## CONFIRMATION (B YEAR)

## Crucified, died, and was buried.

Read the following story called "Alleluia"

It was a time of war in Vietnam, a time when guns rattled, when bombs destroyed; a time of bleeding, and a time of dying. It was a time when death threatened everything that lived. It killed soldiers and parents and children, and left orphans homeless and hungry. A few orphans were fortunate enough to have an orphanage-not much of a home, but a home nonetheless-a home for broken hearts.

One day, in the orphanage, the bombs came close. Too close. And when silence finally returned there lay one small boy, his body invaded by shrapnel, and he was losing blood, losing life. The America nurses who ran the orphanage called the orphans together. He needs blood, they said. Will any of you volunteer? In war time, blood was scarce. The children sat there, timid, afraid. They did not speak English the nurses did not speak Vietnamese. Communicating and understanding was difficult. Finally, one small boy in the back corner slowly raised his hand. He would give blood.

He lay on the table as the needle went into his arm. Blood filled the tube and ran into the bag. He said nothing. But his face showed terror. And he cried a quiet cry, like a whimper. The nurses tried to console him. "You'll be all right." they said. But he didn't understand English.

Finally, someone came who knew both languages. "What's wrong," she asked. And she explained it all to the boy. And when she was done speaking and stroking his hair, the boy who lay there on the bed with the blood emptying from his arm said, "You mean, I don't have to give all my blood?" You see, he thought he was giving his life.

When it was done, when he had given the blood, and the needle had been taken from his arm, the nurses asked, "Why did you raise your hand when you thought it meant you would have to die? And the boy said, looking over to the other, "He is my friend, and I wanted him to live."

How is the boy like Jesus?

Would you have done what the boy did? Why or why not?

Why is there a cross in the front of almost every church?

When do you think about Jesus death?

## I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord

1. What happened to the creation and us?

What is our "Fundamental sin"?

- 2. What is the difference between "sins" and "sin"?
- 3. Why do we need a Savior?
- 4. What do you know about Jesus? Who is he? Share words and actions that describe what Jesus has done for you.
- 5. How does Jesus show us God's heart?
- 6. What does "Incarnation" mean?
- 7. What is the true meaning of Christmas?

Jesus' conception and birth was a \_\_\_\_\_!

8. What 'sign' did Jesus give of the kingdom of God coming? (list tow)

- 9. The kingdom of God, says Jesus, "has come near".
  - a. Is it here?
  - b. If so, where do you see it?
  - c. It not, when will it be?
  - d. So far as the Kingdom is God is concerned, what does "already and not yet" mean?
  - e. In the Lord's Prayer, we pray thy \_\_\_\_\_ come, thy \_\_\_\_\_ be done on earth as it is in heaven.
  - 10. As a teacher what was Jesus' main message/most important teaching? See Matt.22:36-40
  - 11. See the explanation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> article. What does this mean? "At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death and the power of the devil, not with silver or gold but with his holy and precious blood and innocent suffering and death. What does this mean to you? How did Jesus save you and free you?
  - 12. True or False: Jesus was killed because the religious authorities didn't like him?
  - 13. True or False: Jesus was killed because of the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate.
  - 14. True or False: Jesus was crucified for our sins. Explain.
  - 15. How, what is the process when one dies on the cross?
  - 16. The son of man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28) What does it mean that Jesus gave his life as a "ransom"?
  - 17. Read Exodus 12:1-13: What did the Passover Lamb do for the people of Israel?
  - 18. Read John 1:29-30 when John the Baptist first saw Jesus: "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" How is Jesus our Passover lamb?

## He rose, ascended and will return

- 19. Who raised Jesus from the dead?
- 20. What do we call the day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection?
- 21. How do we know Jesus was really raised?

22. Mary Magdalene told the disciples: "I have \_\_\_\_\_\_!"

23. If Jesus hadn't been raised, what would that mean about Jesus?

What would that mean about us?

- 24. What does it mean that "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father?
- 25. What is Jesus coming back for?
- 26. When will Jesus come again?
- 27. How would you tell a friend about Jesus who had never heard of him? Why would you want to share your faith and tell others about Jesus? Who can you tell? Invite to church? What are some of the ways you can share Jesus' love in your actions?