

First Lutheran Church
Confirmation
Midyear Elder Review Packet
2018-19

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OVERVIEW

This Study Guide is provided so that you as Parents and Grandparents of Confirmation students may help them study and prepare for their Midyear Elder Review.

Please do not consider the Elder Review as a fearful, rigorous testing. Rather, the review is an opportunity for Confirmation students to speak and interact with the Elders demonstrating their growth as young, but maturing, Christians. Students *should not* be nervous or overwhelmed, but they *should* recognize its importance and give the appropriate effort to adequately prepare.

For preparation, students should:

- Review memory work ... *not to be recited, but to re-familiarize them with it again*
- Review the included material which pertains to content presented in class

How to use this Study Guide:

Read and reflect on the questions provided for each "unit." These questions reflect the main points of the lessons and units that have been covered to this point in class. For each question, brief thoughts are provided (**red text**) as guidance for answering the question. Ideally, students show what they know and understand by answering the questions in their own words; but what is provided should hopefully serve as a helpful guide and reminder when needed.

ROLE OF ELDERS

Schedule

9:15-9:30 Meet at Mission House for Donuts

9:30-10:10 Split classes for Review ...

Year 1 in Mission House Southwest classroom

Year 2 in Mission House Northwest classroom

Year 3 in Mission House Main classroom

During Review ...

(approx. 20 min) Life of Jesus questions

(approx. 20 min) Catechism questions

Students will be allowed to use Bibles and Catechisms

Tips/Guiding Principles

- **Mix up the order of the questions.**
- **Call on a specific student and *then* ask the question.**
- **Ask the question multiple times of different students; but *not* back-to-back.**
- **Ask follow up questions to encourage students to share more of what they know.**
 - "How would you explain that to someone else?"
 - "What does that mean to you?"
 - "Tell me more about what you meant when you said _____."

Question Bank . . . LIFE OF JESUS

[ALL STUDENTS]

Where does the word “Gospel” comes from?

Greek meaning “Good News”

How many Gospels are there in the Bible? Name them:

Four

Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John

Whose Gospel was written mostly to a Jewish audience with care to show Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah?

Matthew

Whose Gospel was the shortest, the first to be written down, and contains the first recorded example of streaking in history?

Mark

Which Gospel was written by the doctor who later wrote “The Acts of the Apostles?”

Luke

Whose Gospel was written in the most poetic language, and contains many accounts of Jesus’ life, ministry and teachings not found in the others?

John

How can four writers tell the same story in four different ways?

They were four unique individuals who experienced Christ in four different ways.
They were writing to four different audiences.

What does the word “Emmanuel” mean?

“God with us”

Who baptized Jesus?

John the Baptist... Jesus’ cousin

When Jesus came up out of the water, the Spirit descended on him like a dove and a voice from heaven said:

“This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

In the wilderness, the devil tempted Jesus to:

Turn stones into bread

Jump off the roof of the Temple of Jerusalem

Rule all of the kingdoms of the world if he would only bow down and worship Satan,

Why was it unusual when Jesus asked a Samaritan woman for a drink of water?

She was a woman

She was a Samaritan (a hated race)

She was a sinner with seven husbands and a live-in lover

What kind of water did Jesus promised to give the Samaritan woman?

Living water (eternal life)

What does Messiah mean?

Messiah (The Anointed One)

How did Jesus summarize the Ten Commandments?

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind."

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

What is a miracle?

An extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs.

An extremely outstanding or unusual event, thing, or accomplishment.

What was Jesus first miracle?

He changed water into wine at a wedding

What was Jesus' greatest miracle?

Rising from the dead

Talk about a teaching, miracle, or event from the Life of Jesus that is important to you. What does it mean to you?

Question Bank . . . INTRO TO CATECHISM & 10 COMMANDMENTS [YEAR 1]

What are the six parts of the Catechism?

Ten Commandments.
Apostles' Creed.
Lord's Prayer.
Baptism.
Confession & Absolution (Forgiveness).
Lord's Supper.

What is the definition of the Christian faith?

The Christian faith is the confession that Jesus Christ is the world's only Savior and Redeemer

Who is the Bible all about?

Jesus

What does the Law do?

Shows Our Sin (S.O.S.)

What does the Gospel do?

Shows Our Savior (S.O.S.)

Name the three Christian Creeds:

Apostles' Creed
Nicene Creed
Athanasian Creed

Name parts of the Worship Service:

Music/Praise Songs/Hymns.
Invocation.
Confession & Absolution.
Liturgy.
Creed.
Prayers & Lord's Prayer.
Sermon.
Benediction.
Bible Readings.
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perhaps others...

Whose name is spoken in the Invocation?

The name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

What is another name for 'Absolution?'

Forgiveness of sins.

List some distractions you might have during worship and how might you avoid them?

Answers vary ...

10 COMMANDMENTS

What one word summarizes the Commandments?

Love.
See Matthew 22:37-40

Name the three uses of the Law:

Curb — helps keep order in the world by leading people to do what is right by threatening punishment for disobedience and promising reward for obedience.
Mirror — Shows us our sin and teaches us what sin is.
Guide — Teaches Christians to live God-pleasing lives in thoughts, words, and deeds.

What is sin?

Sin is thinking, wanting, saying, or doing things that turn us away from God's teachings.

What is the most important Commandment?

The First Commandment: "You shall have no other gods before me."

Why?

All other commandments bring us back to the first.
Any commandment we break is because we are making other things and/or ourselves more important than God.

How should God's name be used?

Prayer.
Praise.
Give Thanks.

How should God's name *not* be used?

Curse.
Swear.
Lie.
Deceive (*mislead, trick, fool*) someone by His name.

"Remember the Sabbath" means to set aside a day for God. Why does He want us to do this?

Remember Him.
Receive His gifts of forgiveness and hearing His word.
Rest physically and spiritually.

Question Bank . . . THE APOSTLES CREED

[YEAR 2]

What is a creed?

A statement of belief.

A summary of all of God's work in creation and human history as taught by the Bible.

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What does the Apostles' Creed say?

Who God is & what He has done — and continues to do — to save us.

Explains the Trinity:

Father = Creator

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Is the Apostles' Creed in the Bible?

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What are the attributes of God the Father?

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Why should we honor our parents and other authorities?

God has graciously placed them over us.
By honoring them, we honor God.

The 5th Commandment says, "You shall not murder," but it isn't just about killing people. Explain.

The true meaning of the 5th Commandment is that we should not hurt or harm our neighbor in **any** way.

How do we *harm* our neighbor?

Taking the life of another person without just cause
Doing or saying anything that injures or endangers another person's life
Neglecting to assist people in bodily need
Harboring anger or hatred in our hearts against our neighbor

How do we *look after* our neighbor?

Coming to the aid of our neighbor
speaking in a way that helps and defends our neighbor
treating our neighbor with kindness and compassion

What does God desire for married couples?

Husbands and wives are to be faithful to each other.
Husbands and wives are to respect and love one another.

What are examples of keeping the 6th Commandment?

Lifelong union of a man and woman
Man and Woman joined for mutual help and joy
Public promise to live faithfully together until death
Created by God
"The two shall become one flesh"

What are examples of not keeping the 6th Commandment?

Desires and Engages in sexual intercourse outside of marriage
Unfaithfulness of a spouse
Looks at a man or woman with lustful intent

Why is stealing against God's commands?

He promises to provide our needs.
It is wrong to take what is not ours.
He desires for us to love our neighbor by helping him improve and protect what is his.

List three ways we are to not take what belongs to our neighbor?

Don't steal our neighbor's possessions and money
Don't be lazy or sloppy when working as employees
Don't get goods by dishonesty, fraud, or taking advantage of others

List two ways we are to look after our neighbor?

Help our neighbor protect and improve his earthly possessions
Help our neighbor protect and improve his income and livelihood

How should we talk about our neighbor?

We should use words that build him up.
We should not use words that tear him down.

What does it mean to covet?

Wanting something of someone else's in a sinful way.
Wanting something so bad we act in ways that do not please God.
Wanting something so bad we are willing to plot or scheme to get it.

How should we feel about our neighbor and his possessions?

We should be happy for how God has blessed him.
We should support him and help him care for all that he has.

How do we fear and love God by *being satisfied* with what God has provided us and others?

Be thankful for all that God has given us
Helping others to retain what God has given them and encouraging their spouse and workers to remain faithful and loyal.

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