

**Student Make Up Work**  
**September 28 - Lesson "Our Father in Heaven"**

*Parents this make-up work should be done together with you and your student. There will be questions to discuss verbally and question to answer in written format. Please sign the bottom of the sheet and return to the sermon note drop off box.*

**Main Idea: "God is our Father and we are his children. We are encouraged to pray boldly and with confidence to God"**

**Question: How do we talk to God?**

**Video**

Watch youtube video of Darth Vader & Luke Skywalker - "I am Your Father"  
*Start at 1:15, Finish at 3:03*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lbjru5CQIW4>

This is a good example of how relationships and expectations with our parents can be challenging.

**Parents & Students Discuss Together**

*\*Parents please note: this can be a great opportunity to let your kids know that they can talk to you about anything and you will always believe them and love them. But this can also be an awkward conversation and uncomfortable for your student.*

Student: Write down one thing you are comfortable talking to your parents about?

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Parents: Think about your own relationship with your parents and write down your answers to the same questions.

**Share your answers with each other.** Talk about what keeps us from being honest with each other and how keeping secrets can hurt relationships.

**Review**

Prayer in its simplest form is talking to God. We can come to God like a friend, to share about what is happening in our lives. But Jesus calls on us to talk to God differently, as a Parent - Our Father.

Review the Introduction petition from Small Catechism  
Our Father in heaven.

**What is this?**

*With these words God wants to attract us, so that we believe he is truly our Father and we are truly his children, in order that we may ask him boldly and with complete confidence, just as loving children ask their loving father.*

**Parent and Student discuss together**

God is our Father and we are his children.

\* What does that relationship look like?

\*How is it the same / different then our relationship with our earthly parents?

*Compare and contrast the relationship of God as our Father in heaven and our earthly parents*

\*Why does Jesus ask us to pray to “our” father and not “my” father? What is the difference?

**Read Isaiah 9: 6**

Write down the names used here in relationship to God?

**Read Exodus 3: 13 - 15**

Write down the names used here in relationship to God?

\*Why not use one of these names to pray? Why call on God as Father?

Father suggests that there is an intimate relationship between God and ourselves. God created us, and we have a place in God’s family. God has concern for our well-being. We have a deep connection to God that cannot be broken or denied no matter how we behave.

Martin Luther reminds us that we should come to God with confidence - boldly, knowing that God will listen and with love.

\* Do you talk to God? When? Where? What does that look like?

God wants us to see him as his Father in Heaven. God wants us to come to him in times of Thanks, Adoration, Confession, for Others & Self (TACOS). As Jesus did.

**Bible and Write responses:**

Read Matthew 26: 36-44

What part of the TACO prayer did Jesus pray?

Read John 11: 39 - 44

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**Your Story:** Discuss together and write out responses

We are to Come to God Boldly with all things on our hearts and mind.

*What was the biggest / craziest / or most important thing you ever asked God for?*

*What was God’s response? How did you feel about the response?*

### **Parents and Students discuss together**

As our Father, God is calling us to ask boldly for everything in prayer.

*\*Does that mean that we always get what we want?*

*\*If we don't get everything we want, does that mean that God doesn't love us?*

*\*Do we talk to a friend as we talk to a parent? What is the difference in how we talk to each?*

*\*What do we share with friends that we don't with parents?*

*\*What do we share with our parents that we don't with friends?*

*\*Who do you trust more? Why?*

*\*How do we see God in our lives? As parent? As friend? Why?*

### **Close in Prayer**

You can pray the Lord's Prayer together