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How Do The Lessons Work?

This book is pretty self-explanatory to work through, but here are a couple tips to help you as you go through the lessons. First, give yourself a regular time that you can commit to each week. Having a designated time in your schedule will help you so you don't feel like you are trying to catch up. You will need about 30-45 minutes to complete each lesson. Second, find a nice comfortable place to do it. This isn't school work, it's a chance for your family to learn together, pray together, and talk about your faith together. At first the lessons may seem a bit awkward and hard, but once you get the rhythm down they will become much easier to navigate.

Throughout the course of this year you will be studying together the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, various items in the Old Testament, and life in the Church. Each time you prepare to meet you will want to have a DVD player or Internet Connection for the videos, along with the Student Guidebook, the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism.

Introduction

To Parents: Before Starting, Consider These Tips

1. Be prepared. Read through the lesson before discussing it with your student.
2. Set a specific time for you to do the lessons each week.
3. You are the primary spiritual role model for your student(s).
4. Share from your life. Be honest and share your thoughts and struggles.
5. Prioritize this time in your life and your student(s).
6. If you do not know an answer to a tough question tell your student you DON'T KNOW.

Questions/Trouble?

If a question comes up during the lesson that you get stumped on, give us a call. If you have trouble in any way with the supplied curriculum please contact us as well. The following is our contact information:

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The Lesson Structure

The Basics of Each Lesson:

Every lesson consists of 5 sections. Here is a little info on each of the sections that you will be making your way through.

1. **Opening Prayer:** This is a chance for the parent to pray with his/her student. We have supplied a guided prayer, but we encourage you to create your own. These prayers should invite God to work through your time together.
2. **The Teaching:** For this section, you will need a DVD Player or Internet connection to view each lesson's video (follow the online links [underlined in blue](#)). We will inform you about which lesson you will be working through. Simply select the video associated with the lesson and watch it together.
3. **Scripture Search:** For this section, you will want to have your Bible (ESV preferably) and Luther's Small Catechism. We will give you a section of Scripture to read through and possibly a reading from the Small Catechism. This is a great opportunity to get into the Bible and we encourage students to do the reading.
4. **Question Time:** This is your opportunity to talk together about your lesson. We have a list of questions for you to walk through.
5. **Closing Prayer:** This is a chance for students to pray. There is a guided prayer available, but we encourage you to create your own.

Lesson 11: Will

1. **Opening Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear God,

As we remember the things that You have taught us to pray, help us to especially remember that all that we pray for we ask in Your will. Help as we learn this and as we are reminded of this throughout the times that we pray.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

2. **The Teaching:**

Watch Lesson 11: Lord's Prayer - Thy Will Be Done.

video link: <https://vimeo.com/74399229>

3. **Scripture Search:**

Read through the following section of Scripture:

[Acts 9:1-19](#)

Read through the following sections of the Small Catechism:

Read about the Third Petition and Questions 215-217. (pages 186-188).

4. **Question Time:**

1. If you could ask God for anything in the world, what would you ask for?
2. What are some things that happen in our world that God wouldn't want happening?
3. The devil tries to stop God's will from happening in the world. What are some ways that he might do this?
4. What are some of the ways that God gives us direction?
 - Read [Psalm 119:35](#). How does this verse speak of God's Commandments?
5. Who is someone in your life that you think is a great example of following God's will? What are some of the things that they do in response to following His will?

5. **Closing Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear God,

Help me to live according to Your will. Sometimes it's difficult to obey Your words and live a godly life, so please help me with it. Help me when I'm tempted to not do what's right; remind me when things are difficult, to hold onto the faith that You've given me.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Lesson 12: Ecclesiastes

- 1. Opening Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.
Dear God,
Thank You for coming to this earth and living among us. Thank You that even though we are sinful people that You continue to love and care for us. Please remind us throughout our life how much You provide for us.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.
- 2. The Teaching:**
Watch Lesson 12: Ecclesiastes.
video link: <https://vimeo.com/74386970>
- 3. Scripture Search:**
Read through the following section of Scripture:
[Ecclesiastes 2:1-11](#)
- 4. Question Time:**
 1. What are some things that you would consider meaningless? What are some things that you would consider far from meaningless?
 2. Re-read [Ecclesiastes 2:11](#). Why would Solomon consider all these things meaningless?
 3. What are some things that you consider fragile? Why could life be described as fragile?
 4. What would be considered living a worldly life? What would be considered living a godly life?
 5. Read [1 John 2:15-17](#). Do you think this verse means that everything in this world is evil and we should stay away from it? In not, what does this verse mean?
- 5. Closing Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.
Dear God,
Help me to live according to Your will. Sometimes it's difficult to obey Your words and live a godly life, so please help me with it. Help me when I'm tempted to not do what's right; remind me when things are difficult, to hold onto the faith that You've given me.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Lesson 13: Bread

1. **Opening Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear God,

Thank You for giving us this prayer called “The LORD’s Prayer.” Help us as we continue to learn what the words mean for our lives. Help us continue to grow in our relationships with You and with each other.

In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

2. **The Teaching:**

Watch Lesson 13: Lord’s Prayer - Daily Bread.

video link: <https://vimeo.com/74392802>

3. **Scripture Search:**

Read through the following section of Scripture:

[Exodus 16](#)

Read through the following sections of the Small Catechism:

Read about the Fourth Petition and Questions 219-222. (pages 189-193).

4. **Question Time:**

1. What is the difference between a want and a need?
2. What are some of the blessings in your life that are easy to take for granted?
3. Read [Matthew 6:33-34](#). What are some things that you worry about?
4. In situations that you don’t get what you want, how do you respond?
5. Read [John 6:25-40](#). Jesus describes Himself as “bread of life.” Why does Jesus describe Himself in these words?

5. **Closing Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear God,

There are a lot of things in my life that I want and a lot of things in my life that I need.

Help me to understand the difference between those things even when it’s difficult.

Thank You for always providing the things that I need to live; You are a wonderful provider and it’s easy to forget how great things are.

In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Lesson 14: Abraham

- 1. Opening Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.
Dear God,
The Bible is full of so many amazing stories of people who loved You and gave their lives to following You. Help us as we learn about Abraham and the faith he had to trust in You.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.
- 2. The Teaching:**
Watch Lesson 14: Abraham.
video link: <https://vimeo.com/74386971>
- 3. Scripture Search:**
Read through the following section of Scripture:
[Genesis 22:1-19](#)
- 4. Question Time:**
 1. What is the hardest test you have ever had to take?
 2. What's the difference between being tested and being tempted?
 3. If you live a perfect life in order to get into heaven, do you think you would pass the test? What should we do then in order to get into heaven?
 4. What is faith? How did Abraham demonstrate his faith in God?
 5. Read [1 Peter 1:6-7](#). How do difficult trials and tests help us grow in our faith?
- 5. Closing Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.
Dear God,
Help me to be a person of great faith. As I live my life, help me to continually trust in You and all that You promise me. Thank You for growing and strengthening my faith.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Lesson 15: Forgive

1. **Opening Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear God,

We are sinful people and in need of Your forgiveness. Forgive us for all the times that we fall short in honoring You. Help us as we live our lives to forgive others just like You have forgiven us.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

2. **The Teaching:**

Watch Lesson 15: Lord's Prayer - Forgive Us.

video link: <https://vimeo.com/74395728>

3. **Scripture Search:**

Read through the following section of Scripture:

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

Read through the following sections of the Small Catechism:

Read about the Fifth Petition and Questions 223-227. (pages 193-195).

4. **Question Time:**

1. Share a story about a time when you forgave someone who hurt you.
2. When was a time that you did something that you needed to be forgiven for?
3. Read [Psalm 51:1-10](#). List out some of the ways this section of Scripture describes forgiveness.
4. Read [Colossians 3:12-14](#). What makes forgiveness such an important part of the relationships we have?
5. Why is God's forgiveness of us so important to our forgiveness of other people?

5. **Closing Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear God,

Help me to forgive others as You have forgiven me. You continually love and forgive me even though I continually sin against You; help me to continually show love and forgiveness to all those I come in contact with.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Schedule a time with the Confirmation Director

Lessons 11-15 will take roughly 30+ minutes to cover. This time is for the Parent(s) and the Student(s) to sit down for a conversation about the materials covered. We will be going over the same questions in the Lesson Guides. This time is to determine comprehension and an overall understanding of God's Word and Luther's Small Catechism as they apply to our daily lives.

You can directly schedule a time to discuss the above Lessons. Follow this link to schedule a time with the Confirmation Director; <https://daniellongden.youcanbook.me>

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Please don't wait to discuss these lessons before the end of the school year. The closer the time the lessons have been taught to the conversation with the parent and Confirmation Director, the better retention and comprehension of the materials. We will plan on meeting after every 5 Lessons have been covered: example Lessons 1-5; 6-10; 11-15; 16-20.

Feel free to contact me with any questions as they come up. Blessings!