

FAITH FORMATION INTERVIEW

The purpose of this interview is to learn more about the faith history of the youth in your congregation. Follow these tips to put youth at ease and get the conversation going.

- *Welcome the youth and let her/him know that you will keep their responses confidential.*
- *Provide comfy seating, offer water and/or healthy snacks, and have a few things in close range they can do with their hands, like a Koosh ball, kinetic sand, or Legos.*
- *Not all youth may have joined the congregation, so make sure your language emphasizes that belonging to the community is more than showing up on the member register.*
- *Adjust language as needed to fit your context!*

Thanks for letting me interview you! I want to learn more about you and some of your experiences.

When did you become part of the church community here?

What made you/your family decide this was a good place for you?

What do you like best about this place?

Is there anything you *don't* like? Tell me about that.

Next I want to ask you some questions about when you were younger.

What do you know about your baptism?

Why do you think you were baptized?

When you were a little kid, what were some of the faith questions you remember about things like God, the Bible, Jesus, miracles, and the Holy Spirit?

What were some ways you learned about God when you were a little kid?

If youth attended Sunday school: Tell me some things you remember about Sunday school. How did going to Sunday school help to shape and grow your faith?

Now that you're older, I want to learn what has stayed the same and what is different from when you were a kid.

Imagine you walk by a Sunday school classroom with young children. What is the difference between what they are doing and what you are doing now in confirmation/youth group?

What are some Bible stories you know? Which story is a favorite of yours, and why?

What questions about faith do you have now that you didn't have as a little kid?

What do you want to learn and experience in the next few years before you have the opportunity to affirm your baptism at confirmation?

What do you think will be part of your faith as a kid, a youth, and a grown-up?

Thanks for sharing with me about your faith experiences! Is there anything else you wanted to say?