



7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

The Worship Year

You Are My Disciples

A Guided Journey for Confirmands and their
Families

7th Grade Year

Name: _____

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Let's Get Started!!

For this Module, please set aside a special time to **meet parents and Confirmand somewhere other than your house.** Go to a coffee shop. Go out for ice cream. Go to dinner. (Or whatever is most possible in this time of COVID.) Discuss the following questions and have it be a time for intentional listening and meaningful conversation.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?

1. What is the other person's favorite pizza topping?
2. What is the other person's birthday (with year for extra)?
3. Does the other person have a nickname?
4. What toothpaste does the other person use?
5. What is the other person's favorite color?
6. What is the other person's favorite restaurant?
7. What is the favorite holiday of the other person?
8. What vegetable does the other person not like?
9. What is the other person's favorite animal?
10. What three movies does the other person like most?
11. If the other person could meet anyone dead or alive, who would it be?
12. What is the other person's dream job?
13. What is one thing would the other person save in a fire?
14. What is the other person's greatest achievement?
15. What is the other person's favorite memory of you?

DIGGING DEEPER—LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES!

(WRITE DOWN A SUMMARY OF THE ANSWERS.)

1. **What are your dreams and aspirations? Why are you passionate about them?**

2. How do you see your baptismal promises (see baptismal promises at the end of this page) tying into your dreams and aspirations?

(For example: what is a social cause you're passionate about-i.e. hunger, homelessness, the environment, etc. or what is one thing you pray about for your future and your family?)

3. What gifts do you see in each other?

BAPTISMAL PROMISES:

“As you rejoice in the baptism of your child, you are also entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.
Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?”

4. How do you see your baptismal promises tying into the gifts?

5. What does it mean to you to really love God?

6. When has God helped you through a hard time?

These **Baptismal Promises** you've been writing about are promises that parents make for their children when their child is baptized. You'll be hearing a lot about them during your time in Confirmation—because when you're confirmed, you'll take these promises and make them

your own. After Confirmation, it becomes your responsibility to fulfill these promises in the way you live and love like Jesus. 😊



Worship

(It's what God's people do!)



IMPORTANT: For this Module, both the **student and the parents will need to attend two different styles of worship that are not Lutheran** (one of the two could also be not Christian, please try to pick a denomination/tradition that you haven't been to before).

In this time of pandemic, we have lots of new and unique opportunities to join other faith communities in the FM area and around the country! What kind of worship have you always wanted to experience? Google will yield a plethora of results for digital opportunities to join all kinds of services! Also watch the Confirmation Facebook page for additional ideas—Pastor Megan will be posting worship opportunities throughout the year!

Decide together where you will attend worship. Meet together following each different worship experience to complete the questions of this module. Finally, share links to the worship services you attended with Pastor Megan when you turn in your booklet.

WORSHIP EXPERIENCE NUMBER ONE:

1. **Where did you worship? Why did you decide to worship there?**

2. **What was similar in this worship experience to our own Lutheran worship services?**

3. **What was different?**

4. **Did you feel comfortable at this service? If so, what helped you feel comfortable? If not, why?**

5. What roles did people play in the service? What did the leader(s) do? Did people from the assembly participate in any particular way?

6. How was music used in the service, if at all? Were you invited to participate in the music or simply listen while others led/performed?

7. Name something in particular that you liked about this service and that you did not like and explain why.

8. Close your time with each of you saying a short prayer asking God to be with you in this confirmation journey and thanking God for your partner in the process.

(If you feel uncomfortable saying a spontaneous prayer you could pray the following one together.)

Dear God,

We ask that the Holy Spirit would continue to guide and direct our relationship. Thank you for the memories that we shared today. Thank you for making us your children. Help us to share your word and your love with all we meet. In your loving name we pray, Amen.

WORSHIP EXPERIENCE NUMBER TWO:

1. Where did you worship? Why did you decide to worship there?

2. What was similar in this worship experience to our own Lutheran worship services?

3. What was different?

4. Did you feel comfortable at this service? If so, what helped you feel comfortable? If not, why?

5. What roles did people play in the service? What did the leader(s) do? Did people from the assembly participate in any particular way (if you could see them in the video)?

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The End

Congratulations on completing your 7th Grade Confirmation booklet!

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

