

PETT – Parent Sessions:

Lesson 17 – “A Christian’s Use of God’s Word”

Discussion questions for parents:

1. Evaluate for yourself:
 - a. Do I have a general knowledge of the Bible’s timeline and flow of thought?
 - b. Do I have a pattern/habit of daily Bible reading/listening that I model for my kids?
 - c. Do I understand some of the patterns and symbols of worship and their significance?

Key Points to communicate:

1. Knowing the Bible
 - a. General line of “God’s story”
 - b. Key dates
 - c. Key people
2. Studying the Word
 - a. Develop a habit
 - b. Learn to ask and reflect
 - i. What does it say?
 - ii. What does it tell me about myself?
 - iii. What does it tell me about my Lord?
 - iv. What will it lead me to do?
3. Hearing the Word (worship)
 - a. The Path to worship – value of a pattern?
 - b. The seasons of worship – value of the Church Year?

Key Passages:

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (VIP) “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 Timothy 3:15 “How from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

Teaching Ideas:

- Establish a habit of Bible reading in your home personally and as a family.
- Thumb through *Christian Worship* and notice the patterns in the liturgy, seasons of the Church Year, etc.

Resources

The Book of Books. People’s Bible Commentary Set

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Lesson 18 – “The Christian and Baptism”

Discussion questions for parents:

1. A/D Baptism is necessary for salvation.
2. Can you explain why we as Lutherans baptize infants and other Christian churches don't?

Key Points to communicate:

1. What is a sacrament
 - a. Started by God
 - b. Uses visible elements connected with God's Word
 - c. Means by which God offers and gives forgiveness, new life & salvation
2. What is Baptism?
 - a. Simply...“a washing”
 - b. As a sacrament, water used with God's Word
3. For whom is Baptism?
 - a. All nations, children and adults
 - i. All are sinful
 - ii. While Jesus died for all (objective) individuals are to be born again (subjective)
 - iii. We need forgiveness offered in baptism
 - iv. Faith is a miracle, not a decision.
4. What are the blessings of Baptism?
 - a. Forgiveness
 - b. New Life
 - c. Salvation
5. Keeping the blessings of Baptism
 - a. Practice daily spiritual “breathing”
 - b. Be reminded of our connection to the death and resurrection of Jesus!

Key Passages:

- **Galatians 3:27 (VIP) All of you who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ”**
- Matthew 28:19 go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”
- Titus 3:5 ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
- Acts 2:38 ³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- John 3:5 ⁵Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.
- Romans 6

Resources:

- Schmeling, Gaylin R. Baptism: My Adoption into God's Family. People's Bible Teachings Northwestern Publishing House

PETT – Parent Sessions:

Lesson 19 – “Christian Prayer”

Discussion questions for parents:

1. If asked the significance of the petitions of the Lord’s Prayer, could you explain them? Take this opportunity to review them!
2. Activity: Daily Prayer with your children

Key Points to communicate:

1. Why pray?
 - a. It honors God
 - b. God desires we speak to him
 - c. God promises blessings to those that pray.
2. Who prays properly?
 - a. In Jesus’ name
 - b. Repentant and humble heart
 - c. Trusting in God to hear and answer
 - d. According to God’s will
3. Guidelines for Prayer
 - a. A- Adoration
 - b. C- Confession
 - c. T-Thanksgiving
 - d. S-Supplication
4. The Lord’s Prayer
 - a. Pray as God’s children – boldly & confidently
 - b. Pray for spiritual and earthly needs
 - c. Pray with confidence “Amen”

Key Passages:

- Isaiah 59:2 (NIV) But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.
- **Philippians 4:6 (VIP) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.**
- Psalm 50:15 (NIV) and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”
- Matthew 6:33 (NIV) **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

Resources:

- Peterman, Joel V., Prayer. People’s Bible Teaching Series. Northwestern Publishing House