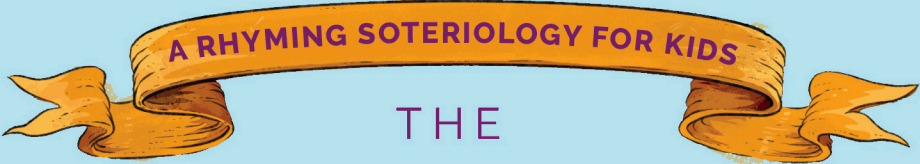


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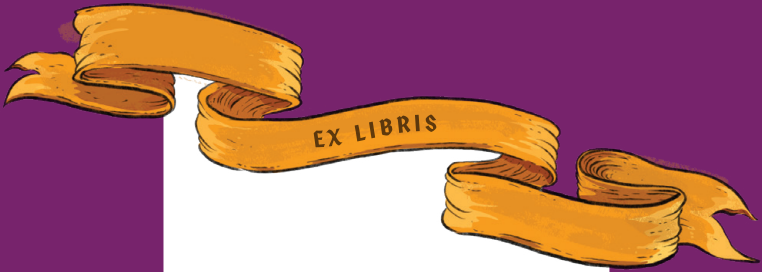
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"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:6-7

The inspiration behind these acrostic books comes from John Calvin, the Genevan Reformer. In 1542, Calvin simplified his Catechism for the Genevan Church (1537) so that children could better understand and memorize the essential truths of the Christian Faith. It was entitled *The French ABCs*.

These acrostic books are not strictly catechetical (questions and answers), but they are written in that same tradition of instruction. As such, they are a means of planting the good seed of God's Word into the hearts of children, so that they might grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus. We hope the new element of an acrostic poem set to rhyme may help the truths about God (theology), Jesus (Christology), salvation (soteriology), and Scripture (Biblical theology) to stick a little bit better. The books may be read in one sitting (either by parent/teacher or child) or they may be used for family devotions, taking one letter per day for families to meditate on, with some accompanying Bible verses.

We are praying that this series will be used by the Spirit to allow children and parents to grow in the knowledge of God and thus to love and trust him more. Enjoy!

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## Dedication

For my godchildren, Jonathan and Adelaide  
(Jonny)

And for the children at Olive Street Presbyterian Church  
(Timothy)

"... from childhood you have been acquainted with  
the sacred writings, which are able to make you  
wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

2 Timothy 3:15

# PROLOGUE

Let's read the acrostic of *salvation*  
For Jesus and his work to be our *foundation*.  
We'll read it, rap it, we will *sing it—it's fun!*  
Till Jesus comes back and his *kingdom has come*.

An acrostic poem uses the *alphabet*  
To teach you God's truth, so you will *not forget*.  
God does this in Scripture, like Psalm *One Nineteen*;  
In Lamentations, he has a *fun rhyme scheme*.  
So, from now on, we'll use the *first letter*  
To help us learn Jesus's *work better*.  
Here's the work of our salvation, from A to Z;  
Jesus Christ died and then was raised to *make us free*.  
Each page has a salvation *word from the Bible*,  
So that we praise him and not *worship an idol*.  
Jesus came to save us from *idolatry*;  
Kids, even you can learn *soteriology!*  
Soteriology studies how God *saves us*  
From the wrath of God and our sin that *enslaves us*.  
So it's not just a bunch of big *words for our head*,  
But how Christ took the curse we *deserve when he bled*.

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# ADOPTION

ADOPTION is being brought into God's *family*;  
We were far from God in sin, along with all *humanity*.  
So without God the Son, then *Satan is our daddy*;  
Like Cain who killed Abel, we were *hating God so badly*.  
Adam was God's son, Israel was as *well*,  
But as disobedient sons they did *rebel*.  
Christ the obedient Son always *loved his Father*;  
By faith in God's Son, we become his *son or daughter*.

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**Romans 8:15** For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

**Galatians 3:26** For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.





# BAPTISM

BAPTISM is a sacrament given by *Jesus*;  
It's a sign or symbol, pointing to how he *cleans us*.  
It's a picture of washing by his *Spirit and his blood*,  
Because our sin left a stain more *serious than mud*.

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**Acts 2:38–39** And Peter said to them, "Repent and **be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins**, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."





# Communion

COMMUNION is being brought very *close to the Lord*,  
By his body and his blood which were *broken and poured*.  
If we trust that he bled when he was *crushed in our stead*,  
We can take the sacrament of the *cup and the bread*.

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**1 Corinthians 10:16** The cup of blessing which we bless, **is it not a communion of the blood of Christ?** The bread which we break, **is it not a communion of the body of Christ?** (ASV)





# DEAD

DEAD in our sins, we were *doomed in our darkness*;  
Inside our hearts was like the *tomb of a carcass*.  
Christ buried our sins when he was *laid in the grave*;  
God raised us up with Jesus, by *grace we are saved*.

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**Ephesians 2:1, 4-6** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins. . . .  
But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which  
he loved us, **even when we were dead in our trespasses**, made  
us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and  
raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places  
in Christ Jesus.

