**At Home Confirmation Class #2 – February 21, 2021**

**Instructions for Parents:** Please guide your 5th grader through this 8 page at home Confirmation class experience. You should plan on *at least* 90 minutes to complete Class #2. It does not need to be completed in one sitting! Please complete this first class **no later than February 26th**. When you and your 5th grader have completed the entire class together, please email**michaely@damascus.com**using the following subject line *“First and Last Name of Student- Completed At Home Class #2.”*

This class covers DRCC’s 3rd and 4th core beliefs related to Jesus and the Holy Spirit. In this class, your child will watch 2 videos and dive deep into the Bible. Get ready to open your Bibles! You and your child will be doing that *a lot* in this class. With that in mind, consider breaking this class up into 2 parts rather than trying to go through it all at once.

**Important Note for Parents:** Prior to starting this class, try to think about a time when you have witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit in your own life or in the life of someone you know. Consider sharing this story with your child as you help them understand that the Holy Spirit is not just active in the Bible, but is very much active in the world today! If you can’t think of an example, that’s ok! This is an optional part of the class.

**Opening Prayer:**

Begin your time by praying for your child as he/she begins this second Confirmation class. Pray that God would use this time to help them grow in their love for, and understanding of, God and His Word!

**Review of Last Week’s Class:**

Prior to exploring beliefs 3 and 4, there is a Quiz for your student to take on some of the key concepts that were discussed during last week’s Confirmation class. Please have your student complete the Quiz after you print the Quiz OR after you save the Quiz as a separate document, in which case they can complete it right from your computer.

The page after the Quiz is the Answer Key. Please have your 5th grader take the Quiz without seeing the Answer Key. After he or she is done, ask them to share their answers with you and compare those against the Answer Key. Remember, any Quiz in the Confirmation class is not graded! The idea is to help the students learn and review key concepts from the week before.

**Quiz on Key Ideas from February 14th Confirmation Class:**

Bible:

1. What is the purpose of the bible?
2. How many books are in the Bible?
3. How many years did it take for the Bible to be written?
4. How many authors wrote the Bible?
5. What statement is most accurate?
	1. God wrote the bible
	2. Man wrote the Bible
	3. The Bible is the inspired word of God written by man

God:

1. When was God created?
2. Which of the following is NOT one of the four major views of God?
	1. Atheism: God does not exist (Communism)
	2. Duotheism: There are two Gods who take turns being God.
	3. Polytheism: There are many gods with different agendas (Greeks)
	4. Pantheism: God is everything, so everything is God (Hinduism)
	5. Monotheism: One true creator God (Judaism, Christianity, Islam)
3. Which of the following statements most accurately describes the Trinity (which is the Christian view of God):
	1. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are 3 separate and distinct Gods
	2. The Trinity is One God revealed in 3 persons (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit)
	3. The Trinity describes the 3 different time periods for God’s existence
	4. The Trinity describes the 3 functions of God, which occur at different times

**Quiz Answer Key on Key Ideas from February 14th Confirmation Class:**

Bible:

1. What is the purpose of the bible? to lead us to faith in Jesus Christ! (2 Timothy 3:15)
2. How many books are in the Bible? 66
3. How many years did it take for the Bible to be written? 1,500 years
4. How many authors wrote the Bible? approximately 40 (some say as many as 49) <https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-authors.html>
5. What statement is most accurate?
	1. God wrote the bible
	2. Man wrote the Bible
	3. The Bible is the inspired word of God written by man (2 Timothy 3:16)

God:

1. When was God created? God was not created! In fact, He has always existed! (Psalm 90:2, Revelation 1:8)
2. Which of the following is NOT one of the four major views of God?
	1. Atheism: God does not exist (Communism)
	2. Duotheism: There are two Gods who take turns being God.
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**Getting Started:**

Today’s class will focus on Jesus and the Holy Spirit. While there is a lot that could be said on both of these topics, this class is designed to help your child form a foundation of knowledge that they can build on for future years. More importantly than growing in their knowledge of God, our hope is that your child will grow in their love for Him! Today’s discussion about Jesus is an introduction and is meant to set the stage for additional conversations in the Confirmation classes that follow. Each Confirmation class builds off of the previous one.

**Jesus:**

Spend time watching and discussing the following video with your child. Prior to starting the video, ask them to pay close attention and to write down 2-3 observations. The observations could include something they learned, a question they have, or something that amazed them. The observations they write down should help form the basis of your discussion to follow.

Watch “The Messiah” video (5:48) and discuss with your child:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/messiah/>

Open the Bible:

Please share with your child:

*In the book of John, we read a lot about what Jesus said and did. In fact, there are 7 things that Jesus said about himself in the book of John that start with the words “I am.” Jesus chose these words on purpose because the words “I AM” were used to refer to God. Prior to looking up the following verses, check out John 8:58 where Jesus refers to himself as “I AM.” And then check out Exodus 3:13-14 where Moses asks God for His name and God says “I AM.” By Jesus using the words “I AM” to describe himself, Jesus is telling the world that He is God!*

Have your child look up the following verses and fill in the blanks.

1. "I AM \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ " (John 6:35)
2. "I AM \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" (John 8:12)
3. "I AM \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—and all who enter by Me will live.” (John 10:9)
4. “I AM \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_…I lay down My life for My sheep" (John l0:11; 14-16)
5. "I AM \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" (John 11:25-26)
6. "I AM \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" (John 14:6)
7. "I AM \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" (John 15:1-8)

When your child is done, ask them to pick their favorite “I am” statement of Jesus and to share why they chose that one.

Share the following with your child: *By Jesus using the words “I AM” to describe himself, Jesus is telling the world that He is God! The Jewish religious leaders of Jesus’ day knew exactly what Jesus was claiming, which is why they reacted so harshly in John 8:58. When they heard Jesus describe himself as God by using the words “I AM,” their response was to try and kill him. They were outraged that Jesus was claiming to be God. Unfortunately, their hearts were so hardened that they refused to believe the truth about Jesus: that He was both fully God and fully man, and that He came as the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29).*

*It can be confusing to think about Jesus being both fully God and fully man. We have already seen Jesus describe himself as God, but where in the Bible are we told that Jesus is also a man? One example is in Hebrews 2: 10-18. Let’s look up and read these verses together.*

After reading Hebrews 2:10-18 with your child, share the following: *You may be wondering why it was necessary for Jesus to be both God and man? When Adam and Eve sinned, death was the consequence. This didn’t happen right away, but sin eventually leads to death. Because “man” created the problem of sin (not God), man is the one responsible for solving the problem. However, because we continue to sin, it is impossible for any human to do this. It had to be someone who was both God and man. This is why Jesus came as fully God and fully man!*

*Similar to the Trinity, the idea of Jesus being both fully God and fully man can be hard to understand. As you read the Bible more and more, you will see both the divinity and humanity of Jesus emphasized. Don’t worry if you have lots of questions about this! Questions are good and that’s how we learn. Even as adults, the Trinity as well as Jesus’ humanity and divinity are things that we are still learning about and will always be learning about!*

Was Jesus created by God or did He always exist?

Share the following with your child: *You may remember in last week’s class we talked about how no one or nothing made God – and how God has always existed! (Psalm 90:2, Revelation 1:8) We also talked about how God is 3 persons in one being (God the Father, God the Son – Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit). In this week’s class, we have learned that Jesus is both fully God and fully man. While Jesus came to earth in human flesh, since Jesus is also God, that means that He too has always existed as God! Several parts of the Bible describe the eternal nature of Jesus (Colossians 1:15-20, John 1:1-17)*

Stop and see if your child has any questions about anything they are learning so far. Remember, don’t hesitate to contact Michael Yudt @ michaely@damascus.com if you ever want to set up a private zoom session to discuss anything your child is learning in Confirmation (and any questions they may have).

Next, have your child look up and read Luke 2:8-12. After they read these verses, share the following with your child: *This is a very important part of the Bible as it contains a special announcement about the birth of Jesus from an angel of the Lord. This announcement was made at night to a group of shepherds on the same day that Jesus was born. Take another look at verse 11. It is here that the angel of the Lord was giving the shepherds (and us) 2 significant clues into the purpose and mission of Jesus’ life. Jesus came as both “Savior” and “Lord.”* Ask your child: *What do these two words tell us about why Jesus came to earth?*

Give your child an initial opportunity to respond to this question. Note: we will discuss this topic more in future Confirmation classes.

**The Holy Spirit:**

Spend time watching and discussing the following video with your child. Prior to starting the video, ask them to pay close attention and to write down 2-3 observations. The observations could include something they learned, a question they have, or something that amazed them. The observations they write down should help form the basis of your discussion to follow.

Watch the “Holy Spirit” video (4:11) and discuss with your child:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/holy-spirit/>

Open the Bible:

* The Holy Spirit is active in the Old Testament. Have your child look up the following verses and write out their answers to the following questions.
	+ Creation story: Genesis 1:2 - What does this verse say the Spirit was doing in Creation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Joseph: Genesis 41:38 - What did Pharaoh say about Joseph?

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* + Prophets: Micah 3:8 - What does the Spirit enable Micah to do?

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* The Holy Spirit is active in the New Testament. Have your child look up the following verses and write out their answers to the following questions.
	+ Jesus’ baptism: Matthew 3:16-17 - What does the Spirit do at Jesus baptism? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Jesus’ resurrection: Romans 8:11 - What is the Spirit’s role in Jesus’s resurrection? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Birth of church: Acts 2:1-12 - What ability does the Spirit give at Pentecost?

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* Share the following with your child: *While it’s great to know that the Holy Spirit was active in both the Old and New Testaments, it’s also important to know that the Holy Spirit is still active today. In fact, He is active in the lives of anyone who chooses to follow Jesus! Take another look at Romans 8:11. Don’t miss the importance of this verse. It is here that we are told that the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead can also live inside of us and give us new life. In fact, the same spirit that brought new life to Jesus is doing the same thing today for anyone who follows Jesus.*

Parent Testimony (OPTIONAL):

Think about a time when you witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit in your own life or in the life of someone you know. Consider sharing this with your child as you help them understand that the Holy Spirit is not just active in the Bible, but is very much active in the world today! If you can’t think of an example, that’s ok! This is an optional part of this class.

Open the Bible:

Continue by sharing the following with your child*: The primary mission of the Holy Spirit is to* ***point us to Jesus*** *and help us have new life in Jesus. In fact, the Holy Spirit will teach us and remind us of what Jesus said (John 14:26). In addition, the Holy Spirit will us remind us of our need for Jesus because of our sin (John 16:8).*

*The Bible also tells us that no one can enter the kingdom of God (or heaven) unless they are born again and that this can only happen with the Holy Spirit. See John 3: 1-16 for a conversation that Jesus had about being “born again” with a religious leader named Nicodemus. The term “born again” refers to the new life that we experience when we choose to follow Jesus. 2 Corinthians 5:17 is another great verse to check out about the new life that we have in Jesus. Remember, the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead can also live inside you and give you new life! (Romans 8:11)*

*As we experience new life in Jesus, the Holy Spirit helps us live out the plans that God has for us. He does this in two primary ways:*

* The **GIFTS** of the Holy Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 -imparted for the Church. Look up these verses and list the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Please share with your child: *the spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12 are not the only spiritual gifts mentioned in the Bible. Ephesians 4:1-16 and Romans 12: 1-8 tell us about other spiritual gifts that are equally important. When you have an opportunity, check out these verses as well. And don’t ever forget that God has given everyone special gifts to use for Him – that includes you!*

* The **FRUIT** of the Holy Spirit: Galatians 5:22-23. Look up these verses and list the fruit of the Spirit.

Please share with your child: *As we experience new life in Jesus, God asks us to live our life in such a way that others can see Jesus in us. We can do this by demonstrating the fruit of the Spirit! We are told in several places throughout the Bible that the most important fruit of the Spirit is love – first, to love God, and then to love people! (Matthew 22:36-40, 1 Corinthians 13, Deuteronomy 6:4-5)*

**Closing your time together:**

* Ask your child if they have any questions about anything covered in this class.
* Close your time praying for your child.
* Please don’t forget to email Michael Yudt at **michaely@damascus.com**when your 5th grader has completed this class using the following subject line: “First and Last Name of Student- Completed At Home Class #2.”