

Middle School

Lesson 3 – The Apostles' Creed

Parents, the best way for a child to learn something is repetition, repetition, repetition.

REMEMBER: Items in RED and with Check Marks are required and will be used for weekly attendance.

Activity	Link/Activity
Review	What did God make? (everything) How long did it take God to make everything? How do we know God love us? What is it called when we disobey God? God will forgive us.
Videos:	"The Creed" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YNeTwWU1RE&t=36s
Discussion/ Questions	<p>The Apostle's Creed is a list of what Catholics believe. The word creed itself means "I believe". The Apostles' Creed is the first of the Catholic Rosary prayers because it lists the important truths taught by Jesus.</p> <p>It summarizes who God is and how he deals with us, His children.</p> <p>This prayer deals with the Blessed Trinity. The belief in three persons in one God,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Father• the Son and• the Holy Spirit <p>The first part deals with God the Father. It tells about His role in creating "heaven and earth".</p> <p>The Creed goes on to talk about God the Son, Who plays the role in your redemption. It lists important truths about Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity. You state that</p> <p>He...</p>

- was conceived by the Holy Spirit
- born of the Virgin Mary
- suffered under Pontius Pilate
- was crucified, died and was buried
- descended into hell - [not hell where Satan is but to a place where the holy people who died before Jesus was born were awaiting His coming. They were not allowed to enter into heaven because of Adam and Eve's, our first parent's sin. Jesus opened the gates of heaven for them and you when He suffered and died on the cross. This part of the Creed deals with His going there and bringing them to heaven.]
- Jesus rose again and then
- ascended into heaven

The Apostles Creed goes on to tell what Catholics believe will happen: that Jesus "will come again to judge the living and the dead."

The final part of the Creed talks about the Holy Spirit and His role in your sanctification.

As you pray you state that you believe in...

- the holy catholic (universal) church,
- the communion of saints - [that people in heaven pray for people on earth and that people on earth pray for people suffering in purgatory, a place of purification before entering heaven]
- the forgiveness of sins
- the resurrection of the body - [when Jesus comes again your body will be resurrected and glorified]
- and life everlasting - [your soul will never die. It will live forever.]

(copied from: <http://www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com/apostles-creed.html#:~:text=The%20Meaning%20of%20The%20Apostles%27%20Creed.%20The%20Apostle%27s,and%20how%20he%20deals%20with%20us%2C%20His%20children.>)

✓ **In your own words, summarize what the Creed means to you (Required to be turned in)**

Saint of the Week:

St. Isidor the Farmer: Born in Spain in 1070 he was a hard worker who prayed while he worked. He took care of the poor and animals. He is the Patron St. of Farmers

St. Isidor the Farmer	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Ve4X0t-Ews&list=PL1YibWnqVd1wc2sI79h26gAolbkGtNVwU&index=3
Summary	The Creed tells us what we believe as Catholics.
Ending Prayer	Review how to do the sign of the cross. Pray the Apostles' Creed