**At Home Confirmation Class #7 – March 28, 2021**

**Instructions for Parents:** Please guide your 5th grader through this 5 page at home confirmation class experience.

**MORE ABOUT THIS CLASS**: The main part of this class was designed by DRCC Elder, Glenn Vonk. Glenn is an accomplished scientist. (see below for his bio)

This class will cover the topic of God and Science. The idea is to help children understand how God and science are not at odds with each other. Often times, people will walk away from their faith because they believe that the Bible is at odds with science. That is tragic and completely unnecessary. The Bible was not meant to be a science book and the more science advances, the more it points to an “intelligent design” behind the origins of the earth. During this class, you will enjoy watching a video with your child that talks more about this very topic.

As part of this class, please have your 5th grader take the Quiz covering some of the key concepts discussed during the March 21st class on Baptism. Remember, the quiz is for learning purposes only!

You should plan on approximately 45-60 minutes to complete Class #7. **When you and your 5th grader have completed the entire class together, please email** [**michaely@damascus.com**](mailto:michaely@damascus.com) **using the following subject line *“First and Last Name of Student- Completed At Home Class #7.”***

**REGISTER NOW for these upcoming Zoom sessions:**

* Sunday, April 11th from 6-7pm: *Live Session w/ DRCC Youth Pastor, Roger Record*
  + This is for students in the at-home confirmation class as Pastor Roger will be teaching the in-person class earlier that same day. **Save the Date!**
* Wednesday, April 28th from 7-8:15pm: *Middle School Here We Come and We’re Bringing Jesus with Us!* 
  + This will be led by 2 middle school teachers that attend DRCC and is for any student who will be entering a public middle school in the Fall. Student session is from 7-8pm, parents join for the last 15 minutes. Get the inside scoop on what middle school is really like! [**Click here to register**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIsc-uopzsiE9XmJ6vzhZGrnW4oB4H07qJd).

If your child has questions about anything they are learning in confirmation and you and/or they would like to schedule a private call or zoom session with Michael Yudt (Director of Children’s Ministry), please email him at [michaely@damascus.com](mailto:michaely@damascus.com).

**Quiz on Key Ideas from March 21st Confirmation Class**

1. True or False: Baptism saves us.
2. True or False: We will no longer sin after we are baptized.
3. Why is it significant when the person being baptized goes under the water?
4. What are we reminded of when the person being baptized comes out of the water?
5. Baptism is NOT:
   1. mentioned several times in the New Testament
   2. an outward sign of a significant change that has taken place inside of us.
   3. something we should only do after we have a perfect understanding of Jesus and have stopped sinning
   4. an opportunity for us to declare in the presence of God (and others) that we have been saved by Jesus and that we are committing the rest of our lives to follow Him.
6. The following is a sign that someone is NOT following Jesus as Lord of their life::
   1. They have a desire to obey what Jesus taught in the Bible
   2. They believe that Jesus is their Savior, but don’t see any connection between Jesus and their day to day life
   3. They are starting to care more about Jesus’ will for their life than their own will
   4. They have questions and doubts, but are still choosing to trust in Jesus even when there are things that they may not understand

**Quiz Answer Key on Key Ideas from April 5th Confirmation Class**

1. True or False: Baptism saves us. (False, it is Jesus who saves.)
2. True or False: We will no longer sin after we are baptized. (False, while we will still sin after baptism, we are reminded of the new life we have in Jesus because of our baptism!)
3. Why is it significant when the person being baptized goes under the water? (It’s a reminder that Jesus died to wash our sins away. Also, by going under the water, we are being united with Jesus in his death as we are dying to our own sins and selfishness. This doesn’t mean our sins will completely go away. But it does mean that they will no longer be the ultimate definition of who we are. Anyone who chooses to trust in Jesus is a child of God!)
4. What are we reminded of when the person being baptized comes out of the water? (When we come out of the water, we are reminded that Jesus rose from the dead to conquer our sins and to give us new life! By being baptized, we are becoming fully alive in Christ. We are saying “no” to living life our own way and “yes” to living life God’s way.)
5. The following is a sign that someone is NOT following Jesus as *Lord* of their life::
   1. They have a desire to obey what Jesus taught in the Bible
   2. They believe that Jesus is their Savior, but don’t see any connection between Jesus and their day to day life
   3. They are starting to care more about Jesus’ will for their life than their own will
   4. They have questions and doubts, but are still choosing to trust in Jesus even when there are things that they may not understand
6. Baptism is NOT:
   1. mentioned several times in the New Testament
   2. an outward sign of a significant change that has taken place inside of us.
   3. something we should only do after we have a perfect understanding of Jesus and have stopped sinning (Remember, other than Jesus, the people being baptized in the Bible weren’t perfect and didn’t have a perfect understanding of God. They chose to be baptized because they wanted to turn away from their sins and turn to Jesus! You can do the same.)
   4. an opportunity for us to declare in the presence of God (and others) that we have been saved by Jesus and that we are committing the rest of our lives to follow Him.

**Class #7: God and Science**

If your child has any questions about the “God and Science” material, please do not hesitate to email Glenn Vonk at [glenn\_vonk@me.com](mailto:glenn_vonk@me.com). He loves questions!

Start the class with a word of prayer and then read Glenn’s bio to your 5th grader. Don’t worry if they don’t understand all of what Glenn has done, but be sure to draw attention to the last line of the bio. We have a hero at DRCC who is working to combat the ills of the coronavirus throughout the world!

**GLENN VONK BIO:**

Glenn Vonk is a PhD synthetic organic chemist with 30+ years’ experience leading medical device technology development.   His early accomplishments include preparation of investigational drugs for the National Cancer Institute and the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. One of these drugs is in use today. He then led teams at Becton Dickinson developing a wide variety of diagnostic and drug delivery devices.  Glenn has extensive biotech experience assaying proteins, cloning, sequencing, selecting, and detecting gene sequences. He established Becton Dickinson’s life sciences research and development in Singapore creating programs in malaria and tuberculosis diagnostics, biopharmaceutical manufacturing, and computational biology.   He holds over 23 US patents some of which enable large businesses.  Glenn retired from Becton Dickinson in 2015.  He presently reviews commercialization proposals for the National Cancer Institute and is an invited speaker at conferences across the US.  Glenn is now Director of Strategic Alliances and Business Development at the National Council for Entrepreneurial Technology Transfer where he advises startups, universities, investors, and legislators associated with commercializing government sponsored research.  He has trained in Christian apologetics at Southern Evangelical Seminary and is an elder at DRCC.  Glenn supports groups across the world with information needed to reduce suffering associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

**God and Science powerpoint:**

[**Click here to download the powerpoint**](https://2ed7e68d-d85c-4b16-aa28-b0617322bc2e.usrfiles.com/ugd/2ed7e6_7f151cde97154ecaadedc2f77d6fa538.pdf) developed by Glenn Vonk for your 5th grader. Walk your student through this and be sure to watch the video 2x for better understanding. Encourage your 5th grader to check out some of the optional websites at the end of the presentation. They may enjoy some of the hands on science experiments!

**Closing your time together:**

* *Ask your child if they have any questions about anything covered in this class. Remember, your life line for this class is Glenn Vonk --* [*glenn\_vonk@me.com*](mailto:glenn_vonk@me.com)
* *If your child is interested in being baptized or if they would like to learn more about baptism, email Michael Yudt at* [*michaely@damascus.com*](mailto:michaely@damascus.com) *to let him know. He will then invite your child to attend the live Baptism Class for 5th Graders on Sunday, May 2nd @ 3pm. This will take place at DRCC. (Note: The May 2nd class is an optional class for those interested in either being baptized or learning more about baptism.)*
* *Close your time praying for your child.*
* *Please don’t forget to email Michael Yudt when your 5th grader has completed this class, “At Home Confirmation Class #7.” Thanks!*