



## Knowledge Exam Study Guide

### **Bible Stories**

For the Bible knowledge portion of the exam you should be familiar with the stories listed below. Your goal should be to learn the stories by familiarizing yourself with the main characters, what is happening, and what God is trying to teach you in the story. This is a comprehensive study so please do not try to fit this in over a weekend.

- Creation and the Fall —Gen. 1-3
- Noah and his family—Gen. 6-9
- From Abram and Sarai to Abraham and Sarah—Gen. 12-15, 22
- The Exodus of God's people and Moses: God's leader—Ex. 1-20
- Israel: the nation's beginnings and its judges—Joshua 1-4, Judges 2
- Israel's most famous king—1 Samuel 15-2 Samuel 2
- One of God's spokespeople (prophets): his calling, and promises—Isaiah 6, 9, 49-53
- An unfaithful nation and God's judgment and grace—Jeremiah 29: 1-23
- The Promised Messiah, His beginnings—Luke 2
- Our God: Father, Son and Spirit in baptism—Matthew 3: 13-17
- Jesus teaches about God's plan of salvation—Luke 15
- God's Son demonstrates His power- miracles—Mark 4: 35-41, Luke 8: 40-56
- God's Son dies, rises, and gives His church its mission—Matthew 27 & 28
- Pentecost and the fellowship of believers—Acts 2
- Saul to Paul- from persecutor to missionary—Acts 9
- The Gift of the Lord's Meal and instructions on how to receive it—1 Corinthians 11: 17-34
- Some of the first Christian churches—Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians
- John's revelation of our hope—Revelation 22

Tips for learning the Bible stories:

- Read one story a week. Choose one night to read the story. Reread it again on another night during the week. Then tell the story in your own words to your parents or your family.
- Read these stories together as a family for a devotion time. Spread this activity out throughout the week and as you read ask the questions above to one another as a family and discuss.

## **The Catechism**

For the catechism portion of the Knowledge Exam you will need to be familiar with Luther's Small Catechism, pages 11 – 44 in the 1986 edition. This study includes the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession, the Lord's Supper, Daily Prayers, the Table of Duties, and Christian Questions with their answers. It is important that you understand not only what is said in the Catechism but also what it means. This is where the explanation or the rest of the book is helpful as it goes into greater detail regarding the meaning of each part of the catechism.

Tips for learning Luther's Small Catechism:

- Know and be able to write out the Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed
- Understand what the Lord's actions are through Baptism, the Sacrament of the Altar and Confession and Absolution.
- Ask yourself the question... "Why would the Lord want me to pray this," as you study each petition of the Lord's Prayer."
- Know the 10 Commandments and what the Lord wants from us in each of them. Memorizing the "What Does this Mean" is helpful, but you should be able to put this into your own words and explain what it actually means for you.
- Ask yourself the following question as you study the Lord's Supper. "Who is this meal for?"
- Pray Luther's Evening Prayer when you go to bed. This will help you learn it and understand the sort of prayer life the Lord wants for us.
- Your parents can read the Large Catechism as you are reading the Small Catechism which will better prepare them to answer your questions.