

# Family Based Confirmation Plan

## Week 5 - Apostles Creed - Article 3

### Lessons Structure (30 minutes at home):

#### 1. Parent led prayer

*Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline:*

Dear God,

Please be with us in our time together; bless the discussions that we have and help us understand the things we talk about today. Help us to learn new things and be reminded of things that we have already learned. In your name we pray.

Amen.

#### 2. Teaching

Watch *Lesson 5: Apostles' Creed - Holy Spirit*

#### 3. Scripture Search

Read through the following section of scripture:

Acts 2:1-41

Read through the following sections of the small catechism:

In the Explanation of the Small Catechism, read the meaning of the Third Article and questions 154-159.

#### 4. Workbook - Questions & Stories

1. When was a time you felt guilty about something you had done? Why do people feel guilty when they do things that are wrong?

Share times that you've felt guilty as well. Talk about how the Holy Spirit helps show us our sin in our lives so that he can change our hearts.

2. What would be some ways you would describe how the Holy Spirit works in people's lives?

Reflect on some of the things pointed out in the lesson like changing our heart and helping make the right decisions. Jesus uses the description of a counselor in John 14:16, 26 to describe the Holy Spirit.

3. Read Romans 12:4-8. As Christians the Holy Spirit gives us special gifts. What do you think some of your gifts are?

Share some of your gifts and help your student by pointing out gifts you see in them.

4. What are some ways the Holy Spirit works to bring people to faith? What about leading people to live a godly life?

The Holy Spirit brings people to faith and empowers believers as they live their faith out. The main way this happens is through God's word. This can happen as we hear God's word at church, through conversations, in our homes, or as they are applied in Baptism and Communion.

5. When you look at your own faith and choices, what are some ways that you can see the Holy Spirit working?

Encourage your student to think back to how they've become a Christian, whether it being a recent thing or their whole life. How has the Holy Spirit helped create and grow that faith in their life? Were there certain people, places, or events that the Holy Spirit used? Be sure to share your own experience as well.

Work together to define the following words.

1. Sanctification - to make holy
2. Holy Spirit - the third person in the Trinity
3. Empower - to help us do something we didn't have the power to do ourselves

## **5. Student led prayer**

Dear God,

Thank you so much for giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit. There are so many ways he works in my life and I am thankful for that. Continue to guide and empower me and help me make the right decisions and help me to change my heart when I make the wrong decisions.

Amen.