



# PARENT TRACK

## INTRODUCTION TO THE CATECHISM

Unit 1: Lesson 1

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### Video Preparation - Introduction

**Video:** [Unit 1 Overview](#)

Watch Pastor Aaron Fenker's video where he gives an overview of the First Chief Part of *Luther's Small Catechism*. You may do this on your own.

While you are watching, reflect on these points:

- The three uses of the Law: curb, guide, and mirror
- The two tables of the Law: faith for God and love for your neighbor
- The purpose of each specific commandment

**Video:** [Confirmation Video 1](#)

Watch Pastor Brett Simek discuss the introduction of *Luther's Small Catechism* with your child **BEFORE** he or she attends class. Work through the questions together.

After you have watched this video together, discuss the target question for this lesson:

### Target Question

#### What is a Christian?

**Have your child explain what they learned about what confirmation is and what the Catechism is. Share with your child your experience in confirmation class, whether that was as a child or an adult.**

**Your child learned about who God is (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and who wrote the Bible (God, through men inspired by the Holy Spirit). He also learned about where human reason fits into understanding these things. Discuss why we cannot rely on human reason to understand these things.**

Your child also discussed magisterial vs. ministerial use of reason. This may help jog his/her memory when discussing.

#### **What are the Six Chief Parts of the catechism? What does each part teach us? Why do we need it?**

- Ten Commandments are the Law - this shows us our sin and our need for a Savior.
- The Apostles' Creed shows us who the Triune God is.
- The Lord's Prayer teaches the Lord's will for our lives.
- Holy Baptism is one way God comes to us and gives us forgiveness.
- In Confession and Absolution we hear God's forgiveness.
- The Lord's Supper is where God gives us His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sins.