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## ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION THE APOSTLES' CREED Lesson 14: "The Apostles' Creed, Part 1," (L14)

Year 1 (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

After completing this lesson, the student will:

\*Know what a creed is what the Apostles' Creed is.

\*Know what an atheist, agnostic, theist, deist and a pantheist is.

\*Know three ways that God reveals Himself.

\*Can share 7 attributes of God.

\*Be familiar with symbols of the true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

\*Can explain the difference between Natural and Special Revelation.

1. Introduction:

Watch video: (Parents are to meet with students during instruction with this commandment).

- 2. Have students get 3 card board cut outs of Triangles for these classes. Have them write their names at the bottom of each one. Use one each for The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Feel free to have students write information on their First, "God the Father," triangle.
- 3. Go to page 102 and answer question #86, What is a creed?

- 4. Answer question #87, "What is meant by 'I believe in God?
- A. Choose from Bible verses #276-279, which one summarizes the best Bible verse for you when it comes to trust. Explain why.
- B. Answer question #88 on p. 103, "Why do we say 'I believe' and not 'We believe?"
- C. Discuss Agree or Disagree, "Someone else may have saving faith for me." And "Each person will need to have their own oil of faith when the Bridegroom comes back."
- D. Answer question #89 on p. 103, "What are the three Creeds used in the church?"

E. Note; Discuss;

<u>The Nicene Creed</u> is typically for Communion Sundays <u>The Apostles' Creed</u> is typically for Non Communion Sundays as is Creed spoken for and by believers on their baptism, Confirmation and Funeral. <u>The Athanasian Creed</u> is spoken on Trinity Sunday usually in June. Why Creeds? A clearer statement on faith and The Trinity and oppose false teaching.

- F. Answer question #91 on p. 103, "Why is it called the Apostles' Creed?"
  - A. Share List two main facts about it.
  - B. Note, Every sentence and word in the Creed can easily be proven by 6 or 7 different Scripture verses in the Bible.
- 5. Read question #92 on pp. 104-105. "In what three ways does the Triune God make Himself Known?" Write one Bible verse below that helps you grasp that concept.
  - A. Through
  - B. Through
  - C. Through
  - D. What is meant by Natural Knowledge? Been revealed to Everybody. Every person on earth NATURALLY KNOWS IT:
  - E. Why would the Bible, God's Word, be considered SPECIAL REVELATION?
- 6. Read question 93 on pp. 104-105, "Who is God?" List 7 different attributes about who He is below and add one Bible Verse that shares that specific attribute/characteristic.
- A. God is
- B. God is
- C. God is

- D. God is
- E. God is
- F. God is
- G. God is
- H. God is
- I. List two more that God is \_\_\_\_\_\_ see the "*Note*," on p. 107, can God be more than these?
- 7. Answer question #94, on p. 107, "Who is the only true God?" How many persons and how many divine beings? NOTE 'Trinity means 3 in 1!'
- A. Answer question #95, on pp. 107-108, "How have the three divine persons distinguished themselves from each other?"
- 1. Who proceeds from who?
- 2. Complete

The Father is ascribed the work of \_\_\_\_\_\_ The Son is ascribed the work of \_\_\_\_\_\_ The Holy Spirit is ascribed the work of \_\_\_\_\_\_

- 3. In whose name are we baptized? Write Bible verse #282 below or go to Matt. 28:19-20.
- 4. Go to pp. 275-283 in the back of Your Catechism, Find and draw 5 symbols that deal directly to The Trinity or God, The Father. Write a sentence by each one explaining the symbols you chose.

- 8. VIEWS OF GOD: All world religions, world views of God and philosophies can be broken down to these 5 words that describe God;
- A. THEIST; God made the world and still interacts with the world and people He made.
- B. DEIST; God made the world and left and the people and the world are left on their own.
- C. PANTHEIST; Everything is God, God made the world from His own being/essence.
- D. AGNOSTIC; One is unsure if God exists or unsure if one can even know who God is.
- E. ATHEIST; There is no God, Supreme Being, there is only the natural, physical world.

Below are 5 boxes that describe God in picture and symbolism. Put the correct letter of the view that each box represents. Briefly explain.