PARENT TRACK

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL AND THE CREED

Unit 2: Lesson 8

Video Preparation - Introduction

Video: Unit 2 Overview
Watch Pastor Aaron Fenker's video where he gives an overview of the first Chief Part of Luther's *Small Catechism.* You may do this on your own.
While you are watching, reflect on these points:

- The Ten Commandments are God's Word of Law. In the Creed, always be listening for God's Word of Gospel.
- Keeping commandments does not make you a Christian, rather faith in what God does FOR you makes you a Christian.
- Where does God promise to be FOR YOU? Think about the work of the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus is our Lord. This means that He was made man, died, and rose to SAVE us.
- God the Father is our Father and Jesus' Father. Nothing can separate us from Him. He made and created all things for us and saves and adopts us.
- The work of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit brings about your resurrection on the Last Day.

Video preparation

Video: Lesson 8 Overview
Watch Pastor Brett Simek discuss the introduction to the Gospel and the Creed with your child BEFORE he or she attends class. Work through the questions together.

After you have watched this video together, discuss the target question for this lesson:

Target Questions

What is the Gospel?
What is belief?

Discussion questions for AFTER confirmation class:

Discuss with your child what the Law and the Gospel are and what they do. The Law shows us our sin and tells us what God commands and forbids, while the Gospel shows our salvation. God forgives us our sins, and gives us heaven and salvation through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Continue your discussion about the need for both the Law and Gospel.

We typically use three creeds in church: the Apostles, Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds. The word "creed" itself means "I believe." We confess that we cannot believe without the Holy Spirit working faith in us through the Gospel.
In what ways do these creeds accurately confess our beliefs as the Lutheran church?
What statements do you struggle with?