

Student Make Up Lessons

April 12 - Lesson “Luther and the Reformation”

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: Luther was a Real Person 500 years ago and he changed the world.

Research and Discuss

Go online and look up Martin Luther (NOT Martin Luther King) and read about his life.

Here is a summary:

Born in 1483, in Eisleben, Germany (9 years before Columbus discovered America)

Age of 5 – Studied Latin

Age of 13 – Attend religious school

Age of 21 – Master of Arts – University of Erfurt – Began to Study Law

Shortly into his law studies - hit by lightning – prayed to St. Anne - became a monk

1507 (age of 23) – Ordained

Left Erfurt to teach Moral Philosophy at the University of Wittenberg

1510 – Traveled to Rome on business for the church – was shocked at what he saw.

1513 (age of 28) – Doctorate of Theology

1513 – 1518 Continued to teach Biblical Theology at the University

Struggled with inner turmoil but continued to seek peace through “good works”. His inner turmoil led him to fast and punish his flesh. His failure to cleanse himself drove him to the edge of despair

Found peace through studying Scripture

Salvation is NOT earned by “good works” – GIFT from God

Grace through Faith ALONE, through Jesus Christ

Sins are forgiven by the Mercy of God

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

Indulgences were a piece a paper that you would pay for less time in Purgatory (Catholics believe that this is the place between heaven / hell)

Pay for yourself or someone else that might have died

Used to raise money for the Catholic Church

Luther protested – no scriptural basis / abuse of power – Saved by God’s grace Alone.

October 31, 1517

Nailed a critique of indulgences to the door of Castle Church in Wittenburg

(Doors of Churches were like public bulletin boards)

3 Basic Ideas

Protest the abuse of authority by the church

Challenge the Pope - IF he has control of Purgatory, just empty it for free

Denial of the theory around “extra credit”

(Not opposed to the traditional Catholic teachings)

Start of the Protestant Reformation

Reaction from the Public

95 Theses were written in Latin – translated into German and circulated
(Printing press was created in 1430s)
Two weeks – all over Germany
Two Months – all over Europe
Many Germans agreed with Luther and were excited about his ideas

Reaction from the Church

1520 - Pope issued a papal bull (statement, order) for Luther to appear in Rome on charges of Heresy
Recant his statements or be excommunicated
Luther burned the papal bull and was excommunicated in 1521 (38 years old)

Diet of Worms

Diet = assembly of people
Worms = small town in Germany

Luther was summoned to answer to the charges of Heresy, but feared for his life – granted safe passage

Stood before Charles V, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire

“Unless I am convinced by Scripture or by right reason... I neither can nor will recant anything... Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise, God help me, Amen.”

Charles V proclaimed Luther a heretic and put him under the ban of the Empire

Luther's life was in danger

Ban = anyone could kill him without penalty, no one could give him food or shelter
He was kidnapped by Prince Fredrick - kept at the Wartburg Castle in Eisenach for his Safety
Translated the New Testament into German

1522

Returned to Wittenburg (at great risk) to settle down the reformers (grown disorderly)
Remained in Wittenberg for the next 20 years (wrote, taught, and preached)

1525

Married Katharina von Bora (former nun)
6 children
Published almost 400 works during his lifetime
*Small Catechism - 1529

1546 – Traveled to Eisleben, died at the age 63

Write three distinctions between Martin Luther and Martin Luther King

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Write two similarities between Martin Luther and Martin Luther King (Can't use their name)

1. _____
2. _____

Discuss with Parents

The Reformation was controversial during that time.

Brainstorm things in culture that are considered controversial.

What makes them controversial?

Who decides that they are controversial?

What do you think will be controversial 500 years from now?

Read Scripture & Write Responses

Read 2 Corinthians 3: 12

Martin Luther acted with "great boldness" in his ministry.

What is the difference between being "Bold" and being "rude" or "impolite"?

How does Luther's ministry inspire you to be bold in faith?

What are ways you can act with great boldness in sharing the hope that God gives?

Lutheran Movement

What do you think allowed the Lutheran movement to be successful?

What do you think is the "Lutheran Movement" today?

How can you continue the Lutheran movement in the world?

Luther Accomplishments

Luther translated the Bible into German.

Why was that so significant in the 1530s?

Why is it important for everyone to have access to a Bible they can understand?

Close with Prayer with One Another.