

Confirmation Curriculum

*If there are any questions that you don't know or you would like to open up more discussion with do not hesitate to talk to Adam or Hamilton about them

1st Session: What is confirmation and why are we doing it? (Nov. 12th-17th)

- Watch this Alpha Video titled Life: Is this it? And answer the questions on the video! <https://alphausa.org/alpha-youth-series-preview#episode-593f283b2e69cfd689787dad>

-1st Confirmation Definition: A strengthening and deepening of one's relationship with God

- Question 1: How would a public declaration of your faith in God deepen and strengthen your relationship with Him?

-2nd Confirmation Definition: An act of declaring your relationship with Christ as your own

- Question 2: What are ways of making your relationship with Christ your own and not your parents, pastors etc.?

-3rd Confirmation Definition: The Bishop laying hands on the confirmer, prays for the daily increase in the Holy Spirit, the strengthening of Christian life and service as well (2 Timothy 1:6-7, Acts 8:14-17; 19:6)

-Question 3: Why is the Act of Confirmation important for your walk with Christ?

2nd Session: What would you say the Gospel is? (Nov. 26th-Dec 1st)

- Watch this Alpha Video and answer the questions about Who Jesus is!
<https://alphausa.org/alpha-youth-series-preview#episode-59f8a2578165f5162239912d>

-Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Galatians 3:13-14, Titus 3:4-7

- Question 1: Who is the center of the Gospel according to these passages?

- Question 2: What did Jesus do that completes the Gospel?

- Question 3: What does the Gospel mean for your life?

3rd Session: Why do we need saving? (Dec 3rd- Dec 8th)

-Watch this Alpha Video from 0:00-11:00 then answer the questions!

<https://alphausa.org/alpha-youth-series-preview#episode-59f8a28c24a69446e912919f>

-Read Romans 3:23, Mark 7:20-23, 1 John 1:8-10

- Question 1: Because we are all sinful, why does it not work to just try and live a good life without any Savior?

- Question 2: What does it mean that sin is a condition not an action?

- Question 3: What caused us to be sinful in the first place?

4th Session: How does God save us? (Dec 10th-Dec 15th)

- Watch the second half of this Alpha Video from 11:00-22:33 then answer the questions! <https://alphausa.org/alpha-youth-series-preview#episode-59f8a28c24a69446e912919f>
- Read Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:16-21, Romans 8:37-39
- Question 1: Why did God send Jesus as a sacrifice, instead of just snapping his fingers and removing sin from the world?
- Question 2: Why can we not conquer sin by ourselves? What makes Jesus able to conquer sin for us and save us?
- Question 3: What does it mean when it says nothing can separate us from the love of God? Does that provide comfort for you?

5th Session: What does a believer believe? (Apostles Creed) (Dec. 17th-Dec 22nd)

- Watch this Alpha video about Faith and answer the questions!
<https://alphausa.org/alpha-youth-series-preview#episode-59f8a2aa71c10b6b85a2a8a7>

*I encourage you to memorize the Apostles Creed, but not just so you can feel like it makes you a better person but because having a concise statement of your belief will help you grow more in love with God.

APOSTLES CREED: I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

- Question 1: Why is having a concise statement of belief for everyone to agree upon important?

- Question 2: Is there anything else you would add to the Apostles Creed as an important thing for a Christian to believe in? Why or why not?
- Question 3: Why do we say this creed every service and why will you say the Apostle's Creed before you get confirmed?

6th Session: How does a believer pray? (Lords Prayer) (Dec 31st-Jan 5th)

*Again this is a good thing to have memorized so that you have an idea of a good and earnest prayer to God.

- First, watch this Alpha Video Pray- Why and How do I pray and answer the questions asked in the video: <https://alphausa.org/alpha-youth-series-preview#episode-59f8a2dfe4966b3da0be9057>

LORDS PRAYER: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our **daily** bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory forever and ever. Amen.

- Question 1: Why is the Lords Prayer a good example of how to pray to God?
- Question 2: Why is it important to pray to God? What can and should be talked about when you pray?
- Question 3: How can we be praying without ceasing? Does that mean to pray actively 24/7?

7th Session: Why are the 10 commandments relevant to us? (Jan 7th- Jan 12th)

- Watch this Alpha Video on How we can resist evil and answer the questions! <https://alphausa.org/alpha-youth-series-preview#episode-5a0a3df124a6942e843ac2e9>

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS:

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make idols.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.

7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

Question 1: If its impossible to follow the law perfectly, why is the law still important to us?

Question 2: Why do you think the first 4 commandments are about our relationship with God and the last 6 commandments are about our relationship with others?

Question 3: Even though we fall short of keeping these commandments everyday, why can we find comfort in Jesus' life and death?

8th Session: How do I know I'm ready to be confirmed? (Jan 14th-Jan 19th)

-Watch this Alpha Video about the Church and the importance of the Church and answer the questions! <https://alphausa.org/alpha-youth-series-preview#episode-5a3af10eec212d4d9938d4c5>

- Read Ephesians 4:10-16

-Question 1: Do you look at Jesus as your Lord and your Savior from the reality of Sin? (Its okay to be honest here!) If not, what is holding you back?

- Question 2: Do you feel ready to announce that belief and relationship to publicly to your church family?

- Question 3: How can you challenge yourself in your relationship with Christ and continue to grow after your confirmation?