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FUNDOCY Homework: Apostles' Creed: Overview

Lesson Taught on January 7, 2018

Homework Due: January 21, 2018

A creed is a statement of faith. The word comes from the Latin credo meaning, "I believe!" It is important to know that the original Apostles of Jesus did not write the Apostles' Creed. The first time parts of this statement appeared in written form was in 215 A.D., to summarize the teachings of the Apostles. The full creed as we have it today didn't show up until 542 A.D. the creed has three parts called "articles." The First Article teaches what Christians believe about God. The Second Article covers the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The Third Article includes the Holy Spirit, our relationship to God and each other as the church and the promise of resurrection.

Part I: The Lesson

1. Read and highlight 2 Corinthians 13:13 then write the verse here:

You are going to read and highlight five different passages. After you've read them and written notes in the margin, you'll be asked a few more questions. You may want to mark these passages with bookmarks or slips of paper while you do this section.

Read and highlight Genesis 1:1-5 and write "God the Creator" in the margin.

Read and highlight Psalm 19:1-4 and write "God the Creator" in the margin.

Read and highlight John 1:1-18 and write "Christ, the living Word" in the margin.

Read and highlight Colossians 1:15-20 and write "Christ, the visible presence of the invisible God" in the margin.

Read and highlight John 14:25-27 and write "Holy Spirit as Counselor" in the margin.

Read and highlight Acts 2:1-5 and write "Holy Spirit and Power" in the margin.

Which of the above passages was your favorite? Write it below:

Why was it your favorite? _____

Which of the above passages do you think will be helpful in the future? (You can list more than one.) _____

Why do you think they will be helpful? _____

2. The Apostles' Creed was:

- a. Given by God to Moses
- b. Dictated by Jesus to the Apostles
- c. Written by the Apostles on the fiftieth day after Christ ascended into heaven
- d. Found in its first written form in the Interrogatory Creed of Hippolytus, ca. 215 A.D., but not in its current form until 542 A.D.

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

a. Apostles' Creed: _____

b. Article: _____

c. Creed: _____

d. Persona: _____

e. Trinity: _____

4. Apostles are:

- a. Small furry creatures that eat bugs and grub worms
- b. John, Paul, Luke and Ringo
- c. All followers of Jesus who are “sent out” into the world to share the good news of Jesus
- d. All follower of Jesus who worship but don’t tell anyone

5. The word “Apostle” means:

- a. Small furry creatures that eat bugs and grub worms
- b. To “go postal”
- c. To “go willingly”
- d. To “send out or away from”

6. The word “Creed”:

- a. Comes from the same root as the words credit, credible and credentials
- b. Comes from a Latin word meaning “I believe”
- c. Means a formal statement of religious beliefs and faith
- d. All of the above and then some

7. Christians recite the Apostles’ Creed every Sunday in order to:

- a. Impress the pastor
- b. Remember who they are and what they believe
- c. Stand together with 2.1 billion Christians around the world in a common witness to their faith in the triune God
- d. Both B & C

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

1. Share a time when you experienced forgiveness or offered it to someone.

2. What happens when you forgive a person? _____

What happens when you don't forgive? _____

3. Why is forgiveness so important for relationships?

For your family? _____

For the world? _____

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

Dear God,

Thank you for loving me. Thank you for forgiving me.

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.