

First Communion Class

Session #2: The Good News, Baptism, & Apostles' Creed

Your Name:

1. All about Jesus (Parent's are strongly encouraged to read through 165-194 in *LSC* for themselves)
 - (a) Who is Jesus? (John 20:24-29; John 1:3; Hebrews 4:14-16)
 - (b) How did Jesus come to earth? (Galatians 4:4-5, Luke 1:26-38)
 - (c) Why did Jesus come? (John 3:16, 3:36, 1 John 4:10)
 - (d) How did Jesus carry out his rescue mission? (Parents see pgs 179-181 in *Luther's Small Catechism*)
 - (a) How did Jesus rescue you from sin? (2 Cor 5:21; Gal 4:13)
 - (b) How did Jesus rescue you from death? (Genesis 3:15; 1 John 3:8)
 - (c) How did Jesus rescue you from the devil? (Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 Cor 15:54-57)
 - (e) Where is Jesus now and when is He going to return? (Hebrews 1:3; Matthew 24:36; John 14:3)
2. What are the three parts of baptism? (Answer pg 23, What is Baptism?)
3. What benefits does baptism give? (Read Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 3:21; Pg 23 *LSC*, What benefits does Baptism give?)
4. What are 3-4 images or stories from the Bible that provide pictures of how baptism saves us (from Sundays Lesson)?

(All page numbers can be referenced in Luther's Small Catechism)

Lesson Objectives:

- Provide overview of First Communion class: to prepare to receive the Lord's Supper, learn more about God's love for us, how he has saved us, and what it means to be a Christian.
- God's big rescue story all points to the rescuer. That rescuer is Jesus.
- Who is Jesus? How does he rescue us?
- Survey Apostles Creed
- Baptism is God's deliverer of Jesus' salvation

Teaching Notes:

1. Greeting: *The Lord be with you, and also with you.*
2. Opening prayer: Sign of the Cross
3. Recap last week:
 - Last week: Story of Redemption
 - Lesson: What are some things God has done for you?
 - Today: God's Rescuer Jesus (Apostles' Creed & Baptism)

Who is God?

- God is Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Eternal, Holy, Gracious

Who is Jesus?

- Apostles' Creed
- Creation, Redemption, Sanctification / Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- Redemption
 - Fully God
 - Fully Man, yet without sin
 - God's rescuer
- What did Christ rescue you from? Sin, death, devil.
- How did Jesus rescue you? His death and resurrection.

How does God deliver His forgiveness to us?

- When your parents order something online from Amazon, how does it come to you? Delivery man + truck + in a box.
- When God delivers his gift of forgiveness to you, he does so through His Word (The Bible) and he does so by putting that Promise in a box - baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- These are gifts that are not just perfects of what God is giving you, but when you receive them believing God's promise you actually receive the gift.
- Gospel: we are sinners, God's sent Jesus to save us by washing us clean and giving us the Holy Spirit.

What is baptism?

- Promise of God + Water

Baptism

- The Redemptive Story (What is the Gospel?)
- What is Baptism?
- Creation (water + Spirit)
- Flood (water + Spirit)
- Naaman (water + Spirit)
- Red Sea / Jordan (water + Spirit)
- Jesus' baptism (water + Spirit)
- Our baptism (water + Spirit)
- Nicodemus (John 3)
- Peter's sermon (Acts 2)
- Ethiopian Eunuch
- Paul (for the forgiveness of sins)
- Our baptism (water and Spirit)
- Liturgy: Invocation, sign of the cross, baptismal font in back of sanctuary, Creed

Tangible Lessons:

- Touch water, get splashed, getting muddy and washing it off (story of Liam crying after marking his face).
- Jesus bust down the doors of hell

Assignments:

- Keep working on Apostles' Creed
- Worksheet (1-2 questions a day)
- Next week's lesson: The Christian Life