

Church Year

The Christian Year - This filmstrip in video format is divided into six segments - Overview of the Christian Year; Advent; Christmas/Epiphany; Lent and Holy Week; Easter; and Ordinary Time. Each segment is about 10 minutes long and discusses the meaning of the season, its symbols, colors and ways the season is celebrated. (60 minutes - Older children, youth and adults)

This is Your Life: Journey Through the Book of Common Prayer - Living a Story - As the first of a 4-part series on the Episcopal Church, this video goes through the calendar of the church year beginning with Good Friday and Easter. (12 minutes - Youth and adults)

Understanding Church Symbols - Using live-action photography and graphics, this video enriches the understanding of traditional Christian symbols with an exploration of their origins and theological significance. (20 minutes - Older elementary children, youth and adults)

Understanding Pentecost - This video explores the history, traditions and experience of Pentecost; what it meant for the early church; how it empowered the first Christians; and how we continue to be empowered by the experience of the Holy Spirit in our own lives. (20 minutes - Youth and adults)

Church History

Reformation Overview - These programs examine the lives and actions of individuals who shaped the era of the Protestant Reformation and continue to influence the Church today. Each tape contains three 30-minute segments with historical commentary and dramatic sequences. Tape 1 - looks at the lives and influence of John Wycliffe, John Hus and Martin Luther. Tape 2 - focuses on the Swiss Reformation led by Ulrich Zwingli and John Calvin, the Anabaptist movement, and Bible translator William Tyndale. (2 90-minute tapes - Youth and adults)

There are also videos on other topics such as Who is Jesus?; Who is God?; prayer and spirituality, the saints; ethics; and mission which would also be appropriate for confirmation preparation. Again, the resources listed here are a sampling of what is available at the Congregational Resource Center.