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FUNDOCY Homework: Apostles' Creed: God & Jesus

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In today's lesson we talked about the first two articles of the Apostles' Creed. You'll learn about God and Jesus in this lesson.

So, the eternal God of the Universe created you. So what? I'll tell you what: There is a God who has given you everything you are and everything you have and everything you ever will know. That's pretty amazing. Nothing we have is really ours. It's all a gift. In a world that tells us that we can provide for ourselves and challenges us to take control of our own lives, it's humbling and difficult to grasp that food, clothing, home, family, work and all we need from day to day comes to us as a gift.

The eternal, all-powerful Creator of the Universe was not satisfied to abandon us to float alone in space. This God came down to earth in human form, lived among us, showed us the Creator's love in flesh, and then died on a cross to take the punishment for our sins so that we could live eternally.

Part I: The Lesson

The Bible Says the Creator God didn't just make the world and walk away like some grand old computer designer who builds a self-replicating computer, drops it on a planet, then disappears. This inventor loves the invention! This creator is here to help. "I believe in God the Creator" means I believe God is with me all the time. God is watching over and taking care of everything in creation. That everything includes you!

Read and highlight Nahum 1:7-8 Then fill in the following blanks:

"The _____ is good, a _____ in the time of trouble; he _____

those who take refuge in him, even in a rushing _____."

When you feel afraid, anxious, worried or overwhelmed, remember this verse and these three things about God:

1) God is good.

- 2) God is a stronghold in the time of trouble. (God will give you emotional, moral or mental strength.)
- 3) God will protect you. (God will care for, champion, chaperone, defend, keep safe, look after, preserve, save, shelter, shield, stand guard, support, and watch over you!)

Write these three things in the margin of your Bible next to Nahum 1:7-8.

1. The First Article of the Apostles' Creed is:

- a) "I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me"
- b) "Hallowed be your name"
- c) "I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth"
- d) Right after the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed

2. Look up and define the following words. (Ask a parent if you need some help.)

a) Creators: _____

b) Preserver: _____

c) Provide: _____

d) Messiah: _____

e) Salvation: _____

f) Disciple: _____

3. Read and highlight John 3:16. Some call this verse "The Little gospel" because it sums up the entire Bible in one sentence. Write "The Little Gospel" in the margin next to that verse. Then write John 3:16 here:

4. Next read and highlight Colossians 1:13-14. Fill in the blanks:

He has _____ us from the power of _____ and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved _____, in whom we have _____ for the _____ of sins.

5. God has true authority over the universe because:

- a) God likes to boss us around
- b) God “wrote the book” on all that exists
- c) God is the author of creation and continues to sustain all that exists
- d) Both B & C

6. God’s children are protected by:

- a) Body armor
- b) An intricate alarm system
- c) Guns and tanks
- d) The good and gracious will and loving power of God

7. Jesus is called the “Lamb of God” because:

- a) He was white and fluffy
- b) He liked to graze at salad bars
- c) He was sacrificed to pay for sin, like the sacrificial lambs of the Old Testament times
- d) None of the above

8. Jesus is like a life jacket because:

- a) He is orange and buoyant
- b) We are sunk without him
- c) His power is most effective if we keep him close to our hearts
- d) I’m not sure, but both B & C sound pretty good

Part II: Reflection Questions (there are no wrong answers here!)

1. Why do people want to be noticed? Do you think God wants to be noticed? Why or why not? _____

2. What can you notice about God by looking at creation? _____

What do you think God wants you to know and notice about creation? _____

3. When was the last time someone sacrificed something for you?

Why did they do it? _____

How did you say thanks? _____

4. Who are your best friends? Would you ever take a punishment for them if they were in trouble? Why or why not?

Now stop...fill in the blanks to this prayer....and then pray.

Dear God,

Thank you for loving me. Thank you for the gift of Jesus, your Son.

Thank you for holding the universe together, and for holding me together this day. Thank you for all the blessings you provide for me: food, clothing, home, family, friends, a community of faith and these things, too _____ and

_____.

Help me to recognize you, and to receive these gifts with thanks. In Jesus' name, amen.