



Welcome to Confirmation

Find a seat and have your Bibles and Small Catechisms handy for start of class



Our Three-in-One God

- ▶ God the Father

- ▶ Genesis 1:1 – *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*

- ▶ God the Son

- ▶ Colossians 1:15-19 – *“Christ is exactly like God, who cannot be seen. He is the first-born Son, superior to all creation. Everything was created by him, everything in heaven and on earth, everything seen and unseen, including all forces and powers, and all rulers and authorities. All things were created by God's Son, and everything was made for him. God's Son was before all else, and by him everything is held together. He is the head of his body, which is the church. He is the very beginning, the first to be raised from death, so that he would be above all others. God himself was pleased to live fully in his Son.”*

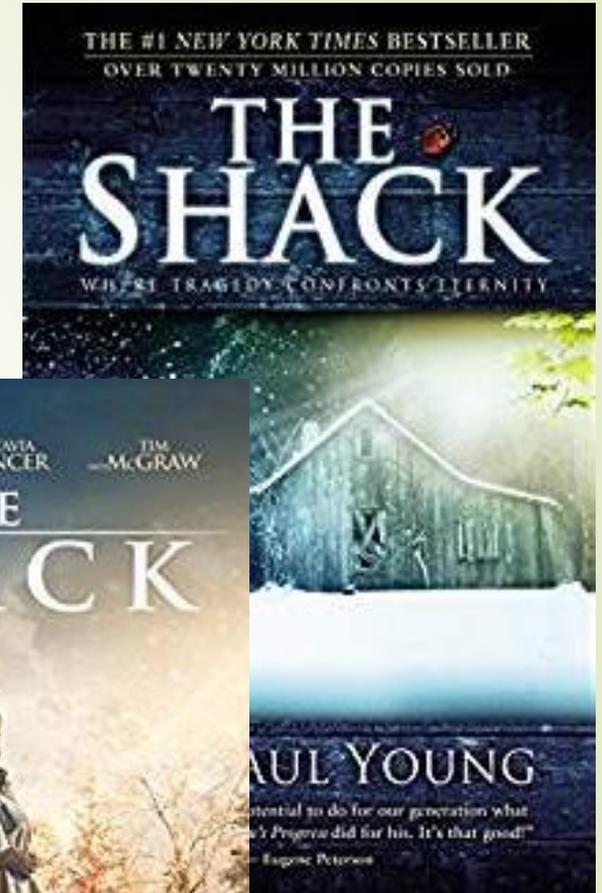
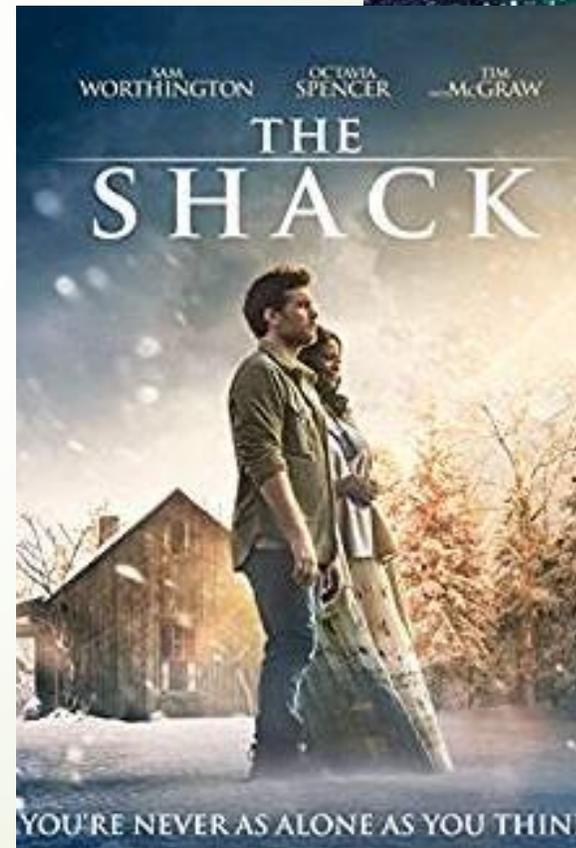
- ▶ God the Holy Spirit (wind/breath)

- ▶ John 14:26 – *“But the Holy Spirit will come and help you, because the Father will send the Spirit to take my place. The Spirit will teach you everything and will remind you of what I said while I was with you.”*



The Shack

By William P. Young





The story thus far

Characters

- ▶ Mack Philips, husband and dad
- ▶ Nan, Mack's wife
- ▶ Mack & Nan's Children: Kate and Josh and Missy
- ▶ God the Father (Papa)
- ▶ God the Son, Jesus
- ▶ God the Holy Spirit (Sarayu is Sanskrit for "wind")
- ▶ Sophia (personified Wisdom)

Plot to this point

- ▶ Mack grew up with a Bible-pounding, abusive father.
- ▶ Mack married Nan (who loves calling God Papa) and had children.
- ▶ After suffering the family tragedy of youngest daughter Missy being kidnapped and murdered, Mack spirals into a deep depression and crisis of faith. While in this dark time, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack (the place of Missy's murder) deep in the Oregon wilderness. There he encounters something and someone totally unexpected.



The Shack is William Young's statement of faith to his children through story

- ▶ 1 Peter 5:7 – *“Cast all your anxiety on [God], because he cares for you.”*
- ▶ Romans 8:26 – *“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness...that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.”*
- ▶ Psalm 56:8 – *“You have kept count of my tossings; put tears in your bottle. Are they not in your record?”*
- ▶ Romans 8:28 – *“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”*
- ▶ Proverbs 1:20 – *“Wisdom cries out in the street...”*
- ▶ Romans 8:18 – *“I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.”*