



Preteens are:

- developing concepts of love and trust
- hearing their conscience
- developing a value system
- forming concepts of personal worth
- seeking spiritual answers
- making many choices but may not follow through on long-term commitments
- feeling deeply about their own experiences
- beginning to adopt a religious belief system of their own

GOD

- God is holy and perfect.
- God, the Creator, is to be worshiped, not His creations.
- God is omnipresent—He is everywhere at all times.
- God hears people's prayers and communicates with them.
- God has concern and care for all people no matter their status, race, or ethnicity.
- God loves and values people around the world no matter their status, race, or ethnicity.
- God proved His unconditional love for people through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- God expects people to worship Him with all their hearts, souls, minds, and strength.
- God deserves respect, obedience, and honor. God wants us to live for His glory.

JESUS

- Jesus was born of a virgin.
- God planned for Jesus to be the Savior from the beginning of time and sent Jesus to earth at the perfect time.
- Jesus is fully God and fully man who came to earth in human form.
- Jesus taught that worship is for God's glory.
- Jesus taught that He is the only way to God.
- Jesus performed miracles because He is God's Son.
- Jesus transformed people through His love.
- Jesus' crucifixion, burial, and resurrection were a necessary part of God's plan for the forgiveness of sin.
- God sent Jesus to fulfill His promise of redemption.
- Jesus is holy and perfect.
- Jesus sits at God's right hand and intercedes for us as our advocate, mediator, and high priest. When Jesus returns, all things will be made new.

HOLY SPIRIT

- The Trinity is eternal, holy, and perfect.
- The Holy Spirit is given to a person when he trusts Jesus as his Savior and Lord.
- God sent the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter.
- The Holy Spirit is eternal and active. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us.
- The Holy Spirit empowers Christians to tell others about Jesus and God's plan of salvation.
- The Holy Spirit inspired and guided people to write the Bible.
- The Holy Spirit pursues and convicts people of sin.

BIBLE

- The truths in the Bible are without error and will last forever.
- The Bible is God's message about Himself and His salvation plan through Jesus.
- The Bible is the only inspired, written Word of God.
- The Bible teaches that salvation through Jesus is God's gift of forgiveness.
- The Bible teaches how to live a Christian life by following Jesus.

SALVATION

- God had a plan for salvation before the beginning of time.
- Jesus willingly died to provide salvation. Jesus' death and resurrection make salvation possible.
- The punishment for sin is eternal death and hell.
- People cannot save themselves. Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins, redeeming and rescuing us from sin and death.
- God's salvation is eternal. Nothing can separate Christians from God's love.
- A growing relationship with Jesus is important and necessary. A Christian experiences joy when he recognizes God is working in his life and in the lives of others.

CREATION

- Creation can be credited only to God.
- God created people in His image.
- God's world is orderly, following God's purpose.
- God gives people the responsibility to care for His creation.
- God is still at work in His creation, cares what happens in it, and is working out His plan through it.
- God wants people to praise Him for His creation.
- God restores our relationship with Him when we trust Jesus as Savior and Lord. Our response is worship.

CHURCH

- The church is a fellowship of believers who meet together to worship and serve God. Churches today are part of the movement Jesus and His followers began.
- God calls church leaders to train believers to do be disciples and follow in the ways of Jesus.
- God uses the church to meet people's needs as an expression of His love.
- Churches gather together to worship and respond to God.
- God wants people to be good stewards of their money, time, talents, and possessions.
- Communion is a way to remind people about what Jesus did. Christians participate in Communion to remember Jesus' death.
- Baptism is a symbol of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. Christians are baptized to show they have trusted in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

PEOPLE

- Life is a gift from God.
- God loves me so I can appreciate my value.
- People are responsible for their choices and any consequences for their actions.
- God will help Christians know and use their spiritual gifts.
- God wants people to communicate with Him and study the Bible daily.
- People can take deliberate actions to grow in Christlikeness.
- People are accountable to God for the way they treat other people.
- People can live with joy regardless of their circumstances.
- God has a plan for each person to understand and follow.
- People can acknowledge and follow God's authority in their life.
- Because a person's body is God's temple, God wants us to honor Him with our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- God commands people to obey Him. People can trust that He will help them resist temptation and give them self control.
- Because of Jesus' death on the cross, we can seek forgiveness from Him and others and restore broken relationships.
- God expects people to remain pure in all aspects of life with their bodies, thoughts, attitudes, actions, and speech.
- God gives each believer one or more spiritual gifts to do His work. God provides resources and other believers to help disciples grow in their faith.

FAMILY

- God's plan for mothers and fathers is to teach their children about God. Parents are examples of how God is our heavenly Father.
- God's plan is for all family members to work together so that God is honored by their family.
- God expects children to honor Him in the way they honor their parents.
- God wants families to worship together to help them grow stronger in their faith.
- In a wedding ceremony, a man and a woman make promises to God, to each other, and to all those present to be committed to each other through good and bad times.
- God loves families even when family members sin. God is always ready to forgive.

COMMUNITY & WORLD

- Even before they are born, people are special to God.
- God works through people to do work in their communities and world.
- All Christians are called to be on mission with God.
- People can pray for specific needs of others.
- God tells me to connect with others and show them His love.
- Missionaries are Christians called by God to tell another group of people the good news about Jesus.