

## **High Desert URC – Heidelberg Catechism Supplement**

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\* Read each Heidelberg question and answer before discussing them according to the prompts below.

### **I. Question and Answer 119**

Make sure your kids (parents too!) have the Lord's Prayer memorized "word perfect." Have each person in the family recite the prayer out loud. Also, take the opportunity to teach your kids that the Lord's Prayer closes the prayer time in the worship service. Talk to them about being fully attentive to the words of the prayer during this time.

### **II. Question and Answer 120**

In this question and answer explain to your kids what "childlike reverence" is. It reflects a simple, trusting faith in God that does not presume that God is like a "buddy" or friend on our level. No, God is holy yet is our Father in heaven whom we can approach through faith in Christ. Also, read Luke 11:1-13 where Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer and how we should expect good things from God when they accord with his will. How do we know his will? The Scriptures teach this will throughout.

### **III. Question and Answer 121**

First, explain to the kids what it means not to have "earthly thoughts of the heavenly majesty of God." Earthly thoughts refer to the imputation of human ideas to God. That is, it is natural to think about God being like people who are emotional and lacking in knowledge and power. Teach them that God is perfectly holy and other; that his thoughts are not our thoughts (Isaiah 55:8,9). Also read to them Jeremiah 23:23-24 and Acts 17:24-27 that highlight the otherness of God.

Second, explain to the kids that we can be bold in our prayers as they are consistent with the will of God. Go back to Luke 11 and help them to see how Jesus himself teaches to be bold and persistent in prayer. Also, read to them Luke 18:1-8, which reiterates this point in a parable. Finally, read to them Matthew 6:19-34 that speaks of how God provides for all our needs. Nevertheless, this text should be understood to mean that God provides for these things ordinarily for he may bring suffering upon his people through the lack of needs. But we will never lose our treasures in heaven, which is our true and ultimate need.