



## Raising Christian Children Bible Study

**[Please provide:** copies of this Bible study, Bibles, Lutheran Service Books (LSB)]

**Opening Prayer:** Gracious God, we thank You for blessing so many of our families with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Forgive us for the many ways we have fallen short in raising them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We ask that You bless our congregations with wisdom and understanding, to the end that our children would be diligent in the means of grace in all the chapters of life, and that they would suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from the Christian confession. In Jesus' strong name we pray. Amen.

### A Beginning Discussion

If you are blessed with children, why did you choose for them the Godparents you chose? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have raised one or more children, list three life lessons you most wanted to impress upon them:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

If you could encourage young parents in three ways with regard to raising Christian children, what would your encouragements sound like?

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### The Confirmation Vow

Read through the Rite of Confirmation on pages 272–274 of the Lutheran Service Book (LSB). Then answer these questions:

What does it mean to acknowledge the gifts given by God in Holy Baptism? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does it mean to renounce the devil and all his works and ways? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does it mean to confess the First Person of the Trinity as “the Father?” \_\_\_\_\_

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In these confirmation vows, the confirmand confesses his or her belief that God *is the maker of heaven and earth*. These are the same words he or she has confessed often in both The Apostles’ Creed and The Nicene Creed. Based on this confession of faith, what is the Christian’s proper response to theories of evolution regarding the beginning of the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does catechetical instruction, both in the home and at church, help prepare individuals to defend their Christian faith in the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does it mean to confess faith in Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you summarize the work of the Holy Spirit? See also 1 Corinthians 12:3 and Ephesians 1:13. \_\_\_\_\_

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How does catechetical instruction in your congregation in these days compare to your own in the “good old days?” \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Searching The Scriptures**

Read Matthew 28:16–20. What tools does Christ give us for making disciples of all nations? \_\_\_\_\_

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As we set out to obey our Lord’s command (the Law), what is His Gospel promise? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read Titus 3:1–8. How does Paul describe the human condition, apart from Christ?

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What changes everything? \_\_\_\_\_

Why does God save us? \_\_\_\_\_

For what purposes does God save us? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Deuteronomy 6:1–9. What promise is attached to the Fourth Commandment? See Deuteronomy 5:16. \_\_\_\_\_

What promise is attached to God’s command for Israel to carefully keep the statutes and rules commanded by God? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it mean to have the commands of God on our hearts? \_\_\_\_\_

How do these verses serve as a warning to parents about entrusting Christian education to their pastors and Sunday school/day school teachers? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Psalm 22:27–31, 33:11, and 45:17.

What does it mean to proclaim God’s *righteousness to a people yet unborn* (Psalm 22:31)? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you summarize the *plans of God’s heart to all generations* (Psalm 33:11)? \_\_\_\_\_

Enabled by the Holy Spirit, name some specific ways that you can work within both your own family and your church family to help raise Christian children. \_\_\_\_\_

If you could have one wish for the next generations, what would it be? \_\_\_\_\_

**Closing Prayer:** Gracious God, we pray for Christian parents everywhere, that they would not exasperate their children, but bring them in the training and instruction of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray for parents, teachers, and pastors as they tell the next generations of Your wonderful deeds, that Your Name would be honored, Your cross would be lifted high, and Your Kingdom would come more and more among us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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