

Pastor's Use Only:  
Memory Work Finished: \_\_\_\_  
Lesson Finished: \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Comprehension Exercise*  
*Lesson #3*

**I. Cram the Memorization into your brain**

- A. Write (or type) the memory work out
- B. Say it out loud
- C. Erase or white out one word
- D. Go back to step B, and repeat until the whole thing is gone
- E. Do something else for 10+ minutes
- F. Say it to yourself to make sure you know it
- G. Review before Confirmation class or Sunday School. I will be available 10 minutes before class Wednesday to hear recitations or to watch you write it.

**II. Did you do a Secret Service yet this month? If not, plan one now!**



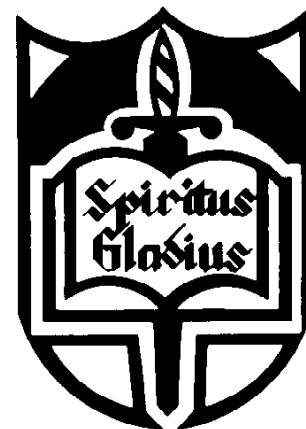
**III. Defining Terms**

Define the following terms from the memorization:

- A. "My Father will give you whatever you ask in my name." (Does this mean that, as long as we say, "In Jesus' name," we get whatever we want?)

**IV. Unsheathe Your Sword!**

- A. Read 1Ki 18:25-29, 36-39
- B. How were the two prayers different?
- C. Why did one work but not the other?
- D. What does this tell us about prayer?
- E. Does God listen to every prayer?



**V. Getting the details**

- A. Define "Prayer"
- B. Why do we pray "In Jesus' name"?
- C. What three ways does God answer prayer?
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- D. Why is it good that He sometimes says "No"?
- E. Write a prayer including the following elements: Address, Praise, Thanksgiving, Confession of Sins, Requests for yourself &/or others (intercession), Closing.

## **VI. Tying it in**

God's Word is like a spider web. All the parts are connected and depend on each other and are related.

### **A. Compare Prayer & the 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed. (Hint: Look at the "What does this mean")**

#### **1. Name 2 things they have in common<sup>1</sup>, and be specific.**

a.

b.

#### **2. How is this *wrong* teaching dangerous to the soul<sup>2</sup>:**

Mary is the perfect Orans (pray-er), a figure of the Church. When we pray to her, we are adhering with her to the plan of the Father, who sends his Son to save all men. Like the beloved disciple we welcome Jesus' mother into our homes, for she has become the mother of all the living. We can pray with and to her.

The prayer of the Church is sustained by the prayer of Mary and united with it in hope.[40] —*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, ¶ 2679

## **VII. What's the Point?**

### **A. Imagine yourself in this situation. Given what you've learned from this lesson, how can you respond?**

A friend says to you, "I prayed to God to make my friend get better, but he died. What's the use? God doesn't answer prayer, anyway."

### **B. What could you say?**

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<sup>1</sup>No answers like, "They both have to do with God."

<sup>2</sup>Hint: Figure out how this would negate "Jesus, true God & true man, took my place on the cross so I can live forever with Him in the heaven & new creation, and I am saved 100% because of what *He* has done for *me*."