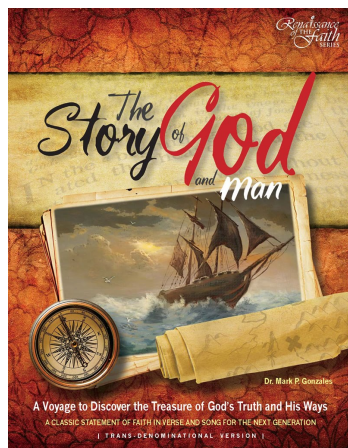
doing the things below, can be a wonderful time of bonding and inspiration for you and your children on this voyage of discovering the heart of God and His ways!

1. Tuck them in.

Make bedtime a warm memory. Read in bed or on the couch. Savor, don't rush this time.

2. Read a section.

This takes about 1 minute. Read it each night for a week. Repetition breeds memorization!



For companion songs,
CLICK "10 Songs"
in first gray box at
markpg.org

3. Offer options.

"Want me to read it again?"
"Want to hear the song with it?"
(Click [10 Songs](#) at markpg.org)
"Ready to read another book?"
Gladly follow their preferences!

4. Enjoy other things.

Read their favorite books.
Ask them about their day.
Tell gentle stories.
Every extra minute is GOLD!

5. Pray with them.

Let them pray their heart first.
Pray blessings over them.

More specifically . . .

1. TUCK THEM IN

There are few things, if any, that can strengthen and protect the heart of your children for a lifetime than creating a tender tradition of tucking them into bed every night. Sending them to bed, especially with an angry or impatient tone is basically saying: "Get out of my hair!" Instead, invest a few golden minutes each night to help them feel totally secure in your love, and God's love, for them. It works. Really.

2. READ A SECTION

If you regularly read a child a picture book for several days, they will memorize it without even trying! If you do so during a tender time with you, and use music with lyrics matching the text, it's even easier. But it cannot be forced or become a chore. It is best to read short sections, and let them yearn for more. Literally just a minute, or sometimes two. Easier on you and on them!

3. OFFER OPTIONS

In the first few days, if you sense they want more, ASK: "Would you like me to read it one more time?" In the middle days, offer to play the matching music (cell phone at markpg.org) as you flip the book pages (lyrics). In latter days, let them sing-along, and/or make a game of reading the questions, then let them answer. However they respond to your offers, gladly honor their preferences.
The goal is to nourish and inspire them, not drill and frustrate them.

4. ENJOY ROUTINES

Routines don't have to be ruts, especially if they are good routines. Creating and keeping good bedtime routines spawn warm security. This book, along with other favorite books and routines will do that.

Brushing hair. Cup of water. Telling stories. Fielding questions. Couch cuddling. Favorite blanket. Fluffy pillows. Cherished stuffy. Comfy jammies. Making sheet tents. Soft lighting. Ceiling stars. Linking arms. Lingering hugs. Gentle kisses. "Nighty night."

5. PRAY WITH THEM

Cuddle, hold hands, or kneel together to talk to God, heart to heart. Let them pray first, however they want, and hear their hearts. Gold! As you pray next, be sure to include prayers of thanksgiving, asking for wisdom, and praying God's deepest blessings upon your child.