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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION
THE APOSTLES' CREED

Lesson 20: "The Apostles' Creed, Part 7," (L20)
Year 1 (7th Grade)

After completing this lesson, the student will:

- *Become familiar with The Third Article of The Apostles' Creed.
- *Memorize the 5 points of this article.
- *Can defend that the Holy Spirit is God.
- *Can define conversion & good works as the ministry & function of the Holy Spirit.
- *Know that their faith is solely the gift and work of the Holy Spirit.

1. Introduction:

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

2. Students are to get their third triangle, "God the Holy Spirit." Write on that; "God the Holy Spirit." Have students use this triangle as you deem fit over the 3rd Article/section.
3. Get an instrument that works with batteries. Ask what it is? What does it run on? What's its power. Ask them if they have anything with them that runs on power; Fitbit, Smart Phone, watch, whatever. What must they do to keep this machine functioning? We will now hear completely that; The Father creates, The Son redeems and The Holy Spirit sanctifies. In other words, The Holy Spirit applies and gives power to God's Work. Take out the batteries and share the batteries give power, much like the Holy Spirit gives power and applies the Jesus Cross to our lives.
4. Students are to write out "**The Third Article**", and "**What does this mean?**", found on p. 147 in their Small Catechism below. Write the entire thing.

5. On the students' Holy Spirit Triangle have them write these lines in differing colors.
 God the Father AUTHORED salvation.
 God the Son ACCOMPLISHED salvation
 God the Holy Spirit APPLIES salvation
6. Look to question #153 on p. 147, "What five points does this article address?" Write below.

I. The Holy Spirit, the person of the Holy Spirit.

Answer 3 out of 4. 7.....8.....9.....10 (Circle the ones you chose).

7. Go to p. 148, question #154, "Who is the Holy Spirit?"
 - A. Describe three things He is.

 - B. In whose name are we baptized? See Bible verse 452, and write the three in whose name we are baptized.

 - C. Go to pp. 148-149, answer question #155, "How do you know that the Holy Spirit is God?" List 4 ways below.

D. Bible verse completion:

#554, 1 Cor. 3:16, "Do you not _____ that you are God's _____ and that God's Spirit _____ in _____."

#546, "1 Cor. 2:10, "The _____ searches _____, even the _____ of God. (_____).

#549, Titus 3:5, "He saved us....by the washing and _____ of the _____ Spirit." (_____).

#550, 1 Peter 4:14, "The _____ of _____ and of _____ rests _____ you."

The Work of the Holy Spirit

8. Go to pp. 156-157, "What is the special work of the Holy Spirit called?"

A. What does the Holy Spirit bring you?

B. What might you have and lead?

C. See *Note*: What two ways is sanctification used?

1. The wide sense?

2. The narrow sense?

3. See special sheet, "*The Holy Spirit and Sanctification.*" Discuss it with your teacher.

9. Go to p. 150 in your Catechism, answer question #157, "Why do you need the Holy Spirit to begin and sustain you in faith?" Write out the complete answer.

A. According to this can we make a decision for Jesus yes or no?

B. Read through Bible verses #552 to #556. Match the Bible verse with the concept of us being totally converted by the Holy Spirit. For example;

1. _____ The mind set on flesh is hostile to God.

2. _____ No one can say Jesus is Lord, except by "The Holy Spirit."

3. _____ You were dead in trespasses and sins.

3. _____ We have been saved by grace and this is not our own doing, it is a gift.

4. _____ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God.

C. Go to pp. 150-151 in your Catechism. Answer question #159, "How do the Scriptures describe this gracious work of the Holy Spirit in you?"

1. Write the entire answer below found on p. 150 exactly.

2. Draw a picture below of **“The Invitation to the Great Banquet?”** Be able to explain in your picture who did the inviting and what is ready! Read Luke 14:16-17

10. Go to p. 151 in your Catechism, answer question #159, “How do the Scriptures describe this gracious work of the Spirit in you?”

A. Write the exact answer below.

B. Pick a Bible verse from #560-563 that shares how you personally were ‘enlightened by His gifts,’ Write the full Bible verse below. Why did you choose that one?

C. Go to p. 152 in your Catechism, Answer, question #160, “What is this work of the Holy Spirit called?”

1. What are the three words that mean basically the same thing?

2. Fill in; John 3:5-6, “Jesus _____, ‘Truly, _____ I say to _____, unless one is _____ of _____ and the Spirit, he cannot _____ the _____ of God. That _____ is born of _____ is _____, and that which is _____ of Spirit is _____.’” (Regeneration).

3. Answer;

a. If I were to die tonight? Would I go to heaven? Yes? No? Why?

b. Share about the time that you realized by the Power of the Holy Spirit that you believed and knew you were going to heaven?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, I believe, forgive my unbelief, help me by the power of the Holy Spirit to always confess my sins and have faith that You are my Lord and Savior. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”