

CONFIRMATION LESSON: WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Draw a line between each of the following phrases and its correct phrase in the middle:

Graduation.		Saying, "I believe in Jesus."
Necessary to be saved.	Confirmation Is...	Part of the faith learning process.
Commanded in the Bible.		A one-time thing.
A promise to be more involved in church.	Confirmation Isn't...	Important.
Necessary for communion.		Owning my faith.

"Confirmation" can be divided into two things: the **Rite of Confirmation** and the **Confirmation Class**.

The Rite (or ceremony, special event) **of Confirmation** is the time when someone stands up and confesses their Christian faith in _____.

👂 See Matthew 10:32-33.

👂 From the Catechism: What is Confirmation? (question 306)

"Confirmation is a public rite of the church preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptized Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian community... The rite of confirmation provides an opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God's promise given in Holy Baptism, to make a personal public confession of the faith and a lifelong pledge of fidelity to Christ."

The Confirmation Class is the years or weeks of classes where people are specifically taught about the Christian faith. This is also known as *catechesis*.

👂 See Matthew 28:19-20.

👂 Catechesis is a Greek term which means, "_____ by _____ of _____."

👂 Catechesis is also where we get the word _____.

SMALL GROUP/JOURNAL QUESTIONS

What do you think: is learning about Jesus a one-time deal, a lifelong process, or something in between? Why do you think this?

Why might it be important to know about and state out loud what you believe?

Who in your life has taught you the most about Jesus?

What reservations do you have about standing up in front of people and saying you believe in Jesus?

CONFIRMATION LESSON: THE APOSTLES CREED

What do we mean by The Triune God?

- Triune means _____ in _____.
- _____ God (Deuteronomy 6:4)
- _____ Persons (Matthew 3:16-17)

What is a Creed?

- A creed is a statement of what we _____, _____ and _____.
- It is called the **Apostles' Creed**, not because it was written by the apostles themselves, but because it states briefly the teaching that God gave through the apostles in the Bible.

Article I - God the Father

- God is the Father of _____ (John 20:17) and also _____ father (Galatians 3:26) through faith.
- God is the _____ of all things. (Gen 1:1 / Col 1:16)
- God still _____ for all things. (Mat 10:29-30 / 1 Peter 5:6-7)

Article II - God the Son

- Learn of who He is by the name He's given:
 - **Jesus** (Greek) = **Joshua** (Hebrew) = _____
 - **Christ** (Greek) = **Messiah** (Hebrew) = _____
- Jesus is true _____. (John 1:1-2 and 10:30 / Colossians 2:9)
- Jesus was true _____. (Heb 4:15 / Matt 4:2 / John 11:35)

Article III - God the Holy Spirit

- In describing the work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus describes Him as the _____.
- The Holy Spirit helps us by:
 - Leading us to _____.
 - Growing us in our _____.
 - Producing _____ in and through us

CONFIRMATION LESSON: THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray then like this:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (Matthew 6:9-13) For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Introduction: "Our Father who art in heaven"

"In love he predestined us for _____ to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will," Ephesians 1:4b-5

How is God *like* an earthly father?

How is He *different* than an earthly father?

THE SEVEN (7) PETITIONS

WHAT ARE WE PRAYING IN THIS PETITION?

(write a summary of each petition below)

1. Hallowed be Thy _____
2. Thy _____ come
3. Thy _____ be done on earth as it is in _____
4. Give us this day our _____
5. And _____ us our trespasses
as we _____ those who trespass against us
6. And _____ us not into temptation
7. But deliver us from _____

Conclusion: "For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen."

Amen means "_____, it shall be so!"

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

THE A.C.T.S. METHOD

A_____ - "Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?" Exodus 15:11

C_____ - "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

T_____ - "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

S_____ - "Make your requests known to God." Philippians 4:6

Let's go back... Where are each of these elements (A, C, T, and S) in the Lord's Prayer?

Now, use the back of this sheet. Write an example prayer on paper using the **A.C.T.S.** method!

CONFIRMATION LESSON: HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

What is the Bible?

- The word “Bible” actually comes from a Greek word (βιβλος) that literally means “_____”
- Collection of _____ books divided into _____ testaments (Old and New)
- Originally written in _____ (OT) and _____ (NT)
- Composed of different types of writing: historical narrative / prophecy / poetry / letters
- The Bible is the Word of God
- Given through the authors of the various books by the _____ .

Why is the Bible important? (write out your answer in complete sentences)

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**
- **John 20:30-31**
- **John 8:31-32**

Discussion Questions (write out your answer in complete sentences)

- What difference does it make to you, to know that the Bible is the actual Word of God and not made up by human invention?
- How would you describe the importance of the Bible to someone else?
- What are some ways you would like to experience the Bible in a new or more powerful way?