



**REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND
COMMITTEE ON THE INSTRUCTION OF THE YOUNG**

**PROGRAMME
OF
LESSONS
FOR
2009**

ANNUAL EXAMINATION, 2009

Written examination papers for Junior, Intermediate and Senior Courses will be provided for an examination to be held on or around Saturday 5th December 2009. The local Session of each congregation is encouraged to mark the exams done by the pupils from the congregation and award prizes accordingly. The Committee will, however, continue to mark any completed papers returned to it before Friday 8th January 2010.

Scripture: Portions selected from the Programme for the Examination will be sent to Sabbath School Superintendents during the year. Lessons for the Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior examinations are published by the Committee. The examination will be based on the Scripture passage and the pupils' worksheet on these lessons.

Psalms: Sabbath Schools may choose to memorise the version of the Psalms which they prefer. The portions defined in this programme are from the *21st Century Edition*.

Catechism: Sabbath Schools may use either of the versions of the Shorter Catechism listed below.

BOOKS

Copies of the undermentioned Prescribed Books can be obtained from the Covenanter Bookshop, 37 Knockbracken Road, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 6SE. Telephone (028) 9081 4110.

"In Remembrance of Me"

The Shorter Catechism, with Comments by Rev. R. Lawson

The Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Lesson books for Teachers and Pupils are obtainable, while supplies last. Illustrated versions of the Psalms for Beginners, Primaries and Juniors are available.

Lessons for Beginners are published by Go Teach Publications. The adoption of these materials to provide notes for Scripture Lessons does not imply approval of all statements in the materials.

Further information about courses etc. can be obtained from the Convenor,
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**ADULT BIBLE CLASS
NO AGE LIMIT**

SCRIPTURE:

PROJECT TITLE: Members of Bible Classes and others of 18 years and over (no age limit) are invited to submit a project on the following:

What Biblical principles guide the Christian's attitude to and use of money?

The project should be approximately 2000 words in length.
It should reach the Convener by 31st December 2009.

The Committee will arrange to have it read and considered and it will be returned with the reader's comments.

BEGINNERS A

Under 5 years on 1st July 2009

Psalms: 100A

Child's Catechism: 16-29 (Historical)

Lessons: See under Beginners B

BEGINNERS B

Under 7 years on 1st July 2009

Psalms: 100A, 121A

Child's Catechism: 16-29 (Historical)

Memory Verse: John 3:3

Lessons: Handbook "Go Teach" Beginners Books January – December 2009

For programme of lessons and Scripture passages see list in Go Teach material.

PRIMARY COURSE
Under 10 on 1st July 2009

Psalms: 25: 3-8; 34: 5-8; 122

Child's Catechism: 1-46 (Doctrine)

Memory Verses: Isaiah 53:6; John 10:11

Lessons - Primary Book 3

Theme - Worshipping our Heavenly Father

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| 1 | Talking with God – Daniel | Daniel 6 |
| 2 | Asking God for all things – Hannah | 1 Samuel 1: 9-28 |
| 3 | Praying for others – Moses | Numbers 14:11-21 |
| 4 | Listening to God's Word – Samuel and Eli | 1 Samuel 3 |
| 5 | Singing to the Lord | 2 Samuel 22 |
| 6 | Asking for forgiveness – David | 2 Samuel 12:1-24 |
| 7 | Giving our best to God – Solomon builds the Temple | 2 Chronicles 2: 1-10; 6:1-21; 7:1-22 |
| 8 | Serving God – Gideon | Judges 6:11-16; 7:2-23 |
| 9 | Leading others to do right – Josiah | 2 Chronicles 34 |
| 10 | Doing hard work for God – Nehemiah | Nehemiah 4 |

Theme - Telling others about God's Son

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| 11 | Jesus shows His love | Matthew 27: 26-53 |
| 12 | A glad story to tell | Luke 24: 33-48; Acts 1: 6-9 |
| 13 | Power to tell about Jesus | Acts 2:1-24, 36-41 |
| 14 | Using that power | Acts 3:1-10 |
| 15 | Teaching a message of joy | Acts 8: 26-40 |
| 16 | Answering God's call | Acts 9:1-29 |
| 17 | Praying for God's messengers | Acts 12:1-19 |
| 18 | Answering the call for help | Acts 16 |
| 19 | God's messengers are not discouraged | Acts 17:16-34 |
| 20 | God's messengers trust in His promise | Acts 27 |

Theme - Learning to please God

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| 21 | Thinking of others first – Abraham and Lot | Genesis 13 |
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| 22 | Forgiving one another – Joseph and his brothers | Genesis 37:17-28; 45:1-15 |
| 23 | Honouring God and my family – Ruth and Naomi | Ruth 1; 2:1-3,8-12; 4:13 |
| 24 | Returning good for evil – David and Saul | 1 Samuel 24:1-13; 26: 6-12 |
| 25 | Loving God above all – The Widow's Gift | Luke 21:1-4 |
| 26 | Rejoicing in the Lord's Day – Plucking grain | Matthew 12:1-15 |
| 27 | Loving others – the Good Samaritan | Luke 10: 25-37 |
| 28 | Speaking the truth – Ananias and Sapphira | Acts 5:1-11 |

Theme – Learning to trust God's care

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| 29 | Trusting God to supply my needs – Manna and Quail | Exodus 16:1-18 |
| 30 | Trusting God when I am in trouble – Elisha helps a poor widow | 2 Kings 4:1-7 |
| 31 | Trusting God when I am sad – Elisha at Shunem | 2 Kings 4: 8-37 |
| 32 | Trusting God's care when I am weak – Peter walking on the water | Matthew 14: 22-36 |
| 33 | Trusting God's care to keep us from sin – Peter's denial | Luke 22: 54-62 |
| 34 | Trusting God to guide me – Isaac and Rebekah | Genesis 24 |
| 35 | Trusting God for Salvation – Cornelius' conversion | Acts 10 |
| 36 | Trusting God's care forever – Heaven | John 14:1-4; 16:5-16 |

JUNIOR COURSE

Under 13 years on 1st July 2009

Psalms: 72:14-16; 116: 1-6; 119 part 2^A; 130^A

Shorter Catechism: Questions 13-22

Memory Work: Genesis 3: 6, 15; John 3:16; Romans 6: 23

Lessons - Junior Book 3

Theme - Studies In the Shorter Catechism

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| 1 | How man sinned | Qs. 13, 15 | Genesis 2:15 - 3:7 |
| 2 | What sin means | Q. 14 | Psalm 32 |
| 3 | The tragedy of Samson | Qs.13-16 | Judges 13-16 |

Theme - Studies in the Psalms

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| 4 | A parent's prayer | Psalm 72 |
| 5 | The Psalmist's hope in God | Psalm 130 |
| 6 | Trusting God In times of trouble | Psalm 31 |

Theme - Learning to live for God means

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| 7 | Giving obedience to God | 1 Samuel 13:1-14; 15 |
| 8 | Being concerned about God's honour | 1 Samuel 17 |
| 9 | Not being envious of others | 1 Samuel 18:1-16; 19:1-7 |
| 10 | Waiting for God's timing | 1 Samuel 24 |
| 11 | Listening to good advice | 1 Samuel 25 |
| 12 | Seeking help from God alone | 1 Samuel 28:1-20; 30:1-19 |
| 13 | Showing gratitude for God's mercy | 2 Samuel 9 |
| 14 | Confessing sin and asking God for forgiveness | 2 Samuel 12:1-14 |
| 15 | Listening to God's warnings | 1 Kings 2:1-4; 9:1-9; 10: 22-29; 11:1-13, 26-40 |

Theme - Studies in Joshua

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| 16 | The battle of Ai | Joshua 8:1-29 |
| 17 | God fights for His people | Joshua 10:1-15 |
| 18 | The cities of refuge | Joshua 20 |

Theme - Studies in the Shorter Catechism

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| 19 | The Fall and its consequences | Qs.16-19 | Genesis 3: 8-14 |
| 20 | God's grace to sinful men | Q 20 | Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-16; 17:1-14 |

21 Jesus Christ: Redeemer of God's elect Q 21&22 Luke 1: 26-38

Theme - Studies in the Psalms

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| 22 | A song of thanksgiving | Psalm 116 |
| 23 | Guidance for living a Christian life | Psalm 119:9-16 |
| 24 | Desire to worship | Psalm 84 |

Theme - Working for the enlargement of God's Kingdom means

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| 25 | Going forward in faith | Jeremiah 32:1 -33: 7 |
| 26 | Depending solely on God's Word and Spirit | Acts 8: 5-8,14-17, 26-39 |
| 27 | Obeying God's command | Acts 10 |
| 28 | Sending workers to make His Kingdom grow | Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3 |
| 29 | Being ready to tell the good news in any circumstance | Acts 16 |
| 30 | Continuing to witness even when few appear to be responding | Acts 17 |

Theme - God's people at worship

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| 31 | What is worship? | 2 Chron. 29:30; Neh. 8:1-8; Ps 95; Luke 4:16-21; Acts 2:42 |
| 32 | Who may worship? | Psalm 15; Luke 18: 9-14 |
| 33 | How must we worship? | Hebrews 9:1-15; 10:19-25 |
| 34 | Where do we worship? | Gen 35:2-3; Deut 6: 6-9; Matt. 6:6; Jn 4:20-24; Heb.10:25 |
| 35 | When do we worship? | Exodus 20: 8-10; 29: 38-42; Acts 20: 7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 |
| 36 | Worshipping together | 1 Cor 12; Eph 4:11-16; Heb 10:24-25; 1 Peter 2:1-5 |

INTERMEDIATE COURSE
Under 16 years on 1st July 2009

Psalms: 17: 5-9; 37: 3-6; 46; 126

Shorter Catechism: Questions 82-97

Memory Work: Philippians 4: 13; 2 Corinthians 5:17; James 1: 22

Lessons: Intermediate Course Book 3

Theme - Studies in the Psalms

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| 1 | A plea for justice and protection | Psalm 17:1-9 |
| 2 | Trust in God | Psalm 37: 3-7 |
| 3 | A Safe Stronghold | Psalm 46 |
| 4 | Sowing and reaping | Psalm 12 |

Theme - Studies in the Shorter Catechism

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| 5 | Who can keep the Commandments? Q.82 | Eccles. 7: 20; Romans 7:15-23 |
| 6 | Are all sins equally serious? Q.83 | John 19:11 |
| 7 | What does every sin deserve? Q.84 | Matt. 25:41; Galatians 3:10 |

Theme - Studies in the Minor Prophets

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| 8 | People with one-track minds | Amos 8 |
| 9 | God, give me peace | Micah 4, 5 |
| 10 | People who question God's justice | Habakkuk |
| 11 | People who are opposed to God | Obadiah |
| 12 | God, help me to shine | Zechariah 4 |
| 13 | People who steal from God | Malachi 3:1-12 |

Theme - Studies in the Shorter Catechism

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| 14 | God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ Q85&86 | John 3:16; Acts 20: 21; Ephesians 2: 8-9 |
| 15 | What is repentance unto life? Q.87 | Luke 18: 10-14; 2 Cor. 7:9-11 |
| 16 | God's means of blessing Q.88 | Acts 2: 42 |

Theme - Life in Christ's Kingdom

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| 17 | Putting faith into practice | James 1:19-2:26 |
| 18 | Growing to maturity | Ephesians 4:11 - 5: 2 |

Theme - Studies in the Shorter Catechism

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| 19 | The Word of God used in the salvation of sinners Q. 89 | Psalm 19: 7-8; Hebrews 4:12 2 Timothy 3:15-17 |
| 20 | How the Word is to be read and heard Q. 90 | Psalm 119:11,18 |
| 21 | The Sacraments Q 91-93 | Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 |

Theme - Studies in the Poetical Books

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| 22 | A child of God suffers | Job (selections) |
| 23 | Day-to-day decisions | Proverbs (selections) |
| 24 | In search of true happiness | Ecclesiastes (selections) |

Theme - Studies in the Shorter Catechism

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| 25 | Baptism Qs. 94, 95 | Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38-39; Acts 8: 34-38; Galatians 3:29 |
| 26 | The Lord's Supper Q.96 | Luke 22:19,20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26 |
| 27 | The requirements for the worthy receiving of The Lord's Supper Q.97 | 1 Corinthians 5: 8; 11:28-29; 2 Corinthians 13: 5 |

Theme - Christ the King extends His rule

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| 28 | The coming of the Holy Spirit | Acts 1:1-14; 2:1-21 |
| 29 | Sin in the Church | Acts 4:31 - 5:11 |
| 30 | Practical problems | Acts 6: 1-7 |
| 31 | A false profession | Acts 8: 1-25 |
| 32 | The conversion of Saul | Acts 9: 1-31 |
| 33 | The Church is opened to the Gentiles | Acts 10 |
| 34 | The Church sends out missionaries | Acts 13: 1-12 |
| 35 | Salvation through Christ alone | Acts 13: 13-41 |
| 36 | God brings good out of evil | Acts 16: 16-40 |

SENIOR COURSE
Under 19 years on 1st July 2009

Psalm: 90 (see lesson 8 for comment)

Shorter Catechism: Questions 53-66 (edition by Roderick Lawson recommended)

In Remembrance of Me: Chapters 5 and 6

Lessons - Senior Book 3

Theme - Studies in the Shorter Catechism

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| 1 | The Third Commandment (1) - Qs. 53, 54 | Leviticus 19:12; Psalm 29: 2; Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 |
| 2 | The Third Commandment (2) - Qs. 55, 56 | Lev. 24:10-16; 2 Sam 12:9-14; Malachi 1: 6-8,12-14 |
| 3 | The Fourth Commandment (1) - Qs. 57, 58 | Exodus 20:8-11; 31:13-17 Deut. 5:12-15; Genesis 2:2,3 |
| 4 | The Fourth Commandment (2) - Qs. 59, 60 | Lev 23:3; Neh 13:15-22; Isaiah 58:13, 14; Mark 2: 23-28; Acts 20: 7; 1 Corinthians 16:1,2 |
| 5 | The Fourth Commandment (3) - Qs. 61,62 | Ex 31:12,17; Isaiah 58:12-14; Ezekiel 20: 12, 20 Heb. 4: 4-11 |
| 6 | The Fifth Commandment (1) - Qs. 63, 64 | Exodus 20: 12; Col. 3: 18-4:1; Romans 12:10; 13:1-7 |
| 7 | The Fifth Commandment (2) - Qs. 65, 66 | Ephesians 5:21-25; 6:1-9 Malachi 1:6; Matthew 15: 1-9 |

Theme - Studies in the Psalms

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| 8 | God's eternity and man's frailty | Psalm 90; Genesis 3: 8-19; Numbers 13: 26-33; 14: 26-35 |
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Theme - Basic truths

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| 9 | Does God really exist? | Psalm 53; Romans 1:16-32 |
| 10 | God has spoken | Psalm 19 |
| 11 | God's Word without error | 2 Timothy 3:14-17 |
| 12 | Scripture and science | Genesis 1 and 2 |
| 13 | What is sin? | Genesis 2: 4 - 3: 6 |
| 14 | The wages of sin | Genesis 3 |
| 15 | Man as he really is | Genesis 4:1 - 6: 8 |
| 16 | The call of God | Genesis 12:1-9 |

17 Salvation by grace through faith Genesis 22:1-14

Theme - Worshipping God

- 18 The meaning of worship Psalm 92:1,2; Psalms 95; 96;
Genesis 12: 7,8; 28:10-22;
Exodus 3: 1-5; 33:7-10
- 19 The marks of a true worshipper Matthew 15: 9; John 4: 24;
Philippians 3: 3; Col. 2: 23
- 20 The place of the Word of God in worship Nehemiah 8:1-12
- 21 The Spirit's work in worship Rom 8: 26,27; 1 Cor. 2:10-14;
1 Corinthians 3:16,17; 12:4-11
- 22 The principal elements of worship Acts 2: 41-47
- 23 Preaching and its purpose Acts 13:13-52
- 24 Praying together Acts 4: 23-31
- 25 Praising God Psalm 98; Luke 17:11-19;
Ephesians 1:3-14; 5:19,20
- 26 The offering 1 Corinthians 16:1-4;
2 Corinthians 8 and 9
- 27 The symbolism of baptism Romans 6: 1-7; Col 2: 8-15
- 28 Coming to the Lord's Table
(Ch 5 In Remembrance of Me) 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Theme - Coming to terms with the world

- 29 The state of the world Gen 1:26-31; 3:17-19, 23, 24
- 30 Who rules the world? Colossians 1: 9-20
- 31 Resident aliens Hebrews 11:8-16; 13:14-16
- 32 Citizens of Heaven Philippians 3:12-21
- 33 Lighting the world Matthew 5:14-16
- 34 Salting the world Matthew 5:13
- 35 Putting first things first Deuteronomy 6: 4-9; 10:12, 13;
Matthew 22: 34-40
- 36 The other priority Deut. 22:1-4; Lev 19:11-18;
Matt. 22: 34-40; Rom. 13: 8-10;
1 Cor 13; 1 John 4:19-21