2025 RECITATION OPTIONS

**Pre-School English Division (ages 3-4)**

The Ten Commandments

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant,

his ox or his donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Early Grammar English Division (ages 5-7)**

Psalm 1 (ESV)

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stands in the way of sinners,

nor sits in the seats of scoffers.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,

and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,

and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Grammar English Division (ages 8-12)**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

 the only-begotten Son of God,

 begotten of His Father before all worlds,

 God of God, Light of Light,

 very God of very God,

 begotten, not made,

 being of one substance with the Father,

 by whom all things were made;

 who for us men and for our salvation

 came down from heaven

 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

 and was made man;

 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

 He suffered and was buried.

 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

 and ascended into heaven

 and sits at the right hand of the Father.

 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

 the Lord and giver of life,

 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

 who spoke by the prophets.

 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

 and I look for the resurrection of the dead

 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Dialectic English Division (ages 13-14)**

Luke 1:26-56 (ESV)

26In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. 28And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” 29But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

30And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

34And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” 35And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. 36And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37For “nothing will be impossible with God.” 38And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

39In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, 40and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit,

42and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

46And Mary said,

 My soul magnifies the Lord,

 47and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

 48for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

 For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

 49for he who is mighty has done great things for me,

 and holy is his name.

 50And his mercy is for those who fear him

 from generation to generation.

 51He has shown strength with his arm;

 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

 52he has brought down the mighty from their thrones

 and exalted those of humble estate;

 53he has filled the hungry with good things,

 and the rich he has sent away empty.

 54He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

 55as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham

and to his offspring forever.”

56And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

**Rhetoric English Division (age 15-18)**

Acts 17:22-31 (ESV)

### Paul Addresses the Areopagus

22So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. 23For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

29Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. 30The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”