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I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth”

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator 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 to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended to heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father Almighty.
From whence he shall come to judge
the living 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.

Apostles' Creed



What is a Creed?

A creed is a statement or confession of belief. These are usually religious in belief or faith. We, as Christians, have certain beliefs that collectively are known as our creed. The word creed comes from a Latin word *credo* which means “ I believe”. Sometimes it is referred to as symbol by which those of the same faith are identified with each other.

What is the name of the creed that we confess?

The creed that we usually confess or resite is known as the Apostles' creed. It is called the Apostles' creed because it was believed to have been a summary of beliefs that the apostles taught after the birth of the church. It summarizes the beliefs in God the Father – who he is; Jesus – the Son of God and what he did; the Holy Spirit and the Church universal.

When was the Apostles' creed written?

An early form of the Apostles' creed was usually recited at baptism by the believers. Earliest record by Hippolytus recorded in AD215 an old version known as “ Old Roman Creed”. The version that we know today as the “Apostles' creed” was recorded and referred to by the Council of Milan in AD390. John Wesley (founder of Methodism) referred to the Apostles' creed as a “beautiful summary” of the essential (*important*) truths of our faith when he wrote the evening prayers.

Why do we need to learn the Apostles' creed?

Believers in the churches throughout history, recites or confess the Apostles' creed as a declaration (*announcing*) of their faith. The creed not only identify the believers to their faith, but it is also a message that believers declare to the rest of the world concerning who and why they believe. Thus the creed is a summary of their faith message to the rest of the world. It was not meant to be recited in private only. It was also meant to be memorized and declare out loud to the world around them.

Even though believers had been reciting the creed down the ages, for the past 1600years, reciting the creed today, remains very much alive in practice. It has become a living tradition in many churches, a practice of living out the faith in beliefs and actions.

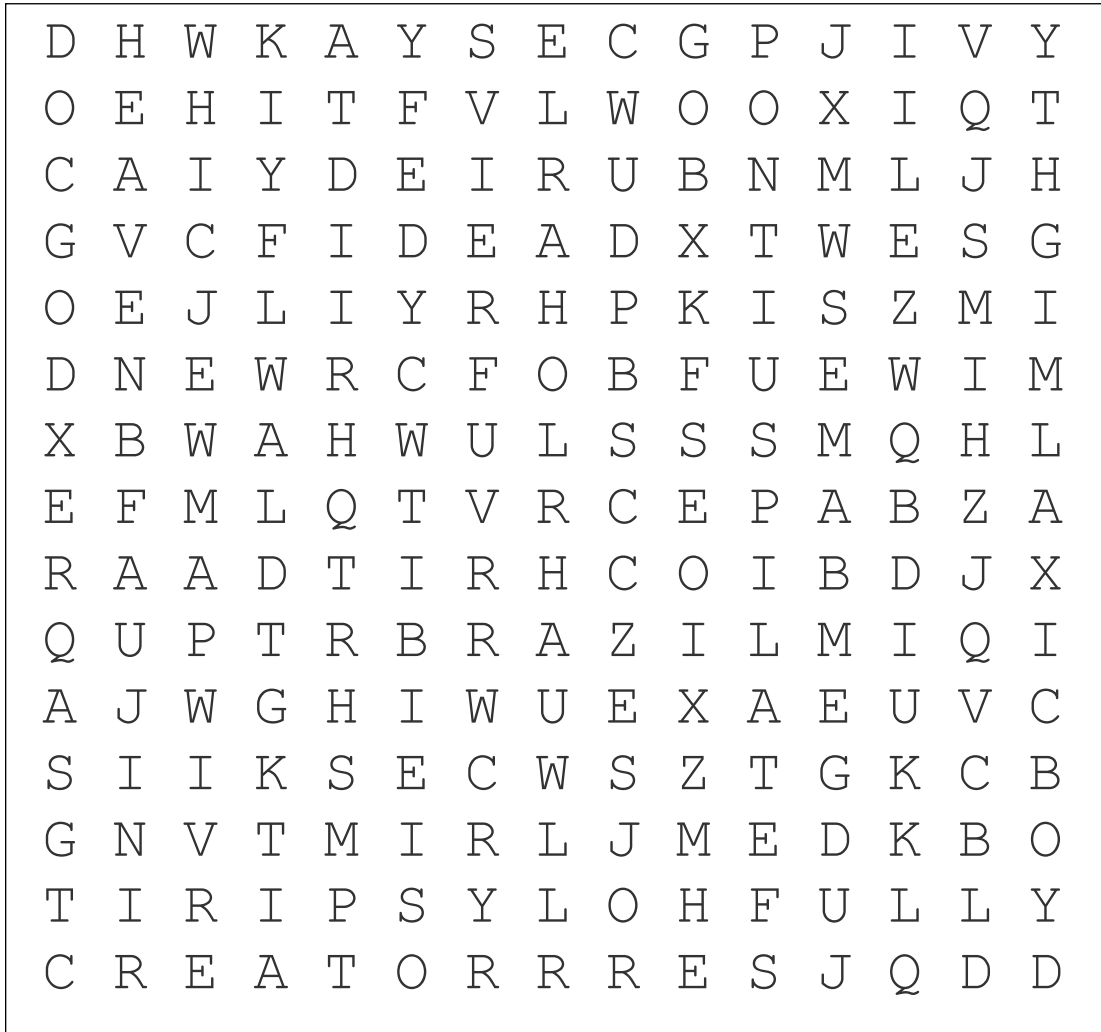
In the weeks ahead, we will be learning about the Apostles' creed and its meanings. We will embark on a learning adventure to try to decipher (crack the code) and understand the meanings that are hidden in the lines that form the creed. Let us begin first by reading the creed.



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Read the Apostles' Creed on page 3. Then, solve the word search below.



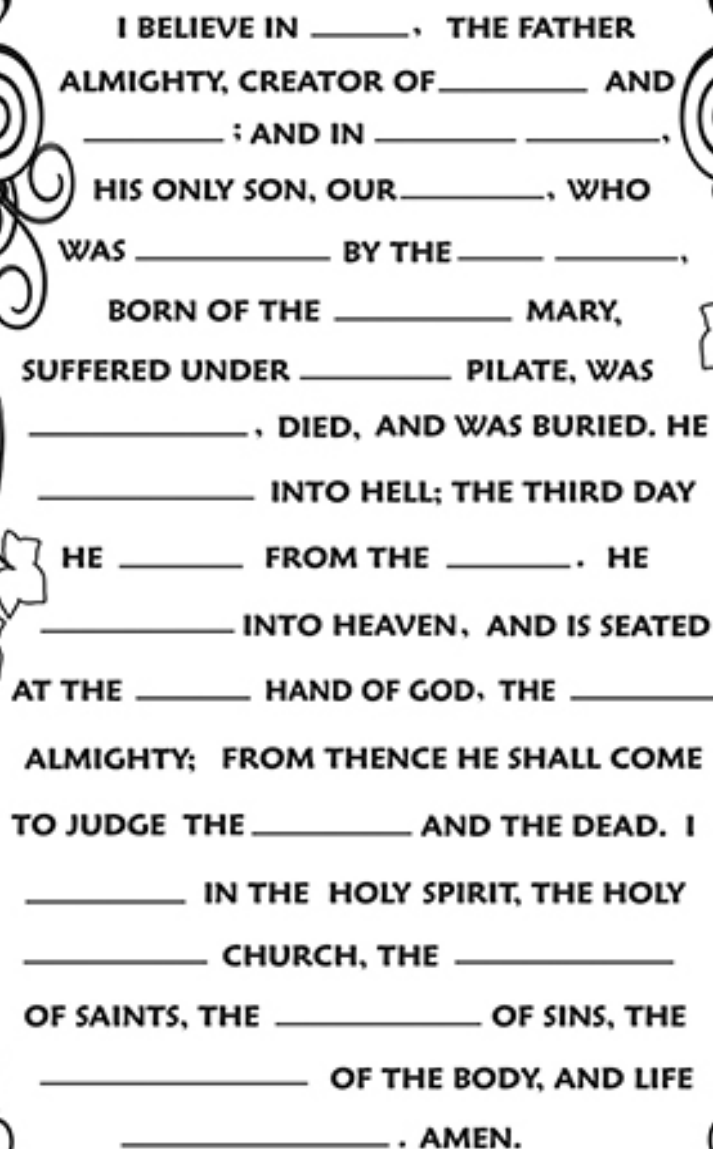
**ALMIGHTY
BELIEVE
BURIED
CREATOR
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DEAD**

**EARTH
FATHER
GOD
HEAVEN
HOLY SPIRIT
JESUS CHRIST**

**JUDGE
MARY
PONTIUS PILATE
ROSE
VIRGIN**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

USE THE WORD BANK BELOW TO FILL IN THE PRAYER



I BELIEVE IN _____, THE FATHER
ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF _____ AND
_____; AND IN _____,
HIS ONLY SON, OUR _____, WHO
WAS _____ BY THE _____,
BORN OF THE _____ MARY,
SUFFERED UNDER _____ PILATE, WAS
_____, DIED, AND WAS BURIED. HE
_____ INTO HELL; THE THIRD DAY
HE _____ FROM THE _____. HE
_____ INTO HEAVEN, AND IS SEATED
AT THE _____ HAND OF GOD, THE _____
ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME
TO JUDGE THE _____ AND THE DEAD. I
_____ IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY
_____ CHURCH, THE _____
OF SAINTS, THE _____ OF SINS, THE
_____ OF THE BODY, AND LIFE
_____. AMEN.

WORD BANK

ASCENDED PONTIUS DESCENDED CRUCIFIED VIRGIN RESURRECTION GOD

CATHOLIC JESUS CHRIST RIGHT CONCEIVED DEAD HOLY SPIRIT LIVING ROSE

FORGIVENESS COMMUNION HEAVEN BELIEVE LORD FATHER EARTH EVERLASTING

CRACK the CODE

A creed is a statement of belief. We, as Christians, have certain beliefs. We state these beliefs in the form of a written or spoken creed. Each word of the Apostles' Creed tells us what we believe - about God, about Jesus, about the Holy Spirit, about the church.

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1	A	B	C	D	E
2	F	G	H	I	J
3	K	L	M	N	O
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Use the code to fill the blanks for the words below. Learn more about what a creed is and how a creed can influence your life.

Example:

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The Apostles' Creed

1. "I believe..."

Let us now look at the beginning of the first line in the creed. It begins with "I believe..". Do you know what "I believe" means to you?

Take for example, a friend were to tell you "I believe in UFO." Does it really mean that UFOs exists? Upon further questions, you will very quickly realise that, what he meant was he believes in his mind that there are such things as UFOs. But it is very much only in his mind (*his intellect*) because he may not have seen nor experience it to be able to tell you that he believe in his mind and heart is real.

On the other hand, if your mum were to promise you one morning to give you a birthday cake on your upcoming birthday, you will believe what she has said and know it fully in your heart that on the day of your birthday, you will receive a cake from your mum.

Why do you believe your mum?

What is the difference between your friend's belief in UFOs and your belief in your mum's words about the birthday cake?

2. This week as we examine the line "I believe.." let us take a look at a few scriptures that deals with this "believe" and why it matters. Read the following scriptures and list your observations, interpretation and how it applies to you in your daily life. Hebrews 11:6; James 2:14-19; Ephesians 3:17b-19

