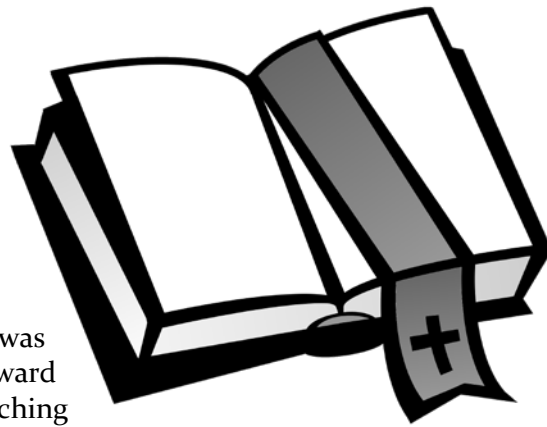


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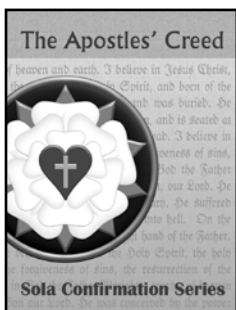
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## Confirmation Program Description



### About the Series

The *Sola Confirmation Series* was written to serve as a straightforward and practical resource for teaching Confirmation. Its simple format does not require an elaborate program and extensive congregational resources, and is particularly suited to smaller churches.



The “old-school” workbook format allows a pastor or lay leader, with little advance preparation, to sit down with students and take them page by page through a lesson together. The series was written so that both the adult leaders and the students are able to explore a biblical concept on the same level. The lessons do not assume a high level of prior knowledge.

Each of the four core workbooks in the *Sola Confirmation Series* is laid out in ten sessions, covering one major section of *Luther’s Small Catechism*. But the core series also provides students an overview and sense for the interconnectedness of Scripture built into each session. Rather than creating

an artificial split between the study of Scripture and the study of the Catechism, the series takes a “Bible Study” approach to teaching students. Scripture is used throughout the series as the primary text and teaching resource for instruction.

Unlike some other Confirmation curricula, the *Sola Confirmation Series* intentionally takes a more “content-based” approach to teaching. Employing many learning styles, forms of presentation, and means of group engagement, the main emphasis in the *Sola* series is on communicating the Word of God and the content of the Christian faith.

We believe that the heart of the Lutheran understanding of *Sola Scriptura* (Scripture alone) is the confidence that God actually creates faith by means of his Word. Through Law and Gospel, God does more than just impart information. He lays hold of our hearts and gives us something outside of ourselves in which we can trust and believe.

As Scripture says: “*These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*” (John 20:31). That is the goal of this series.

# Format of the Student Workbooks

Each lesson in the *Sola Confirmation Series* is written with a consistent format. Some of the standard pieces included with each lesson are:

## 1) Opening Scripture Dialog & Prayer

Written to be spoken by Leader (L) and Class (C), the dialog allows each lesson to begin with Scripture and prayer. The leader part may be the class teacher or a designated student.

## 2) Gathering Activity

A simple warm-up activity is provided to begin each lesson. These may need to be adjusted for available space and the size of a given class. Look for the thematic connection between the activity and the session topic.

## 3) Theme Word Definition

The first page of each lesson introduces the theme with an opening illustration and presents the “theme word” for the lesson (which is also the session title). This is intended to set the stage for the study that follows.

## 4) Quoted and “Look-up” Scripture Texts

The heart of each lesson is the Scripture texts around which the session is built, often with questions for reflection. In addition, each lesson also contains shorter “quoted” texts in a section titled “Reading God’s Word,” intended to serve as a broader reinforcement of the theme.

## 5) Catechism: Fill-in-the-Blank Section

Each lesson contains the passage of the Small Catechism under discussion. The “fill in the blank” format is meant to be a practice for memory work. The *Sola Confirmation Series* makes use of the **Luther’s Small Catechism**, 2010 Edition, from Sola and ReClaim. The section of the Catechism being covered is also found on the last page of the workbook.

## 6) Illustrations & Object Lessons

Many lessons feature a graphic/pictorial presentation of the theme, or include an in-class object lesson. These are usually the only portions that require advance set-up.

## 7) Small Group Bible Study

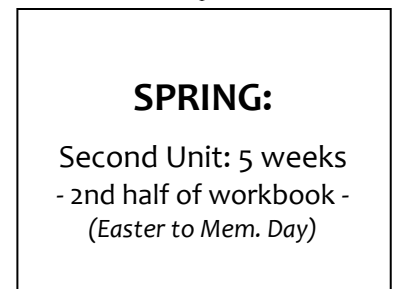
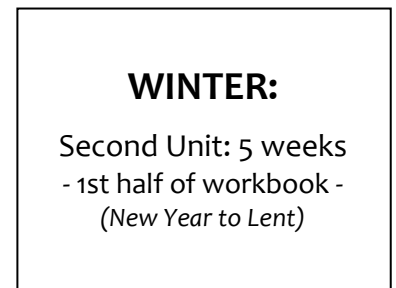
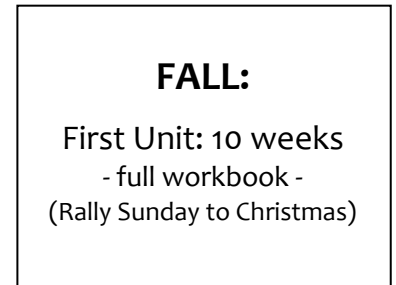
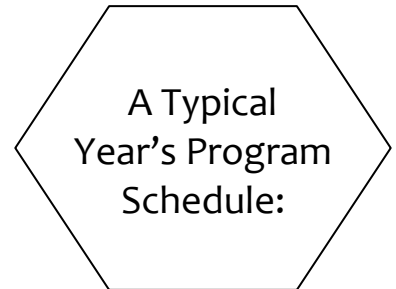
Each lesson features a Bible study, intended for table discussion. Larger classes can be broken down into groups of 5-8 students, facilitated by an adult small group leader.

## 8) Memory Symbol

A memory symbol and short description is provided for each lesson for students to solidify the concept in their minds and remember what has been covered.

## 9) ADTRC Prayer

Each lesson asks students to write their own prayer, using the ADTRC prayer format (described on the next page).



# Sola Confirmation Series - Four Core Workbooks

The four core books in the Sola Confirmation Series each have ten sessions, covering a major section of Luther's Small Catechism. A biblical overview of Scripture from both the Old and New Testaments incorporated into the framework of the series. When using the series in a two-year rotation, students may begin in either of the alternating years. Normally, one unit is presented in the Fall, with another unit presented in the Winter & Spring. Some congregations choose to show a biblical video series over a number of weeks, for a portion of the year (for example, during Lent).

## Year One:

### C-7010 The Apostles' Creed

The Scripture emphasis for the unit focuses on the overarching biblical story of God's work in creation, redemption, and our life of faith.

Session	Topic	Bible Study
1. Creed	Creed-Trinity Intro	John 14:8-17
2. Creation	First Article	Job 38:1-41
3. Providence	First Article	Psalms 104:1-35
4. Stewardship	First Article	Matthew 25:14-30
5. Incarnation	Second Article	Matthew 1:18-25
6. Redemption	Second Article	John 10:11-18
7. Resurrection	Second Article	Luke 24:1-35
8. Justification	Third Article	Acts 2:1-21
9. Sanctification	Third Article	Galatians 5:16-26
10. Election	Third Article	Ezekiel 37:1-14

#### Video Series on the Life of Jesus:

- Recommended: "The Gospel of John" (2005)  
(125 min, featuring Henry Ian Cusick)

### C-7020 The Sacraments

The Scripture emphasis for the unit focuses on how Old Testament imagery connects to sacramental themes in the New Testament.

Session	Topic	Bible Study
1. Means	Sacraments Intro	Numbers 21:4-9
2. Authorization	Holy Baptism	1 Samuel 16:1-13
3. Promise	Holy Baptism	Acts 2:29-42
4. Faith	Holy Baptism	Matthew 14:22-33
5. Repentance	Holy Baptism	Jonah 2
6. Forgiveness	Office of the Keys	John 8:1-11
7. Remembrance	Holy Communion	1 Corinth. 11:23-26
8. Presence	Holy Communion	Luke 24:36-49
9. Covenant	Holy Communion	Matthew 26:14-35
10. Worthiness	Holy Communion	Luke 7:1-10

## Year Two:

### C-7030 The Ten Commandments

The Scripture emphasis for the unit focuses on Moses and the Exodus cycle, with Bible study texts primarily from the Pentateuch.

Session	Topic	Bible Study
1. Priority	1st Commandment	Isaiah 44:9-20
2. Respect	2nd Commandment	Exodus 3:1-15
3. Sabbath	3rd Commandment	Exodus 5:1-14
4. Authority	4th Commandment	Exodus 15:22-27
5. Protection	5th Commandment	Exodus 2:11-25
6. Fidelity	6th Commandment	Matthew 19:1-12
7. Responsibility	7th Commandment	Leviticus 19:9-18
8. Integrity	8th Commandment	Numbers 13:25-14:10
9. Contentment	9th Commandment	Numbers 12:1-16
10. Consequences	10th Commandment	Deut. 32:48-52

#### Video Series on the Life of Moses:

- Recommended: "Moses" (1996)  
(188 min, featuring Ben Kingsley)

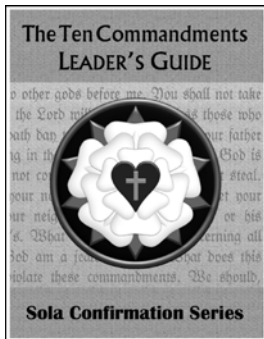
### C-7040 The Lord's Prayer

The Scripture emphasis for the unit focuses on the ministry and parables of Jesus, with Bible study texts primarily from the Gospels.

Session	Topic	Bible Study
1. Prayer	Lord's Prayer Intro	Luke 18:1-8
2. Hallowed	First Petition	Matthew 5:13-16
3. Kingdom	Second Petition	Mark 4:26-34
4. Will	Third Petition	John 6:24-40
5. Dependence	Fourth Petition	Matthew 20:1-15
6. Trespasses	Fifth Petition	Matthew 18:23-35
7. Temptation	Sixth Petition	Matthew 25:14-30
8. Deliverance	Seventh Petition	Luke 11:14-23
9. Doxology	Conclusion	Luke 18:9-14
10. Devotion	Daily Prayer	John 4:1-42

New for the 2013-2014 School Year:

## Confirmation Leader's Guides



As a supplement to the student books, the new *Sola Confirmation Series Leader's Guides* provide introductions to each session, take the leader through the lessons in the Student Book, and provide an "answer key" to the Bible Study and Catechism questions. They

also include suggestions for how to incorporate intergenerational discussion into each lesson (for home or in class).

The final section of the Leader's Guide includes reproducible weekly Catechism quizzes, as well as an end-of-unit study sheet and test.

*Important: The Leader's Guides are intended as a supplement to accompany the core Student Books. To lead a class, all teachers need to have a copy of the student workbook for the given unit.*

### Leader's Guides - Schedule for Release:

- Ten Commandments – July 2013
- Apostles' Creed – August 2013
- Lord's Prayer – October 2013
- Sacraments – December 2013

Be sure to check out our **FREE** Confirmation support materials available online:

Sola Publishing has provided a number of free resources online as support for Confirmation Leaders, including:

- quizzes, tests, study sheets
- worship notes, mentor sheets, etc.

Go to our website at: [www.solapublishing.org](http://www.solapublishing.org) and look for the pull-down menu tab marked "Free Educational Resources," then click on **Confirmation**.



## Used with the Sola Confirmation Program:



### Sola Pocket Catechism

(uses LBW hymnal worship texts)

C-8101 Single copy: \$2.50

C-8106 Six Copies for \$15.00 (\$2.50 each)

By the cooperative effort of Sola Publishing and ReClaim Resources, this edition of Luther's *Small Catechism* was produced in 2010 translators and authors representing Lutheran Core, WordAlone Ministries, LCMC, and NALC.

*Designed specifically to go with the Sola Confirmation Series, this edition contains the wording of the Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, and Words of Institution prepared by the International Consultation on English Texts (ICET), 1969 – the same liturgical texts used in LBW.*

### Holy Scripture:

#### English Standard Version (ESV)

While any version of Scripture may be used, the *Sola Confirmation Series* incorporates Scripture quotations taken from the **ESV Bible®** (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version® - copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers). This scholarly word-for-word was chosen for its linguistic accuracy in translating the original biblical texts.

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