

# BreakThru

From Catechism to *Christ*

## INTRODUCTION TO THE SMALL CATECHISM

### LEARNING EVENT MAKE-UP

#### LUTHER'S PREFACE TO THE SMALL CATECHISM

Find a phone or computer and look up Luther's Preface to the Small Catechism at <https://catechism.cph.org/> - This preface is written to pastors as an introduction to the Small Catechism and its use. It was written a long time ago, in German, and has been translated to English. It's okay if it's difficult to understand and if you have questions. Do the best you can as a family to pull away some key points as you read the preface together.

**What are Luther's main concerns in his preface?**

**What are Luther's main points in his preface?**

**In this preface, Luther is characteristically provocative in his writing—he always ruffled the feathers of people. To which statements are you most drawn and/or repulsed?**

**Of the main points and concerns listed, what still rings true as concerns today?**

**How might God be calling us now to address these issues and concerns?**



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# THE SMALL CATECHISM

Take some time to explore the Small Catechism, which can be found in The Lutheran Handbook on pp. 195-227. **What topics or items are included in the Catechism? List them in the space below.**

**Choose two of the parts above to read more in-depth. After reading each part, answer the questions below:**

I read \_\_\_\_\_ and its meaning.

**Here's a summary of the meaning in my own words:**

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