

CONFIRMATION RETREAT #A-2

"BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH"

POST-RETREAT HOME ACTIVITIES

Student _____

Parent(s) _____

I. Review Questions

Draw a line between the word and its proper definition.

Inborn selfish attitude that separates from God	grace
Things we actually do wrong	good works
Failing to do the good things we should do	original sin
Things some people think they can do to earn their way to heaven	justification
Getting right with God	sin of omission
When God gives us something good that we don't deserve	sin of commission
Trusting in God and His promises	faith

If you believed in "moralism," what would you depend on to be sure of going to heaven when you die?

Why wouldn't that work?

If you believe in "justification by grace through faith," what do you depend on to be sure of going to heaven when you die?

II. Going Deeper

What new things did you learn about "sin" during the retreat? How does this affect the way you look at your own behavior?

What new things did you learn about God during the retreat? How does this affect the way you think about God?

From what you learned on the retreat, what would you say is the basic message of the Christian Gospel?

From what you learned on the retreat, what would you say to someone who says, "It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you live a good life?"

III. Follow-up Project

Pick one of the following projects and turn it in with this activity sheet.

1. Research and write a paper on Martin Luther. Focus especially on learning about his spiritual struggles, his personal discovery of the Gospel, his opposition to the sale of indulgences, and his appearance at the Diet of Worms.
2. Browse through the first 3 pages of a newspaper and find as many examples of *sin* as you can (original or actual; thought, word, or deed; commission or omission). Highlight and clip these examples, paste them on paper, and alongside of the clipping write down what kind of sin they illustrate. Which kinds of sin seem to appear most frequently?
3. Go over a Sunday morning bulletin and highlight as many mentions of *grace* as you can find -- not just the word "grace," but aspects of grace like "forgiveness," "mercy," "God's love," "redemption," "Savior," etc. What aspects of grace were emphasized the most in this service? Which mean the most to you?
4. Write a short story, create a poem, compose a song, or make an art project (like a banner or a photography display, for instance) that illustrates what being "*saved by grace through faith*" means to you.
5. Go through the hymnal and find 3 songs about *grace*, then (a) find out who wrote these songs and why grace was especially important to the author; and (b) write down the main message of each of these songs in your own words.