

## Lesson 4

Please read paragraphs 185-231 and then answer the following questions:

1. Why do we need a *“common language of faith”*? (# 185)
2. Why are the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed so important? (# 194)
3. Deuteronomy 6: 4-5 (quoted in # 201) reminds us of a truth that the Jewish people firmly believe. So do all Christians. But why would a good and faithful Jew have difficulty embracing the truth affirmed in # 202?
4. Many people today, especially those influenced by New Age ideas, believe that God is an impersonal force or power in the universe. (“The Force be with you!”) Why is this view of God erroneous? How do we know that the Lord is not an impersonal “force”? (# 203)
5. God revealed his name to Moses as Yahweh. What does this name mean, and what does this name tell us about the Lord? (#’s 205-208)
6. Many people who would call themselves “good Christians” seem to think that God’s last name is “dammit”. What could people like this learn from *“the people of Israel”*? (# 209)
7. Some say that the God of the Old Testament is a different God from the one revealed to us in the New Testament. The one in the Old Testament, they will assert, is cold, vengeful and lacking in compassion and mercy. Why is this idea wrong? What does the Catechism teach us about the God of the Old Testament? (#’s 210, 211, 214, 218)
8. What insight does the Catechism give us regarding the root of sin? (#215)
9. The Catechism says that *“believing in God, the only One, and loving him with all our being has enormous consequences for our whole life”*. Five consequences are listed (#’s 223-227). When have you experienced these consequences in your personal life?