

**St Andrew**  
**Anglican Church of Alliston, Ontario**  
**Confirmation Program 2009-2010**

**THE BEGINNING**

God, myself, my baptism...and vows.  
What promises were made on my behalf...how do I feel about that?  
How have I lived up to them so far?

**THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**

What I believe today...about God  
What I know about scripture  
Why is scripture important?

Who is Jesus? What do I know about him? Why is He so special?  
What legacy or work in the world did Jesus leave us?

The Trinity: God, The Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit

Who is the Holy Spirit? What do I know about it? Why is it so special?

Understanding the Apostles/ Nicene Creed and what it means; where it came from and why.

What is our Christian Story? How is it linked to the Jewish story?  
How are we saved? And what does this mean?  
What is Grace? What is forgiveness? What is sin?

**THE COMMANDMENTS**

What are the ten commandments? Is there another?  
Where do they come from?  
Why are they important?

**PRAYER**

Our Lord's Prayer and what it means...what are we actually saying?  
How to Pray  
Different forms of prayer  
Journaling– learning to look for God working in our lives.  
What happens when we pray?  
What about prayers that do not appear to be answered?  
Why do bad things happen...why does God allow it?

**THE SACRAMENTS**

What are they?  
What do they mean?  
How many are there?  
Why do we have them?

**THE CHURCH**

It's origins  
The disciples/apostles  
The early martyrs

The Reformation  
The beginning of the Anglican Church  
The beginning of the Church in Canada  
John Strachan– St. James Cathedral

Exploring other Anglican churches and styles– meeting our brothers and sisters in Christ– Fellowship.  
The Anglican Communion.

Lambeth Conference  
The Primate Canada  
What is a Diocese? Which one do we belong to? Who Shepherds us?

Bishops– Priests– Deacons  
The Priesthood of all Believers– Lay Ministry  
The different ministry roles in the church

**THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

Worshipping God on Sundays– why the service is set up the way it is?  
Who created this service rhythm? When?  
Where does our prayer book come from?

What do you like about our services and what don't you like?  
How would you like to participate more? In what ways?  
What does it feel like to call oneself a Christian in today's society?

How is the church perceived?  
How would you like the church to be perceived and why?  
The 'church is called to be the hope of the world' how do you think St. Andrew could begin to do that work...? Can you see a role for yourself?

**BIBLE STUDY**

Knowing the books of the bible in the Old and New Testaments and how to find them.  
Beginning to recognize the voice of God through the wisdom literature 'proverbs' plus.  
On-line readings and quizzes.  
Learning to see the parallels of the stories in scripture to that of our own life; recognizing God at work in history; within the lives of the ancient people and our own...