

CREDO Short Plan

Follow the plan below to teach the 18 Credo Confirmation sessions in 12 90-minute sessions.

Session 1: Creation

Opening Ritual (10 minutes)
The Days of Creation (20 minutes)
First Person (15 minutes)
Created in God's Image (30 minutes)
Stewards for a Day (10 minutes)
Closing Ritual (5 minutes)

Session 2: Sin and Redemption

Opening Ritual (10 minutes)
Sin: Back to the Beginning (20 minutes)
Sin: Corporate Sin (20 minutes)
Redemption: Stories of Redemption
(20 minutes)
Redemption: Our Redeemer
(10–15 minutes)
Redemption: Redemption in The United
Methodist Tradition (5–10 minutes)
Closing Ritual (5 minutes)

Session 3: The Holy Spirit and The Church

Opening Ritual (10 minutes)
Holy Spirit: The Spirit in Scripture
(20 minutes)
Holy Spirit: Burning, Breathing, Blowing
(10 minutes)
Church: Defining Church (15 minutes)
Church: The Church in the Bible
(10 minutes)
Church: The Members of the Body
(20 minutes)
Closing Ritual (5 minutes)

Session 4: New Creation

Opening Ritual (10 minutes)
New Creation (15 minutes)
Old Creatures, New Creations
(15 minutes)
Characteristics of the Kingdom
(15 minutes)
Playing Our Part (25 minutes)
Closing Ritual (5 minutes)

Session 5: Way of Discipleship, Living a Holy Life

Opening Ritual (10 minutes)
Draw on a markerboard or large sheet of paper a Jerusalem Cross
Way of Discipleship: Devotion
(10–15 minutes)
Way of Discipleship: Worship
(10 minutes)
Way of Discipleship: Compassion (varies)
Way of Discipleship: Justice
(15–20 minutes)
Living a Holy Life: It's Perfect
(10 minutes)
Living a Holy Life: Making Holy Choices
(10–15 minutes)
Closing Ritual (5 minutes)

Session 6: Way of Salvation

Opening Ritual (10 minutes)
My Faith Timeline (15–20 minutes)
House of Salvation (10 minutes)
Prevenient Clays (10–15 minutes)
Amazing, Justifying Grace (15 minutes)
Sanctifying Grace: an Object Lesson
(10 minutes)
Bible Study: What Kind of Grace?
(15 minutes)
Closing Ritual (5 minutes)

Session 7: Wesleyan Quadrilateral

Opening Ritual (10 minutes)
Introducing the Quadrilateral
(5–10 minutes)
Scripture on Scripture (10 minutes)
Tradition: Lingo (10 minutes)
Wisdom From the Elders (15–20 minutes)
Use this activity to teach the "experience" leg of the quadrilateral. God speaks to us through our experiences and through the experiences of our brothers, sisters, and forebears in Christ.

Reason: We're in Agreement That . . .
(10–15 minutes)
Putting It All Together (10 minutes)
Closing Ritual (5 minutes)

Session 8: Worship and Sacraments

Opening Ritual (10 minutes)
Worship: Worship Scavenger Hunt
(20 minutes)
Worship: A Color for Every Season
(10 minutes)
Sacraments: What Is Baptism?
(15 minutes)
Sacraments: Babies and Believers
(10 minutes)
Sacraments: What Is Holy Communion?
(10–15 minutes)
Sacraments: The Table Is Open
(10 minutes)
Closing Ritual (5 minutes)

Session 9: Renounce, Reject, Repent, Accept

Renounce, Reject, Repent: Opening Ritual
(10 minutes)
Renounce, Reject, Repent: Promises,
Promises (10 minutes)
Renounce, Reject, Repent: Evil Designs
(10 minutes)
Renounce, Reject, Repent: Hear Evil, See
Evil, Do Evil (10–15 minutes)
Renounce, Reject, Repent: Turn Your Life
Around (10 minutes)
Accept: Freedom Rules! (15 minutes)
*You will need to omit references to a
previous activity that is not part of the
short-term plan. Begin "Freedom
Rules!" by reading the vow together then
skip to the paragraph that begins
"Challenge the confirmands to name...."*
Accept: Get Fired Up! (10–15 minutes)
Closing Ritual (5 minutes)

Session 10: Confess

Opening Ritual (10 minutes)
Signed, Sealed, Delivered (15–20 minutes)
Trust: The One Who Knows
(10–15 minutes)
Promise: Pinky Swears (15 minutes)
Unity: Put Men In, Coach (20 minutes)
Closing Ritual (5 minutes)

Session 11: I Believe (The Creeds)

Opening Ritual (10 minutes)
Crawl, Hop, or Sleep (15–20 minutes)
Father, Son, Spirit (10–15 minutes)
The Faith of the Church (15–20 minutes)
A Creed Apart (10–15 minutes)
I Believe (20–25 minutes)
Closing Ritual (5 minutes)

Session 12: Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness

Opening Ritual (10 minutes)
Prayers: From the Rising of the Sun
(15–20 minutes)
Prayers: Can I Get a Witness? (5 minutes)
Presence: There for You (10–15 minutes)
Presence: Can I Get a Witness?
(5 minutes)
Gifts: Taking Inventory (15 minutes)
Gifts: Can I Get a Witness (5 minutes)
Service: Living It (10–15 minutes)
Service: Can I Get a Witness (5 minutes)
Closing Ritual (5 minutes)