# Practicing for the Confirmation Interview: The Goal is for them to be able to Articulate Their Faith

As you prepare for this confirmation interview, keep the goal in mind. We want for each student to be able to articulate their faith. We want you to be able to talk about what you believe and why you believe it. So, imagine you make a statement about your faith like, "I believe God created the world." The follow up question very well may be, "Why do you believe that?" or "How is that relevant to your life?" Have fun preparing!

• **Base Question:** What do you believe and why?

#### Unit 1

- o What is confirmation? What does it mean to be confirmed?
- o What does it mean to be a Christian?
- o What's the Bible?
  - What's the point of the Bible? Or what's it's central message?
  - The Bible works in mainly two ways (or functions) on our lives. What are those two ways?
  - Why are they both important?

### Unit 2

- o Who are you? (answer in relation to what you learned in Unit 2)
- o What's your purpose?
- Tell me about the Ten Commandments.
- o How do the Ten Commandments help answer the question: Who am I?
  - What are the three uses of the Law?
  - What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, and strength?
  - What are the first three commandments and what do they have to do with loving God?
  - What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself?
  - What are commandments 4-10 and what do they have to do with loving your neighbor?
  - Which commandment is easiest? Which is the hardest?

## • Unit 3

- Who is God? (answer in relation to what you learned in Unit 3)
- o Tell me about the Apostles' Creed.
- o How does the Apostles' Creed help answer the question: Who is God?
  - Tell me about the Trinity. What does it mean that we believe in the Trinue God?
  - Tell me about God the Father. Who is He? What did He do? What does He do?
  - Tell me about Jesus. Who is He? What did He do? What does He do?
  - Tell me about the Holy Spirit. Who is He? What did He do? What does He do?

## Unit 4

- o How should you live your life? (answer in relation to what you learned in Unit 4)
- Tell me about the Lord's Prayer.
- o How does the Lord's Prayer help answer the question: How do I live my life?
  - What is prayer?
  - How would you summarize what the Lord's prayer helps us to do?
  - What parts of the Lord's Prayer help you to daily receive His gifts?
  - What parts help you to daily commend your life to Him?
  - What part of the Lord's Prayer is the easiest for you to follow through with? Which is the hardest?

## Unit 5

- How does God interact with you and how do you interact with Him? (Be able to answer in relation to what you learned in Unit 5)
- o What do you believe about baptism?
- o What's the power in baptism?
- o What's the promise of baptism?
- o What can you tell me about the Means of Grace?
- o What can you tell me about the Sacraments?
- o Why should someone care if they're baptized or not?

## Unit 6

- How does God interact with you and how do you interact with Him? (Be able to answer in relation to what you learned in Unit 6)
- o What do you believe about sin?
- o What do you believe about confession?
- o What do you believe about forgiveness?
- o What are the two parts of confession and why are they important?

#### Unit 7

- How does God interact with you and how do you interact with Him? (Be able to answer in relation to what you learned in Unit 7)
- o What do you believe about the Lord's Supper?
- o What's the power in the Lord's Supper?
- o What are the benefits of the Lord's Supper?
- o What are we receiving at the Lord's Supper?
- o What are things you should do before you prepare to receive the Lord's Supper?
- o Why should someone care if they receive the Lord's Supper or not?

#### Unit 8

- o Talk about the "Faith Habits for the Journey" that you've been learning along the way.
- o Which one do you feel like is the most important?