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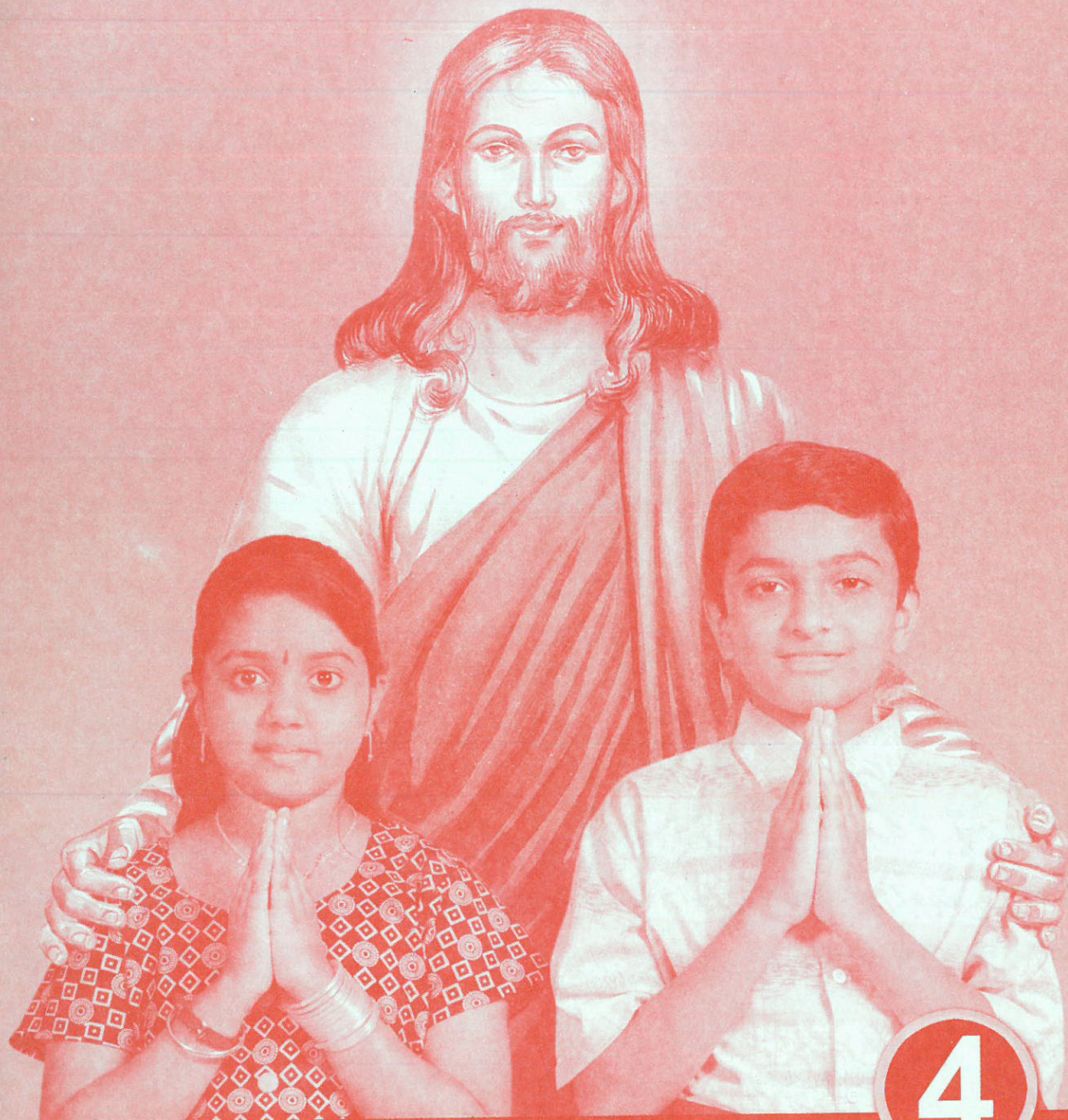
CATECHISM  
OF THE  
MALANKARA  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH



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# GLORY TO THE MERCIFUL GOD



MALANKARA CATHOLIC CATECHISM

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## Lesson 1 GLORY TO THE MERCIFUL GOD

I. Our people is known after the name of our father. We committed many sins for which God punished us. But at the same, He showed us His mercy. Moses and the prophets were our teachers. The heavenly Father has sent His only Son to us to save us. Who, then, are we?

### II. Write down about the works of the public life of Jesus

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....

### III. Fill in the blanks

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the community God chose.
2. The greatest proof of God's love and mercy was \_\_\_\_\_
3. The fact that Jesus offered Himself on the Cross on Calvary is the best expression of His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. Write down the answer

1. What is the Salvation History?
2. How did God express His love and mercy towards mankind?



## Lesson 2 THE CALL OF ABRAHAM

I. Fill in the upper columns with words using the numbers given in the lower

D = 1      H = 6      N = 11      G = 16  
 F = 2      P = 7      R = 12      M = 17  
 T = 3      L = 8      O = 13      W = 18  
 E = 4      U = 9      I = 14      Y = 19  
 B = 5      A = 10      S = 15      N' = 20

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7	12	14	1	4

II. Fill in the blanks

- God called Abraham when he was residing in a place called—  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the father of Abraham.
- God led Abraham and his descendents from Haran to—  
\_\_\_\_\_

III. Write down the answer

- What were the experiences of those who set out to build the tower of Babel?
- Why did God call Abraham?
- What were the promises God made to Abraham?

## Lesson 3 THE DELIVERANCE FROM EGYPT

I. Mark the following statements right  or wrong

1.	God appointed Aaron to help Moses	
2.	God sent 15 torments on the Egyptians	
3.	Jacob was known as 'Israel'.	
4.	When Moses raised the rod over the waters, the ocean did not retreat on either side.	
5.	God appointed Moses as the leader of the Israelites.	
6.	The Egyptian kings were known as emperors.	

II. Write one-word answer

- Who is Moses' brother?
- How many torments did God send to the Egyptians?
- Whom did God appoint to help Moses?

III. Write down the answer

- What was the reason why the descendants of Jacob were known as the people of Israel?
- What was the promise God gave to the Israelites?
- Why did Pharaoh decide to release the Israelites?
- How did God save the Israelites from Egypt?
- How did God protect the Israelites in the desert?



## Lesson 4 THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

### I. Write down the 10 Commandments in their proper order

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Fill in the blanks

1. God gave the Ten Commandments to the Israelites on Mount \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ were to confirm the Israelites as the people of God.
3. The core of the first Commandment is \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Write down the answer

1. Which was the day of the Lord in the Old Testament?
2. Why were the Ten Commandments given?
3. What was the covenant God made with the Israelites on Mount Sinai?

## Lesson 5 WORSHIPPING THE CALF

### I. Fill in the columns

1. Israel became the people of God through the covenant of \_\_\_\_\_
2. They accepted Yahweh as their \_\_\_\_\_
3. Moses was on the mountain for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
4. Moses went up to the mountain to the presence of God after entrusting the care of the Israelites to \_\_\_\_\_
5. God wrote His \_\_\_\_\_ on two stone slabs and entrusted to Moses.
6. The Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ descended on Mount Sinai.
7. God set free the Israelites from the land of \_\_\_\_\_

1	I								
2		D							
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### II. Fill in the blanks

1. Moses came down to the Israelites with the 10 Commandments from Mount \_\_\_\_\_
2. Through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Sinai Israel became the people of Yahweh.
3. The wrath of God blazed on the Israelites since they consecrated the \_\_\_\_\_ in the place of God.

### III. Write down the answer

1. How did the Israelites show infidelity to God?
2. How did God dissuade the cruel punishment from the people?



**Lesson 6**

**THE PROMISED LAND**

**I. Match the following from the box**

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Sinai.....  | Successor, Joshua |
| 2. Canaan..... | Mountain          |
| 3. King.....   | Judge             |
| 4. Samuel..... | The promised Land |
| 5. Moses'..... | Saul.             |

**II. Fill in the blanks**

- Under the leadership of Joshua, the successor of Moses, the Israelites entered into \_\_\_\_\_
- In order to protect the tribes of Israel, God appointed the \_\_\_\_\_ after the death of Joshua.

**III. Write one word answer**

- Who was the last Judge of Israel?
- Who was the first king of Israel?
- Through whom did God promise the Messiah?

**IV. Write down the answer**

- What was the duty of the Judges?
- Why did the people demand a king from Samuel?
- What was the duty of the Prophets?

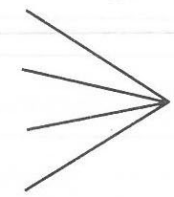


**Lesson 7**

**THE COMING OF THE SAVIOUR**

**I. Choose the right word from the column on the right side and write**

- The poor.....
- The captives.....
- The blind.....
- The oppressed.....



Jesus  
Said

- |             |
|-------------|
| punishments |
| release     |
| sight       |
| mercy       |
| Good News   |
| Freedom     |

**II. Write one word answer**

- What is the meaning of the word 'Emmanuel'?
- In which genealogy was Messiah, the saviour, born?
- By which name was Jesus called?
- From whom did Jesus receive Baptism?

**III. Fill in the blanks**

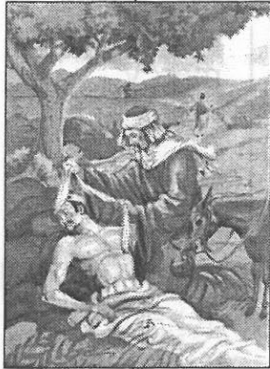
- Jesus received baptism in the river \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the native place of Jesus.
- The first parents, disobeying \_\_\_\_\_ sinned.

**IV. Write down the answer**

- How did mankind receive the love and mercy of God, the Father through Jesus?
- How did God, the Father bear witness to Jesus at the time of His baptism?
- What did Isaiah prophesy about the coming of the Son of God?

# THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMANDMENT

## I. Describe the picture depicted



## II. Write one word answer

1. Who among the three acted as neighbour to the man caught by the robbers?
2. Which is the first and the most important Commandment?

## III. Explain the context

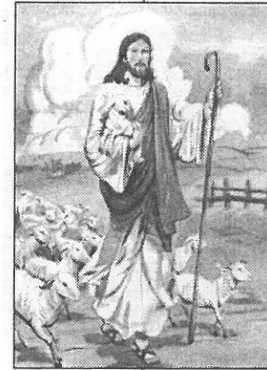
"You shall love \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself".

## IV Write down the answer

1. What is the parable Jesus told in answer to the question of the lawyer?
2. What does Jesus say about 'Love'?
3. How did the Samaritan save the man caught by the robbers?

# JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## I. Describe the picture depicted



## II. Write down the biblical passages

1. Jn. 10:14-16
2. Lk. 15:7.
3. Mtt. 9:12-13.

## III. Write down the answer

1. What does the parable 'Good Shepherd' Jesus said, mean?
2. Why did God send His only Begotten Son to the world?



## Lesson 10

# THE CONVERSION OF ZACHAEUS

### I. Complete the conversation; Find out the Bible passage (Lk. 19:1- 10)

Jesus Said :

Zachaeus said :

Jesus said :



### II. Write one word answer

1. What is the name of the tree Zachaeus climbed up in order to see Jesus?
2. What was the profession of Zachaeus?
3. What is the meaning of the name 'Zachaeus'?

### III. Fill in the blanks

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was one, who was collecting tax from the people for the Roman rulers.
2. Zachaeus lived in the city of \_\_\_\_\_
3. Zachaeus, who led a sinful life, from the time he decided to see \_\_\_\_\_ was in the path of \_\_\_\_\_

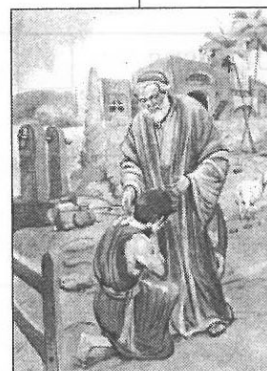
### IV. Write down the answer

1. What was the chief message of Jesus?
2. What was the reason why the people did not like Zachaeus?
3. What change did occur in Zachaeus after meeting with Jesus?

## Lesson 11

# THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

### I. Describe the picture depicted



### II. Explain with reference to the context

1. “ This son of mine was dead; and is alive again; he was lost; and is found”.
2. “ Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son”.

### III. Write down the answer

1. Which is the parable Jesus told to show the merciful love of God, the Father to the sinners?
2. How is the approach of God towards repentant sinners?
3. How did the father welcome the prodigal son when he returned home?



I. Mark the propositions right  or wrong 

1. Once, Simon, the tax collector invited Jesus to dine with him.
2. The sinner woman stood weeping at the feet of Jesus.
3. Jesus did not absolve the sins of the sinner woman.
4. Four people brought a paralytic to be cured.
5. The paralytic was brought in through the door.
6. "Rise, take up your bed and go home" said Jesus.

## II. Combine according to their relationship

1. Simon - ointment
2. Sinner woman - carried his bed and walked
3. The paralytic - the Pharisee

## III. Write down the answer

1. At which place did Jesus cure the paralytic?
2. How did the sinner woman wash the feet of Jesus?
3. Why did Jesus absolve the sins of the sinner woman?
4. How did Jesus cure the paralytic?
5. What should be our attitude when we confess sins?



## I. Find out the Bible passage and write down the same

1. Jn. 6:35

2. Jn. 6:58-59

## II. Fill in the blanks

1. Just as bread is necessary for the body the \_\_\_\_\_ too needs food.
2. Those who partake of the body and blood of Jesus live in Jesus and Jesus in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Through receiving Holy Eucharist, we associate with \_\_\_\_\_.

## III. Write down the answer

1. Why did Jesus come to the world?
2. What did Jesus say about obtaining eternal life?
3. What should we do to obtain eternal life?
4. How do we get the body and blood of Jesus?
5. Describe how Jesus multiplied the loaves of bread.



I. Mark right  as what Jesus did at the Last Supper and wrong  as what He did not do.

1. He cured the paralytic.
2. He fed the five thousand people with five loaves of bread.
3. He removed the outer garment and girded a towel on His waist.
4. He drove away devils.
5. He took water in a basin.
6. He went to Golgotha carrying the Cross.
7. He washed the feet of the apostles.
8. He wiped with the towel.
9. He received baptism from John the Baptist.
10. He put on the outer garment and sat in his place.
11. He took the bread and blessed.
12. He resurrected.
13. He took the cup and gave thanks.
14. He raised to life Lazarus.
15. He instituted the Holy Eucharist.

## II. Write down the answer

1. How did Jesus show the apostles the great example of love?
2. What did Jesus say taking the bread and wine in His hands?
3. What does the breaking of the bread and giving the same to the apostles, mean?

I. Choose the right word given in brackets and write

1. From which Syriac word does 'Kudasa' come from? ('Amen', Kurie-eleison, 'Kadesh')
2. Which is the Sacrament that unites one through the Holy Spirit to Jesus and to the Church, His body? (Baptism, Holy Orders, Matrimony)
3. Which is the sacrament that confirms a man in faith, makes him a perfect Christian and a soldier of Christ? (Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance)
4. Which is the sacrament in which one confesses one's sins? (Penance, Holy Eucharist, Anointing the Sick)
5. Which is the Sacrament, which commemorates the whole salvation history? (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Matrimony)
6. The Sacrament administered for relief in sickness? (Baptism, Penance, Anointing the Sick)
7. The Sacrament through which God consecrates one for the Service of the Priesthood? (Confirmation, Baptism, Holy Orders)
8. The Sacrament through which God unites a grown up man and woman when they enter into family life? (Holy Orders, Matrimony, Anointing the Sick)

## II. Write down the answer

1. What is a Sacrament?
2. How many Sacraments are there? Which are they?
3. Why is Sacrament called a mystery?
4. 'Sacrament sanctifies', explain.



# THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION



**1. Mark the following propositions right  or wrong**

1. When one receives the Sacrament of the Anointing the Sick, he receives Baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist as well.
2. The meaning of the Syriac word 'Mamodiso' is Baptism.
3. A child is born in the state of grace.
4. Baptism is received several times in one's life.
5. Another name for the unction with Myron is 'Confirmation'.
6. The Sacrament of Confirmation makes an indelible seal in the recipient.
7. The grace, one receives through Baptism and Confirmation is completed through receiving the Holy Eucharist.

**II. Write down the answer**

1. What is the manner of administering Baptism at present?
2. What is the chief service of the Sacrament of Confirmation?
3. What is the reason why in the Syro-Malankara Church, the first three Sacraments are administered simultaneously?
4. How many are the Sacraments of Initiation? Which are they?
5. What is Original Sin?

**I. Find out and write down virtues and vices in separate columns**

Lie, love, theft, humility, endurance, disobedience, patience, piety, prayer, insult, harm, using foul language, pride, self-restraint, fooling, enthusiasm, laziness.

Virtues	Vices

**II. Fill in the blanks**

1. The descendants of the first parents transgressed \_\_\_\_\_ and lived in vices.
2. The rejection of love is \_\_\_\_\_
3. The summary of the 10 Commandments is \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is the Sacrament for the remission of sin.

**III. Write down the answer**

1. What are the losses incurred by the soul of a person on account of sin?
2. When do we receive absolution from our sins?
3. What is meant by sin?
4. What is the difference between original sin and actual sin?
5. Explain venial sin and mortal sin.

# MY RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

## I. Write down the following biblical lesson

I Cor. 11:23-26 :

## II. Write down the answer

1. When does Jesus come into us for the first time after reaching the age of reason?
2. What does the white dress we wear on the occasion of receiving the First Holy Communion signify?
3. What does the Holy Qurbano mean?
4. How many are the elements of a perfect worship? Which are they?
5. Why is the Holy Eucharist called the “burning coal”?
6. What does the reception of the Holy Eucharist signify?



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