

## Faith Development & Confirmation: Persons with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Overview United Methodist Church

Lesson	Theme	Scripture	Materials	Media for Explore	Suggested Activities	Amer Sign Language	Author(s)
1) God the Creator	God is the creator of the universe and all living things. We are called to be good stewards of God's creation.	Genesis 1:1-2	Bible, Hymn #147 All Things Bright & Beautiful; globe or map, tiny animals, trees, people; tape, paper, clay/sand		Word Find Form items God made with clay, playdoh or sand piles. Create design of something God made with frosting on cookie.	God Creates	Reverend Debbie Hills
2) We Are Made in God's Image	We are created in God's image, male female, people of all races and ages, people with and without disabilities.	Genesis 1:27-30;1 Corinthians 9: 24-27	Bible, Mirrors, Hymn #1; Straws, ping pong balls, balls, bowling "pins" Jello, Bowls		Look in Mirror and/or close eyes and trace your face. Wacky Olympics: Full of Wind (blow ping pong balls on table with straws)   Bowling   Jello jiggler race to drop 2"x" jiggler in bowl 20 feet away.	Create	Debby Newman, SS teacher
3) The People of Israel	Christians' common roots with Judaism and Islam. What are Blessings?	Genesis 12:1-3	Bible, large drawing of tree, stickers for tree or markers, Bingo Call Sheet; Hymn 431 Let There Be Peace on Earth	<u>Father Abraham had Many Sons</u> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5o_J30x6E6s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5o_J30x6E6s</a>	Dance (or hand jive) to music Add people to tree Bible Bingo	Tree or Roots	Reverend Amanda Larsen
4) The Bible and God's Love	The Bible tells us about God and God's love. It tells us how to live as Christians.	Psalms 107:1	Bible, Treasure Chest, Chocolate Gold Coins, scissors Hymn 402 Lord I Want to be a Christian in my Heart	<u>Bible in Chuck Knows Church #42</u> <a href="http://www.chuckknowschurch.com/archive/42the-bible">http://www.chuckknowschurch.com/archive/42the-bible</a>	Word Find Make a Book Mark	Open Bible	Naomi Mitchum SS teacher
5) Trusting and thanking God	The Bible has stories to teach us to trust God. I.e., sickness, housing, jobs, bullies.	Exodus 2: 3-4 15:21	Bible, Sink, buckets, water, paper boats rocks; contact paper; scissors, Hymn #448 Go Down Moses	<u>Crossing Red Sea</u> CKC #74 <a href="http://chuckknowschurch.com/archive/74crossing-red-sea">http://chuckknowschurch.com/archive/74crossing-red-sea</a>	Float rocks in paper, plastic or carved soap boats Draw a basket Make coaster	Trust God	Reverend Amanda Larsen
6) <i>God revealed in Jesus 6B)Advent</i>	Introduce Jesus as part of Trinity. Jesus shows us how to love our neighbors.	John 4:9 Matthew 22:38-39	Bible, Cell Phone or camera or iPad, pencils, Hymn 408 The Gift of Love	Online Scavenger Hunt – Find pictures of Jesus at <a href="http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/photo-features">http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/photo-features</a>	Scavenger Hunt in church to find Jesus, take turns taking pictures with friends in front of Jesus for a future collage - Triangle puzzle	I Love my neighbor	Reverend Amanda Larsen
7) <i>Baptism</i>	Baptism is a UM sacrament	Mark 1: 9-11	Bible, Fake fern, water, Shells, gems, Hymn 723 Shall we Gather at the River, Word Find	<u>Baptism #47</u> CKC <a href="http://chuckknowschurch.com/archive/47baptism">http://chuckknowschurch.com/archive/47baptism</a>	Delegate person to dip fern in water and walk or wheel through class, sprinkling everyone; glue 3 gems onto a shell to remember Father, Son & Holy Spirit	Baptize	Reverend Donna Draeger

8) <b>Communion</b> 8b) World Communion Sunday see CKC 88 <a href="http://chuckknowschurch.com/archive/88world-communion-Sunday">http://chuckknowschurch.com/archive/88world-communion-Sunday</a>	With communion we open ourselves to Grace and God's divine love. When we share bread and cup, we remember Jesus is feeding, loving and forgiving us. It is a sacrament.	1 Corinthians 11: 23b-26	Bible, Chalice, Bread, grape juice, Hymn # 66 Holy Holy Holy Scissors, markers, contact paper	<u>Communion</u> in CKC #24 <a href="http://chuckknowschurch.com/archive/24communion">http://chuckknowschurch.com/archive/24communion</a> <u>Communion</u> #27 CKC <a href="http://chuckknowschurch.com/archive/27the-bread-and-cup">http://chuckknowschurch.com/archive/27the-bread-and-cup</a> 8b) <u>World Communion Sunday</u>	Invite a deacon or pastor to serve communion and answer questions  Make Coasters  Do the Word Find	Come to the table and eat	Reverend Donna Draeger, Director of Spiritual Formation
9) Confirmation A commitment to believe in God	Confirmation reminds us of baptism vows. It prepares us to be church members.	Exodus 2: 1 – 17 (read 2: 1-4 in class)	Bible, Hymn 593 Here I am Lord Jar for each student or 10-12 ounce disposable glass; stickers to decorate container; stickers or picture cards of prayer, Bible, Pens.	<u>Confirmation</u> in CKC #43 <a href="http://www.chuckknowschurch.com/archive/43confirmation">http://www.chuckknowschurch.com/archive/43confirmation</a> Or <u>Confirmation</u> CKC #76 <a href="http://www.chuckknowschurch.com/archive/76confirmation-part-2">http://www.chuckknowschurch.com/archive/76confirmation-part-2</a>	Invite Pastor to answer Confirmation questions; schedule meetings for families of students who are on track for confirmation. Help students decorate jars. Have them write or draw a promise or select a picture card (pray, Bible, etc) they are committed to keep and put it in their jar.		Gail Hoffmann SS teacher Reverend Karen Evenson
10) Do Good and Serve God	What does confirmation mean for ME? Through God's grace, people with & w/o disabilities can witness and serve	1 Corinthians 12: 5 -7	Bible, Hymn 192, There's a Spirit in the Air; Bucket <a href="https://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning-beverage-and-snack">https://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning-beverage-and-snack</a> .	<u>God's Miraculous Plan</u> by Nick Vucicik <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYuVx2LU5QM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYuVx2LU5QM</a> (Teacher/Student permission to use)	Invite Pastor or church leader to learn of opportunities: ushers, greeters, readers, communion, chorus, meal packing, disaster buckets. Assemble <a href="https://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning">UMCOR</a> flood or Health bucket. Make sandwiches for local shelter <a href="https://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning">https://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning</a>	Here I am Lord	Deb Newman, NC Rep SS teacher
11) Attending church connects us to God	When we come to church and say the Lord's prayer, or a faith affirmation or vision statement, we show connection to others & God	Matthew 18:20 Hebrews 10:24-25a	Bible, Hymn 558 We are the Church, bells Bibles, pens, hymnals, candles, chalice, cookies, pics of people, prayer, flowers, cross	<u>Worship</u> Chuck Knows Church #37 <a href="http://www.chuckknowschurch.com/archive/37worship">http://www.chuckknowschurch.com/archive/37worship</a>	Follow up on Chuck Knows Church with "fitness." Reach up to God   Bow down to God   Reach out and serve others  Make bookmarks and do fill in the blank	We Are the Church or Lord's Prayer	Deb Newman, SS teacher
12) How to Keep in Relationship with God	As Christians we follow Spiritual Disciplines called means of grace to stay close to God – Bible study, pray worship, meditate, journal, mission, tithe, sacraments	James 4:8a	Bible, Faith We Sing 2129 I have Decided to Follow Jesus; pen, offering plate, bowl of water, chalice, bread, Upper Room, photo of people, model church, praying hands	Means of Grace Chuck Knows Church #86 <a href="http://www.chuckknowschurch.com/archive/86piety-and-mercy">http://www.chuckknowschurch.com/archive/86piety-and-mercy</a>	Talk about objects on a table that help us keep in touch with God – or show objects on the table, have students cover eyes. Take some objects away. Who remember what's missing .   Matching:		Reverend Debbie Hills

Although people with intellectual disabilities have a low rate of participation in faith communities, such participation has been identified as playing a significant role in their quality of life. This literature review examines the literature for recommendations of specific strategies to increase the inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities in the life and activities of faith communities. L'Arche communities focus primarily on deepening social ties for persons with intellectual disabilities in an international context that increasingly focuses on the empowerment of this group. Several theoretical distinctions between sense of community and empowerment point to natural tensions between the two concepts. Syracuse University and SUNY Upstate Medical University researchers recently analyzed more than 30,000 people who tested positive for Covid-19 and found that those with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) are more likely to die than those without IDD. Breaking the data down by age group shows: Ages 0-17 for every 100 people with Covid-19, 1.6 with IDD died compared to less than one without IDD. Ages 18-74 for every 100 people, 4.5 with IDD died; 2.7 without IDD. Ages 75 and over for every 100 people, 21.1 with IDD died; 20.7 without. Developmental disabilities that may also include an intellectual disability are briefly described below. Intellectual disabilities can also be caused by a head injury, stroke or illness. For some no cause is found. Persons with intellectual disabilities successfully perform a wide range of jobs, and can be dependable workers. (EEOC, 2011). Autism: Individuals with disabilities on the autism spectrum may have complex developmental disabilities that typically appear during the first three years of life. Persons with a developmental disability often perform at a high school level. (See section on What is a developmental disability?) Can I get support for training an employee with a developmental disability or autism? Research In Developmental Disabilities is an international journal aimed at publishing original research of an interdisciplinary nature that has a direct bearing on the understanding or remediation of problems associated with developmental disabilities. Articles will be primarily empirical studies, although an occasional position paper or review will be accepted. United Methodist Women Receives Award at Disabilities Conference. United Methodist Women is recognized for the publication of its mission study The Church and People with Disabilities. New Books Books To Read Feminist Books Learning To Trust Amazing Women Amazing People Inspiring People Book Recommendations Memoirs. In Capable Arms: Living a Life Embraced by Grace.