

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class 1**  
**'I Believe the Bible is the Word of God'**  
**St. John Lutheran Church - Palmer, Alaska**

**Opening of Class:** 3:15-3:25

- Prayer - (request from one person)
- Handouts - Notebooks, Schedule, Memory verses and work sheet, Medical release form. PUT INTO NOTEBOOKS. PUT names on notebooks.
- Go over the Schedule and expectations.

**TODAY'S LESSON**

- I. Opening Exercise 1 3:30-3:45
- A. SKIT - part
- B. Jenny just asked a LOT of questions. Use a pencil to write on your lesson YOUR answer to this question:

**WHEN I GET TO HEAVEN, ONE QUESTION I WANT TO ASK GOD IS . . .**

II. MORE GREAT QUESTIONS 3:45-4:15

Everyone asks the questions below (Existential Questions - questions about existence, being, meaning) whether they are religious or not religious; Christian or not Christian. Divide into two or three groups. Come back to report the answers to these questions in all 3 areas. (See Question Page)

<u>Science</u>	<u>Answers from</u> <u>Music / TV</u>	<u>Bible</u>
Group 1. Where do I come from?		Genesis 1:1, Exodus 20:11, John 1:1-3, Hebrews 11:3
Group 2. Why am I here?		Matthew 22:34-39, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 2 Corinthians 5:15, Colossians 3:17,23-24
Group 3. Where Am I going?		Romans 3:10-12, 23, Romans 6:23, Mark 16:16, John 3:16-18

### III. WHY WOULD I BELIEVE THE BIBLE? (Whole Group)

4:15-4:30

#### A. What does the Bible Say about itself?

2 Timothy 3:16-17-All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching , rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:20-21 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

1. T F        **These verses say that Scripture comes from God.**
2. T F These verses say that 'inspired Scripture' comes from God.
3. T F        If some teaching comes from God, I can take it or leave it.
4. T F        If some teaching comes from God, I have something to learn from it.

#### B. What does JESUS say about the Bible?

Matthew 22:29 Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.

**Matthew 22: 41-43** 41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 "What

do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. 43 He said to them, "How is it then that **David, speaking BY THE SPIRIT**, calls him 'Lord'?"

**John 10:35 b** . . .the Scripture cannot be broken--

**John 17:9, 17** 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. . . 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. **17 Sanctify them by the truth; YOUR WORD IS TRUTH.**

5. T F Jesus sees the writings of the Bible as just the writings of men.
6. T F Jesus himself sees the writings of the Bible as the Word of God through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
7. T F Jesus may believe the Bible is God's Word. That is His feeling. I have my own.
8. T F If Jesus, The Son of God, believes the Bible is God's Word and believes it, I

should do the same!

WHICH QUESTIONS DOES THE BIBLE ANSWER? (Place an 'A' Next to the phrase.)  
**WHICH QUESTIONS DO THE BIBLE NOT ANSWER?** (Place an 'N' Next to the phrase.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Which Cereal to buy

\_\_\_\_\_ Who to date / marry

\_\_\_\_\_ Which TV show to watch

\_\_\_\_\_ Whether or not to watch a TV show about sex and violence

\_\_\_\_\_ Whether or not I should lie

\_\_\_\_\_ What to write on my essay

\_\_\_\_\_ Where I come from

\_\_\_\_\_ How super nova formed

\_\_\_\_\_ Which classes to take at school

\_\_\_\_\_ Whether my main friends should be people who say they hate God

\_\_\_\_\_ What to believe about God

\_\_\_\_\_ Which candidate to vote for

\_\_\_\_\_ How to play Fantasy football

\_\_\_\_\_ How to treat others, friends and enemies

III. SKIT part 2

4:30 p.m.

IV. CLOSING

4:35 p.m.

A. MEMORY SHEET: Verse

**October 10 Romans 10:17** Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. (God's word)

B. Attendance:

- Present?
- Bible Verse?
- Church and Sunday School Attendance?
- Sermon notes?

## GREAT QUESTIONS WORKSHEET

Everyone asks the questions below (Existential Questions - questions about existence, being, meaning) whether they are religious or not religious; Christian or not Christian.

Divide into two or three groups. First, give what you think the answers are from Science and from popular culture.

Then look up the Bible verses. READ ALL THE VERSES FIRST. Then summarize what the Bible says. Come back to report the answers to these questions in all 3 areas.

### Answers from

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##### Science

##### Music / TV

##### Bible

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20:11, John 1:1-3,  
Hebrews 11:3

#### Group 2. Why am I here?

##### Science

##### Music / TV

##### Bible

Matthew 22:34-39, 1  
Corinthians 10:31, 2  
Corinthians 5:15,  
Colossians 3:17, 23-24

#### Group 3. Where Am I going?

##### Science

##### Music / TV

##### Bible

Romans 3:10-12, 23,  
Romans 6:23, Mark 16:16,  
John 3:16-18

