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Confirmation Session 1:

## ***The Apostles' Creed***

### **Make Up Packet**

This packet has been designed for the student, with the aid and supervision of a parent, to complete at home when he/she was unable to attend the class session. There will be numerous readings, Bible verses to look up and write about, and questions to reflect on. It is expected that this packet will take a little effort on the part of the student - and a corresponding effort on the part of a parent - to learn on an individual basis what we worked together to learn in our class session.

Along with completing this packet, the student will also be required to complete the Family Discussion Guide correlating to this unit. Parents will need to work with the student on the readings and discussion questions. Following the completion of the Family Discussion Guide, the parent is asked to complete the "Parent Report Form" attached to the back of the Family Discussion Guide.

The Make Up Packet and the Family Discussion Guide should both be completed and returned to the teachers at the next scheduled class session.

Please remember that you are also responsible to complete 10 Worship Summaries during the course of the year. Worship Summary forms are in the office in a plastic file box hung inside the office door.

For first year students, acolyte training will need to be done on an individual basis. You will begin to be scheduled to serve as an acolyte during October. A schedule will be mailed to your home and a listing of acolytes for the month is also listed in the Redeemer Monthly newsletter on the "Opportunities for Service" page. Please remember that serving as an acolyte is a privilege given to our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The acolyte is truly the first "servant" to begin a worship service. By lighting the candles at the beginning of the service they are symbolically bringing the light of Christ to our worship center. No worship service begins without our candles being lit.

When you are scheduled to serve as an acolyte, please be to the church office 15 minutes before your scheduled time (4:45 pm on Saturdays, 8:15 or 10:30 on Sundays). This will give you a chance to review your responsibilities and have any questions answered.

Should you need to reschedule an assigned acolyting time, please begin by trading with someone and informing the office of this change. If you can have that information to the church office by Wednesday of the week you are scheduled it will be able to be included in the bulletin.

# #1 THE CREED: WHAT WE BELIEVE

Read over the attached pages and then complete the following:

## BIBLE STUDY

The Bible has many pictures to describe God and words that tell what God is like. They are just hints, since God is so much greater than our minds can imagine.

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. All references are taken from the NIV - New International Version - of the Bible. *(If you need a copy of an NIV Bible, please ask DCE Anna to get you one to use at home.)*

### Psalm 3:3a

But you are a \_\_\_\_\_ around me, ...

### Psalm 18:2

The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_, my \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_;  
God is my \_\_\_\_\_, in whom I take \_\_\_\_\_. He is my  
\_\_\_\_\_ and the horn of my \_\_\_\_\_, my  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### Psalm 23:1

The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_, I shall not be in \_\_\_\_\_.

### Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_ -  
whom shall I \_\_\_\_\_?

### Isaiah 40:11

He \_\_\_\_\_ his flock like a \_\_\_\_\_; He \_\_\_\_\_  
the lambs in his arms and \_\_\_\_\_ them close to his  
\_\_\_\_\_; he gently \_\_\_\_\_ those that have young.

### Deuteronomy 32:4

He is the \_\_\_\_\_, his works are \_\_\_\_\_, and all his  
ways are \_\_\_\_\_. A faithful God who does no wrong,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is he.

### Psalm 95:3

For the Lord is a \_\_\_\_\_ God, the \_\_\_\_\_ King above all  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Look up the following verses and list the quality of God that is spoken of in this verse.

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| 1 John 3:20   | _____ |
| Psalms 145:17 | _____ |
| Luke 1:37     | _____ |
| Job 12:13     | _____ |
| Psalms 106:1  | _____ |
| Psalms 90:2   | _____ |
| Isaiah 6:3    | _____ |

Genesis 1:1- 2:4 tells the creation story. Each of these verses (1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, and 26) begins the same way stating, “And God \_\_\_\_\_,”

According to Genesis, how did all of creation begin? For a little help, read Psalm 33:6. What does it say about how God created the heavens?

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

We may wonder what difference it makes that God created us and everything that exists. If we were just here as part of the accidental process of birth and death, we might feel that human life is not important. Maybe then it wouldn't matter whether we lived or died.

But as Christians we know we were created by God who loves us, cares for us and has a purpose for us. Each of us is a unique individual in whom God is delighted.

Knowing this means that we already are assured of our worth. We don't need to prove ourselves. Whatever we do can come out of this freeing knowledge that God loves us already. So our actions can be expressions of who we are: children of a loving God who wants us to have the best lives possible.

1. What do you think God might be intending for you to do with your life? (Think about things that would help you feel satisfied and worthwhile.) Name several possibilities.
2. How important is it for you to know God loves you? Have you ever thought God didn't love you? (God always loves you even if you do wrong things.)

## #2 GOD'S CARE FOR US

Read over the attached pages and then complete the following:

### BIBLE STUDY

Jesus taught his disciples to call God "Father." Write the first line of the Lord's Prayer below: (Matthew 6:9)

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In the Aramaic language spoken by Jesus and the earliest Christians, the word used by small children for their father was "Abba." Jesus used "Abba" in his prayers (Mark 14:36). Read Mark 14:32. Where was Jesus when he used the term "Abba" in his prayer? \_\_\_\_\_

Many promises in the Bible tell us about God's love and care for us. Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

#### Psalm 145:8-9

The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, slow to \_\_\_\_\_ and rich in \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ to all; he has \_\_\_\_\_ on all he has \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 1 John 3:1

How great is the \_\_\_\_\_ the Father has \_\_\_\_\_ on us, that we should be called \_\_\_\_\_ of God. And that is what we are! The reason the world does not \_\_\_\_\_ us is that it did not \_\_\_\_\_ him.

#### 1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your \_\_\_\_\_ on him because he \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

Read Psalm 139:7-12. In your own words, what do these words tell us about the nearness of God?

Read Matthew 6:25-33. In your own words, why is it foolish for us to worry about what to eat, drink or wear?

The problem of evil in the world is a complex and difficult one. Read the verses and answer these questions in your own words.

Read Habakkuk 3:17-18. What will this person do in spite of bad things?

Read Romans 8:28. What does this tell us God will do even in rough times?

Read Romans 8:35-39. What remains unchanged (we aren't separated from it) even when the worst possible misfortunes happen?

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

1. God is near to us as our loving parent, yet far beyond us since God is all powerful, the creator of all that exists. How would you feel if God were loving and kind but not very powerful?
2. How would you feel if God were all-powerful but not loving and kind?
3. When you find out that God created you and loves you, and that God makes no mistakes, what is your reaction?
4. Sometimes suffering helps people become more caring and closer to God. Think of people you have known or heard about who were able to do good and kept their faith in spite of suffering. Write a brief description of one or two of them (possibilities: people who were in accidents, who were in wars, who had families with problems, etc.).

### #3 WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

Read over the attached pages and then complete the following:

#### BIBLE STUDY

1. The name “Christian” is as old as the New Testament. Read Acts 11:26 and write the name of the city where this name was first used. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read Matthew 1:21 and discover the approximate meaning of the name Jesus. “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. What titles did Peter use to describe Jesus in Matthew 16:16 when Jesus asked him, “Who do you say I am?” Peter replied, “You are the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living God.”
4. The Gospel of John says that “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 3:16)
5. Paul says in Philippians 2:9-11 that “every \_\_\_\_\_ confess that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, to the glory of God the \_\_\_\_\_.”
6. Paul says in Galatians 4:4 that “when the time had fully come, God sent his \_\_\_\_\_, born of a \_\_\_\_\_, born under \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ those under law, that we might \_\_\_\_\_ the full \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”
7. In 1 Corinthians 15:3-5, Paul states clearly what he believes:  
“For what I received I passed on to you as of first \_\_\_\_\_: that \_\_\_\_\_ died for our \_\_\_\_\_ according to the \_\_\_\_\_, that he was \_\_\_\_\_, that he was \_\_\_\_\_ on the third day according to the \_\_\_\_\_, and that he \_\_\_\_\_ to Peter and then to the Twelve.”
8. According to 1 Corinthians 15:17, we are still in our sins and our faith is futile if \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Complete the statement about Jesus from 1 Peter 3:22, Jesus Christ “has gone into \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_.”
10. Read Jesus’ words to the high priest at the trial just before his death (Mark 14:62): “And you will see the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 sitting at the \_\_\_\_\_ hand of the \_\_\_\_\_ One and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ on the clouds of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**BIBLE SEARCH**

Read through the following passages and discover the characteristics of Jesus as *TRUE GOD* and *TRUE MAN*.

**Jesus is TRUE GOD - What shows that Jesus is True God?**

- Luke 7:11-15 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Luke 8: 22-24 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Luke 5:4-7 \_\_\_\_\_  
 John 11:38-44 \_\_\_\_\_  
 John 6:5-13 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Luke 24:1-8 \_\_\_\_\_

**Jesus is TRUE MAN - What shows that Jesus is True Man?**

- Luke 2:6-7 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mark 4:37-38 \_\_\_\_\_  
 John 4:5-8 \_\_\_\_\_  
 John 11:33-37 \_\_\_\_\_  
 John 19:28-30 \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

The Second Article of the Creed has much to say about who Jesus is and what happened to him. If Jesus asked you the same question he asked Peter (Mark 8:29), “Who do you say that I am?”, how would you respond?

## #4 WHAT JESUS DOES FOR US

Read over the attached pages and then complete the following:

### BIBLE STUDY

1. Read the following passages and find the words used for sin:

Romans 4:15 and Galatians 3:19 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 8:12 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 5:15 and 5:17 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 3:23 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Without the gift of Christ, what would the wages of sin be, according to Romans 6:23? \_\_\_\_\_

Complete each of the following Bible passages by filling in the appropriate missing word. These words were defined in the reading.

#### Galatians 4:3-5

So also, when we were \_\_\_\_\_, we were in \_\_\_\_\_ under the basic principles of the world. But when the \_\_\_\_\_ and fully come, God sent his \_\_\_\_\_, born of a \_\_\_\_\_, born under \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ those under law, that we might \_\_\_\_\_ the full \_\_\_\_\_ of sons.

#### Colossians 3:13

Bear with each other, and \_\_\_\_\_ whatever grievances you may have against one another. \_\_\_\_\_ as the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ you.

#### Romans 5:10

For if, when we were God's \_\_\_\_\_, we were \_\_\_\_\_ to him through the \_\_\_\_\_ of his Son, how much more, having been \_\_\_\_\_, shall we be \_\_\_\_\_ through his life!

#### 1 Corinthians 5:7

Get rid of the old \_\_\_\_\_ that you may be a new batch without \_\_\_\_\_ - as you really are. For Christ, our \_\_\_\_\_ Lamb, has been \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Galatians 2:15-16

We who are Jews by birth and not Gentile \_\_\_\_\_ know that a man is not \_\_\_\_\_ by observing the \_\_\_\_\_, but by \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus that we may be \_\_\_\_\_ by faith in Christ and not by \_\_\_\_\_ the law, because by \_\_\_\_\_ the law, no one will be \_\_\_\_\_.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

1. How does knowing you are forgiven and loved affect how you live *now*?
2. Does being forgiven give you some clues about how you are expected to treat others? (See Colossians 3:13 in the “Bible Study” section)
3. When is it easy to forgive someone else? (Think of a specific example.)
4. When has it been difficult for you to forgive someone else?
5. How do you feel when someone forgives one of your mistakes?
6. How do you feel when they don’t forgive you?

## #5 GOD'S SPIRIT AND OURS

Read over the attached pages and then complete the following:

### BIBLE STUDY

1. Read Genesis 1:1-2. Then read it again, using the word wind rather than Spirit in verse 2. Then you can see that the writer pictures a wind blowing over the dark waters before creation. This wind is the Spirit of God. Read also John 3:8, using the word wind at the beginning and end of the verse; then read the same verse using the word spirit. How does this compare to the original?
2. What does Romans 8:16 say that God's Spirit does with our spirit?

Complete the following passages:

#### Genesis 1:2

Now the \_\_\_\_\_ was formless and \_\_\_\_\_, darkness was over the \_\_\_\_\_ of the deep, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God was \_\_\_\_\_ over the waters.

#### Numbers 27:18

So the Lord said to \_\_\_\_\_, "Take \_\_\_\_\_ son of Nun, a man in whom is the \_\_\_\_\_, and lay your hand on him."

#### Isaiah 61:1

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has \_\_\_\_\_ me to \_\_\_\_\_ good news to the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Ezekiel 37:13-14

Then you, my \_\_\_\_\_, will know that I am the \_\_\_\_\_, when I open your \_\_\_\_\_ and bring you up from them. I will put my \_\_\_\_\_ in you and you will \_\_\_\_\_, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ you in your own \_\_\_\_\_. Then you will \_\_\_\_\_ that I the Lord have \_\_\_\_\_, and I have \_\_\_\_\_ it, declares the Lord.

Joel 2:28

And afterward, I will \_\_\_\_\_ out my \_\_\_\_\_ on all people.  
Your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_, your old  
\_\_\_\_\_ will dream \_\_\_\_\_, your young \_\_\_\_\_ will see  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Mark 1:10

As \_\_\_\_\_ was coming up out of the \_\_\_\_\_, he saw  
\_\_\_\_\_ being torn open and the \_\_\_\_\_ descending on him  
like a \_\_\_\_\_.

John 20:22

And with that he \_\_\_\_\_ on them and said, “\_\_\_\_\_ the Holy  
\_\_\_\_\_.”

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of \_\_\_\_\_ came, they were all \_\_\_\_\_ in  
one place. \_\_\_\_\_ a sound like the \_\_\_\_\_ of a violent  
\_\_\_\_\_ came from \_\_\_\_\_ and filled the whole house  
where they were \_\_\_\_\_. They saw what seemed to be  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ that separated and came to rest on  
each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ and  
began to \_\_\_\_\_ in other \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_  
enabled them.

John 14:16-17

And I will ask the \_\_\_\_\_ and he will give you another  
\_\_\_\_\_ to be with you forever - the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ cannot accept him, because it  
neither \_\_\_\_\_ him nor \_\_\_\_\_ him. But you \_\_\_\_\_  
him, for he \_\_\_\_\_ with you and will be \_\_\_\_\_ you.

## #6 SANCTIFICATION: THE NEW LIFE

Read over the attached pages and then complete the following:

### BIBLE STUDY

1. Read Ephesians 4:22-32. You will find a general description of what we should do in verses 22-23 and specific examples in verses 25-32. Make a list from this passage of the evils which the Holy Spirit helps us to overcome.

Make another list of the good qualities which God's Spirit wants to enable us to develop.

2. Another list of the good works which the Spirit wants to enable us to develop is found in Galatians 5:22-26. List the nine qualities or "fruit of the Spirit" named in verses 22-23.

3. Specific examples of persons who do good works are found throughout the Bible. Read the following passages and summarize briefly the good work described in each.

Mark 12:41-44

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Mark 14:3-9

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Luke 10:30-35

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4. Read 1 John 1:8-10. What does this passage say about our chances of finally being able to live a sin-free life?

5. One of the passages in which Paul lists some of the Spirits' gifts is 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. In verses 8-10 there are nine talents, gifts or abilities listed. What are they?

