

INTRODUCTION TO CONFIRMATION

OVERVIEW OF THE SMALL CATECHISM

A. The Catechism

Circle the “Y” (Yes) before true statements and the “N” (No) before false statements.

- Y N 1. Everything that we should know for our salvation is written in the Bible.
- Y N 2. Our catechism contains the main teachings of the Bible.
- Y N 3. Any book that teaches God’s Word to children is a catechism.
- Y N 4. Luther found during a visitation of the churches that many people knew none of the important Bible teachings.
- Y N 5. Dr. Martin Luther lived about three hundred years ago.
- Y N 6. Luther wrote his Small Catechism to help people learn the chief parts of Christian doctrine.
- Y N 7. Just as Moses and the prophets were inspired by God to write the Old Testament, so was Luther inspired to write the catechism.
- Y N 8. The Six Chief Parts of the Catechism present the main teachings of the Bible.

B. The Bible

Make sentences by crossing out the words you do not need.

1. In our confirmation instruction, we have time to study only the ~~(New Testament—)~~ ~~(main teachings)~~ of the Bible because the Bible is really a library of ~~(39—)~~ ~~(66)~~ books.
2. Since the Bible is ~~(good literature—)~~ ~~(God’s Word)~~, it deserves to be called the ~~(Book of books—)~~ ~~(law)~~.
3. The Old Testament was written in ~~(Greek—)~~ ~~(Hebrew—)~~ ~~(Latin)~~ by ~~(Moses and the prophets—)~~ ~~(evangelists and apostles)~~.
4. The New Testament contains books known as ~~(poetry—)~~ ~~(Gospels—)~~ ~~(prophecy—)~~ ~~(history—)~~ ~~(Law—)~~ ~~(epistles)~~.
5. The Old Testament books point to the ~~(Savior—)~~ ~~(law—)~~ ~~(apostles)~~ while the New Testament books tell chiefly what the ~~(apostles—)~~ ~~(Savior)~~ did for sinners.
6. Although the writing was done by ~~(human beings—)~~ ~~(God)~~, the Bible is ~~(a human—)~~ ~~(God’s)~~ Word because His Holy Spirit “breathed into” the writers ~~(all—)~~ ~~(most—)~~ ~~(some)~~ of the thoughts and words they wrote.
7. The Bible ~~(contains—)~~ ~~(is)~~ the Word of God.