

Reformation—Luther's Rose

Figures to use in building scene:

35 Gold Circle 36 Blue Circle 37 White Flower 38 Red Heart with Cross 39 Black Cross



Scene 1

(Place all the symbols [35–39] on the screen. Point to each one, and explain the symbolism Luther intended.)

The black cross . . . reminds us that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins.

The red heart reminds us of the love God has for us in sending Jesus to be our Savior.

The red of the heart is the color of the blood of Christ, shed for us and for our salvation.

The white rose helps us remember the work of the Holy Spirit who makes us pure and holy in God's sight by bringing us to faith in Jesus and by helping us to live our lives for Him.

The sky blue background pictures the joy of the new life God gives to all who believe and trust in Him.

Finally, the golden ring outlining the seal reminds us of our eternal inheritance—a home in heaven where we will enjoy complete joy and happiness in our Savior's presence. *(Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, Explanation of Luther's Seal)*

(Build Luther's Rose by placing the images on top of one another in this order:

Gold Circle [35]

Blue Circle [36]

White Flower [37]

Red Heart with Cross [38]

Black Cross [39])

Note: The scene images work well for iPads, desktops, and interactive whiteboards.

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