

## EXTRA INNINGS



## Follow-Up Resource for Communicants' Class Parents

Date: *Week 1*Lesson: *"Setting the Stage"*Texts: *Genesis 1:1-3:7, Romans 3:23 & 6:23, Ephesians 2:1-3, and others*

## Outline:

- \* *God's decrees of creation and providence.*
- \* *The Fall of mankind*
- \* *The definition of sin*
- \* *An explanation of original sin.*

## Some Possible Follow-Up:

Questions to Ask:

- \* *When has there been a time in your life when it was hard to trust that God was in control?*
- \* *What are some evidences you have seen that show that God is in control? (protection, answered prayer, etc.)*
- \* *Is it easier to see sin in others, or sin in ourselves? Why? You could refer to Matthew 7:3-5 here.*
- \* *And finally, a good question to ask every week: did you finish up the lesson? There will be small homework assignments for each lesson.*

Things to Do:

- \* *Look through the materials on your own. Share your questions with Kevin, 407-647-7774 or burrell@mac.com). Review the materials with your child.*
- \* *Share some of the reality of your own faith this week, by recounting a time when it was hard for YOU to trust in God's sovereignty.*
- \* *Share the reality and awareness of your own sinfulness this week. Often we want to project to our kids that we 'have it all together' and it is hard to admit our sinfulness to the younger members of our family. Perhaps you can share an event in which God convicted you of your own sin.*
- \* *Read Psalm 139 as a family. Consider together why God would care for us in such detail. What does it mean that God is in control of all things?*
- \* *Spend some time in prayer with your kids this week.*

Dear Parents:

*As we go through the Communicants' Class materials, it is our intention to involve you in the process. In fact, it is our conviction that it is ultimately your decision, not ours, regarding your student's readiness for membership. With this in mind, we wanted to provide you with this follow-up resource page to give you an idea of what we're covering in the class, and ways in which we're asking you to continue the dialogue. Each of these pages will contain a few bullet points about what we covered in the lesson, and suggest a few questions and verses for further conversation. We want you to get some 'extra innings' from this material. Please take your role to heart.*

*Our first lesson dealt with the decrees of God, and the total depravity of man, using questions 7-19 of the Shorter Catechism.*

*Feel free to look ahead to the other lessons on the web site: [www.stpaulpca.org/youth](http://www.stpaulpca.org/youth) (look in the parent section). God bless all you do in the lives of your kids.*

*- Kevin and Rob*