

*"There ought to be a common formula of instruction for little children and ignorant people that serves to make them familiar with sound doctrine ..... **The church of God will never be preserved without catechesis**"*

*( A letter to english government from John Calvin, 1548 )*

*As we cannot but with grief of soul lament those multitudes of errors, blasphemies, and all kinds of profaneness, which have in this last age, like a mighty deluge, overflowed this nation; so, among several other sins which have helped to open the floodgates of all these impieties, **we cannot but esteem the disuse of family instruction one of the greatest.***

*(Westminster Confession of Faith to heads of families, 1646)*

*"A treasury of prayers laid up for our children may stand them in better stead than thousands of gold and silver laid up for them."*

*(From The Miscellaneous Works of Matthew Henry)*

*"Therefore dear brothers, for God's sake I beg all of you who are pastors and preachers to devote yourselves sincerely to the duties of your office, that you feel compassion for the people entrusted to your care, and **that you help us accordingly to inculcate this catechism in the people, especially the young.**"*

*(Martin Luther from his Small Catechism)*

*And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

*(Deuteronomy 6:6-7 ESV)*

*You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

*(Deuteronomy 11:18-19 ESV)*

*We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;*

*(Psalm 78:4-7 ESV)*

*One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.*

*On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate."*

*(Psalm 145:4-6 ESV)*