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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION
THE APOSTLES' CREED

Lesson 15: "The Apostles' Creed, Part 2," (L15)
Year 1 (7th Grade)

After completing this lesson, the student will:

- *Know Who God the Father is.
- *Know the truth about angels.
- *Can share three things that make humans unique.
- *Can identify two characteristics of demons/evil angels.
- *Can share what "Ex Nihilo" means and What God used to create all.

1. Introduction:

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

2. Select one triangle chosen for God the Father, be certain that they write on it that "The Father Creates." Add to that "God the Father" Triangle" as you deem fit over this class.
3. Get a watch, hold it up. Ask students, "Where did this come from? The store, a gift, etc.. Ask where did the store get it? How was the factory able to make it? Keep pushing the students back to the point that there needs to be material and most importantly design and intelligence. Ask if they would believe that it evolved on the ocean shore due to the constant pounding of the waves over billions of years? Ask, "What is more complex, our body or the watch? Share God the Father is the intelligent designer of all life.
4. Write out "**The First Article** "*Creation*," found on pp. 108-109 in The Small Catechism, and "*What does this mean?*" on a separate sheet of paper twice. Write it out start to finish or beginning to the end.
5. Write boldly/largely, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth," on their triangle on one side.
6. Go to page 109, in your Small Catechism. Read question #96, "Why is the First Person of the Trinity called "the Father?" Write two reasons.

- A. What are your thoughts on racism?
- B. Why is racism sinful and against God's Word?
- C. Write out one verse from Bible verses #321-#324, that they believe speaks the most clearly about racism and why they chose that verse.

THE FIRST ARTICLE:

(Answer 4 out of the next 5 questions, Circle; (7.....8.....9.....10.....11))

7. Answer question #97, "Why is God, the Father called "Maker of heaven and earth?"
 - A. Know that that the word day, in The Bible is from the Hebrew word "Yom," means a 24 hour period.
 - B. How does the opening lesson with the watch relate to this?
 - C. Write, "Ex Niholo," on your triangle. It is Latin and means, "Out of nothing," God created the world out of nothing.
 - D. Reread the answer. What did God use to create the world?
 - E. Look up Genesis 1. Read it, how many times did "God Say/Said to create all?"
 - F. Read question #98 on p. 110, Answer, "What is meant by "heaven and earth?"
 - G. What are invisible things that we can't see, but believe? Write down Bible verse #327.

THE ANGELS:

8. For discussion, Answer, **A** for Agree or **D** for Disagree.
 1. _____ Every Christian has a guardian angel.
 2. _____ We become angels in heaven.
 3. _____ Angels can be both good or evil.
 4. _____ Angels were created by God between days 1 and 6.
 5. _____ Angels are messengers from God.
 6. _____ Evil angels can deceive and can mimic others.
 7. _____ The devil is a myth to scare foolish people.
 8. _____ The devil is the father of lies.
 9. _____ Angels became demons when they rebelled against God.
 10. _____ Michael, Gabriel and Lucifer are arch angels mentioned in the Bible.
- A. Read question #99 on p. 110, Answer, "Which invisible being created by God are especially important to us?"
- B. Read the "Note" section, answer;
 - a. What does Angel mean?
 - b. What specific events do they announce? List 4. Draw a picture of one of them.

9. Read question #100 on p. 111-112 in The Small Catechism. Answer, "What else does the Bible tell us about angels?" Share four things.
- A. Write out Bible verse #335, Hebrews 1:14.
- B. Read carefully Bible verses #336-340 in your Catechism on p. 112, Share 5 descriptions about evil angels and The Devil.
- C. In "*Bible Narratives*" at the bottom of page 112, List three things the devil did.
- D. **Agree or Disagree?** _____ The Devil's ultimate goal is for us to lose faith in Jesus. Why did you answer the way you did?
- E. In your triangle, draw a picture of an angel and a demon/Devil. Below each write 3 things unique to angels and unique to demons/Devil.
- F. Angels are confirmed in righteousness, good angels can no longer sin and evil angels can no longer be converted. God made them with free will, after the fall, He confirmed them in their eternal state. In heaven, we will be confirmed in righteousness, no longer able to sin or tempted to sin. How does that help you in your faith?

HUMANITY:

10. Read question #101, "What are human beings?" on p. 113 in your Catechism. Share three unique things about human beings.

A. Read Bible verse #343, Why do you think God made them male and female?

B. Read question #102, on pp. 113-114, "Why do we say God made me?"

C. Read Bible Verses #345 and #346. When did God first begin to make you according to those verses? According to that when does human life begin?

D. Write down one of those verses below.

E. **Agree or Disagree:** _____ There will never be another me. What did you answer and why?

11. It's been said that no two snowflakes are alike, they are all different. Every year 1 trillion-trillion snowflakes fall. There is zero % chance that any can be a like-for all time! There have been, are and will be billions of people who live on this earth, including you and me. No one will be exactly alike. In other words, when God made you and me, He broke the mold to put it figuratively. On your triangle, write your full name; first, middle and last, then write below it 6 things about yourself. 1 has to be untrue. See if the class can guess which one is not true. On your triangle write; "GOD MADE ME!"

Closing Prayer: *Dear Lord, "I want to walk as a child of light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all, the night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus."* Amen. (From LSB Hymn #411, "I want to walk as a Child of the Light.")