

### The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth.  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Try opening with somebody reading or reciting the Creed.

Jesus is God's Son – Mark 1:9–11 and Hebrews 1:1–5

- Do you think God says the same thing to us when we are baptized?
- Why is it important to know that Jesus is God's only Son?
- How can Jesus be God's only Son, yet we are God's children?
- Put Hebrews 1:3 in your own words.
- What does it mean that Jesus is the “heir of all things” from Hebrews?

Jesus is our Lord – John 20:24–29 and Philippians 2:9–11, 5:22–24

- When you think of the word “Lord” what sort of things come to mind?
- When Thomas recognized Jesus, what did he call Him?
- What are we acknowledging by calling Jesus our Lord?
- In Philippians, what is it that should make every knee bow? (the name )
- Who will bow down to his name? (everyone, everywhere)
- Not only are we supposed to make Christ the Lord of our lives, but also of our church. (Ephesians) What kind of things makes Christ the head of the Church?

Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary – Matthew 1:18–25

- Do you want to have kids some day? Do you want them to be happy?
- Is it really that important that Jesus was born from a virgin? (see Isaiah 7:13-17)
- Why also is it important that He had a miraculous birth? (because He is not a deified man, He is totally God and totally man)

Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried - John 19:1-42

- Why was Jesus given to a Roman governor to be killed?
- Why is it important to know that Jesus was truly killed and buried?

Jesus rose again from the dead on the third day - Matthew 28:1-10

- What does it mean that Jesus rose again from the dead?
- Who rose Him?
- What does the miracle of the resurrection mean to us? (eternal life, reconciliation to God, our own resurrection, etc.)

Jesus ascended into Heaven and judges the world at the right hand of God the Father - Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:1-11, Revelation 20:11-15

- Is Jesus the Judge of all people?
- Do we know when the Final Judgment is going to come? Is it that important?
- How are we supposed to live in association with the Final Judgment?