



LEADER'S GUIDE

PRE-CONFERENCE BIBLE STUDY

Who Am I 2024

Lesson 3 : In the World

TARGET GRADE

High School/9-12th grade

DESCRIPTION

In this lesson, students will learn that as baptized children of God, they have been gifted and blessed with unique skills and talents from God. Every person has been created by God and equipped with abilities to love and serve their neighbors. The students will learn that as baptized children of God, they do not worry about doing good works to appease God, but rather that they are redeemed through Jesus and do good works to show God's love to their neighbors. Students will learn that they were created by God for relationships and community, and each one of them is an important part of the Body of Christ.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of this lesson, students will be able to explain that their identity, as a baptized child of God, is with them everywhere they are: in church, in their family, and even in the world. Students will know that they are declared clean, worthy, and holy through Jesus' death and resurrection and it is out of that joyful reality, they love and serve those around them.

AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED

Approximately 50-60 minutes

MATERIALS NEEDED

- ✓ Bibles and catechisms
- ✓ Laptop for presentation slides and audio
- ✓ Would you rather...why? document (PDF)
- ✓ Notebook to take notes

LESSON OUTLINE

1. **Consider.** Have students think about the question posed on slide 4.
2. **Opening.** Begin with today's [Reflection](#)
3. **Discuss.** On slide 6, read the Scripture verses together, then have the students discuss the questions in pairs or small groups.
4. **Watch.** [Catechism Video 3.](#)
5. **Discuss.** Read and discuss slides 8 in pairs, small groups, or as a class.
6. **Watch.** [Hymn Video 3.](#)
7. **Discuss.** Read and discuss slides 10 in pairs, small groups, or as a class.
8. **Watch.** [Liturgy Video 3.](#)
9. **Activity.** Use the 'Would you rather...why?' prompts to facilitate discussion. You can choose to have students answer these in partners, small groups, or as a whole class.
10. **Reflect.** Have students reflect on how they answered the initial 'consider' question (slide 4). Ask if they would change their answer and why. Close by inviting every student to think of one gift they know they have (and have them consider how they could use it to love their neighbor).
11. **Closing.** Close by praying together Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer or the Lord's Prayer.



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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read 1 Corinthians 12

In 12:12-13, of whose body are you a member? How are we made members of this body?

Members of the body of Christ through Baptism.

In 12:14-20, are all members of the body the same, different, equal, greater, or complementary to one another? What is the most important member of the body?

Members are all different, but need to be different in order for the body to work. Members are complementary to one another and all are necessary that the work of the body can be done. No single member of the body is the greatest or most important, but each has a different role.

In 12:4-11, how can we see ourselves as different members of the body? Who gives us the gifts and talents that we have?

We are different members by the variety of gifts God gives to each. All these varieties of gifts are given by the one Spirit.

How does this help us to know who we are supposed to be and what we are supposed to do with our life? What is the best thing to be or the most God pleasing job?

God has given us the gifts that He wants us to have. They are different from the gifts of our neighbor and that is good. The most God pleasing job is the one that makes use of the gifts God has given you.

Watch the Part 3 Catechism Video

Read 1 Corinthians 13

Whatever our vocations may be, what should we have and exhibit as we carry them out?

Whatever we do in life, we ought to do it with love.

What love is Paul talking about? Where does this love come from? What does this love look like? Read John 3:16.

Paul is talking about the love of Christ. This love comes from God to you and through you to your neighbor. This love looks like Christ sacrificing Himself for you and your neighbor on the cross.

What are "easy" and "hard" ways we can love our neighbor?

"Easy" ways we can love our neighbor might include showing up, being present, persistent, reliable, and faithful, letting them know that they matter, listening, inviting them to church, etc. Some "hard" ways to love our neighbor might include calling them to repentance and faith when they have done something wrong, dropping everything and sacrificing yourself and what you are doing to help them when they are in need, etc.

Watch the Part 3 Hymn Video

Read Colossians 3:12-17

Where can we hear about who we are and how we are loved?

In church and in the liturgy.

Where can we learn how to show our neighbor who they are in God's eyes and how they are loved?

In church and in the liturgy.

No matter what our gifts are, what we do or what our job is, who are we and what do we have?

We are baptized, beloved children of God for whom Christ died. We do everything in His name and to His glory.

Watch the Part 3 Liturgy Video