



6TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

The Bible Year

The Big Book

A Guided Journey for
Confirmands and Families
6th Grade Year

Name: _____

Lutheran Church of the Cross 2022-2023

Module #1



For this Module, please set aside a special time to meet. Sit somewhere quiet, where you both can be fully present. Discuss the following questions and have it be a time for intentional listening and meaningful conversation.

FUN QUESTIONS TO START WITH... (EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWERS)

1. Would you rather be rich or famous?
2. Would you rather go on a camping vacation or vacation at a resort?
3. Would you rather watch television or read a book?
4. Would you rather be told you have a booger hanging from your nose or told you have bad breath?
5. Would you rather have the power to fly or the power to disappear?
6. Would you rather be ugly and have ten good friends or attractive and have only one good friend?
7. Would you rather be a baby or fifty years old?
8. Would you rather explore under the sea or outer space?
9. Would you rather be trapped in an elevator or caught in bumper-to-bumper traffic?
10. Would you rather have more money than time or more time than money?



DIGGING DEEPER

(CONFIRMAND, WRITE DOWN A SUMMARY OF THE ANSWERS. BOTH PARENTS AND CONFIRMANDS ANSWER.)

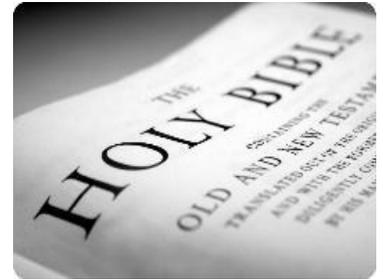
- 1. How much do you think you know about the Bible?**
- 2. What are you excited to learn about the Bible?**
- 3. What is one question you have about the Bible?**
- 4. Do you have a favorite Bible verse?**

Module #2



Using your Lutheran Study Bible, look up the answers to the following questions with your parents. Confirm and, write down the answers to the questions. (HINT: In your Lutheran Study Bible, at the beginning of every new book, there is a summary of that book and some other basic information.)

BIBLE BASICS



5. How many books are in the Bible?
6. How many testaments, or main parts, are in the Bible?
7. What do we call those testaments?
8. Who knows how many books are in the Old Testament?
9. How many does that leave in the New Testament?

THE OLD TESTAMENT

(THIS WILL WALK YOU THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT. IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS, WRITE DOWN THE ANSWER.)

The first book of the Bible is the book of Genesis. It is in the Old Testament. The OT is broken down more, though, in a way that is easy to understand. **“Five, twelve, five, five, twelve...five, twelve, five, five, twelve.”**

The Old Testament is divided into 5 parts:

1. 5 books of law
2. 12 books of history
3. 5 books of poetry
4. 5 books of major prophets
5. 12 books of minor prophets

The first **five** books of the Bible are books of law. Flip through them in your Bible. They are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. **(DON'T FORGET TO READ BOOK SUMMARIES WHEN LOOKING FOR ANSWERS.)**

10. Why do you think they are classified as law?

These books talk about creation, the flood, Abraham, Moses, the exodus, the laws of God for God's people, the 10 commandments, and priestly codes.

The next twelve books are books of history. Flip through those now. They are Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.

11. Why do you think these are categorized as history?

These books cover the lives of Joshua and Caleb; all the judges such as Sampson, Saul, and David; and the Jewish leaders after they returned from slavery.

The next five books are a bit of a different category: poetry. Turn through those in your Bibles. They are Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon.

2. Why do you think these are classified as poetry?

One unique thing about these books is the placement of Job within them. Much of Job is written in poetry, which is why it is placed here, but it is widely believed that Job lived at the same time as Abraham, which would mean that even though it's placed almost halfway through the Old Testament, the events it describes occurred in the time of Genesis.

The next seventeen books are all prophets, but they come in two categories, five major prophets and twelve minor prophets. Flip through them as I read them off. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.

3. Why are they called prophetic books?

4. What do you think is the difference between major and minor prophets?

These books include the old childhood stories of Jonah; Daniel and the lions' den; and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

So, in the Old Testament, you can remember the categories, or genres, with the saying, “5-12-5-5-12.”—**5 books of law, 12 books of history, 5 books of poetry, 5 major prophets, and 12 minor prophets.** Next module we will work through the New Testament.

(Adapted from <https://www.teensundayschool.com/>)

MODULE #3

Using your Lutheran Study Bible, look up the answers to the follow questions with your parents. Confirmand, write down the answers to the questions. (HINT: In your Lutheran Study Bible, at the beginning of every new book, there is a summary of that book and some other basic information.)



THE NEW TESTAMENT

(THIS WILL WALK YOU THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT. IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS, WRITE DOWN THE ANSWER.)

Before we move on to the NT, I want you to know a little bit about the time that passed between the Old and New Testaments. **There were about 400 years that went by for which the Bible is silent.** There are writings from that period, but they have never been included in our Scriptures.



The Catholic Church includes these books, **called the Apocrypha.** They are reliable history, and interesting to read, but they are not considered either OT or NT books for Lutherans.

Then, after about 400 years, **the events of the New Testament started to unfold, beginning of course with the birth of Jesus.**

There's no rhythmic memory tool for the New Testament like 5-12-5-5-12, but the New Testament books are pretty easy to recall. **There are 4 gospels, 1 book of history, 13 letters from Paul, 8 letters from others, and 1 book of prophecy.**

The first **4 books** in the New Testament are all considered gospels.

5. Name the 4 gospels.

6. What is the meaning of the word "gospel"?

The gospels are four accounts of the same thing: **Jesus' life, teaching, death, and resurrection**. Two of the gospels have accounts of Jesus' birth. Go ahead and flip through the 4 Gospels. **(DON'T FORGET TO READ BOOK SUMMARIES WHEN LOOKING FOR ANSWERS.)**

7. Which two include that event?

There's much more we could say about the Gospels, and we'll do so when we talk about the New Testament books.

The next **book** stands alone as a New Testament **history book**. It is the book of **Acts**, and it traces the history of the church from the ascension of Christ to the arrival of the apostle Paul in Rome. Flip through Acts.

8. Do you know who wrote the book of Acts?

Combining the book of Acts with Luke's Gospel, it seems as though Luke wrote over half of the New Testament.

9. List some events that are recorded in the book of Acts?

The next **13 books** are letters that “traditionally” **thought to be written by Paul**. For that reason, they are called Pauline Epistles, or Pauline Letters. And "epistle" is another word for "letter." **He wrote to churches and individuals, instructing them on how they might live out their faith more completely.** As said earlier, they are “traditionally” thought to be written by Paul. **We know through modern scholarship with a strong certainty that Paul didn't write all of them even though he is given credit.**

The Pauline Letters are Romans; 1 and 2 Corinthians; Galatians; Ephesians; Philippians; Colossians; 1 and 2 Thessalonians; 1 and 2 Timothy; Titus; and Philemon. Flip through them and find each one. Some are really short. You could read a whole book of the Bible in less than 10 minutes!

10. Which book is the shortest?

The following **8 books** are letters from people other than Paul. The authors are James, John, Jude, Peter, and one unknown. The letters are Hebrews; James; 1 and 2 Peter; 1, 2, and 3 John; and Jude. Turn the pages through these books.

11. Which letter doesn't seem to have an author?

These letters are written with the same motivation as the Pauline letters, but they were not written by Paul. For that reason, **they are often called General Epistles.**

The last book of the Bible, at which you have most likely arrived, **is the book of Revelation.** It is the only book of prophecy in the New Testament.

12. What does the book of Revelation talk about?

13. Who wrote Revelation?

That's a fast trip through the NT, but remember, **there are 4 Gospels, 1 history, 21 letters, and 1 prophecy.**

TIPS FOR HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

1. Pray.

Make prayer a part of your habit when it comes to Bible reading. There might be times when you really need guidance. Pray that God will provide it through your reading. You might be really busy, and you just need refreshment and

quiet time. In this case, pray that you find it. Alternatively, just thank God that you have the Bible available to read in the first place. All of this is appropriate.

2. Read.

Find a place you want to start. Download an app that will take you through a study, a verse for the day, etc. (suggestion—the **d365 app**. Such a neat app for youth and families! :D) Buy a devotional book that will give you a point of focus. Once you have a plan, read those verses. **Don't be afraid to write in your Bible.** It is neat to go back and see what you thought about a passage of scripture some years down the path.

3. Ask.

When reading the Bible, you need to ask some questions of yourself. **Here are two you should always ask as you're reading:**

- What does this passage mean? Always keep in mind the context of the passage.
- What does this passage mean to me?

Chances are, there are going to be things you don't understand. The Bible is filled with difficult and baffling questions. **So don't be afraid to ask.** Your pastors would love to have a conversation with you about your questions!!

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The End

Congratulations on completing your 6th Grade Confirmation booklet!

Your final task (students only) is to return only your mentor booklet to Pastor Megan via email or mail by May 10th. Please remember to put your name on the cover.

