

ARTICLES OF FAITH

(student)

Class Objective for Articles of Faith

- 1) Discuss the Ten Commandments and the role they play in our lives.
- 2) Explore the three articles of the Apostles' Creed; God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. Be able to articulate how the 3 expressions of God in the Trinity have personal connection to us-what each provides and challenges us to do.
- 3) Come to a deeper understanding of the Lord's Prayer and its use as a guideline for our relationship to God and others.

Session 1: The Ten Commandments

OBJECTIVE: To explore the impact on our lives of following the first five commandments.

Rules I have to follow-

AT HOME:

AT SCHOOL:

IN THE WORLD:

Write out commandments 1-5 as found in Deuteronomy 5:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What did God promise to do, in exchange for His people following these commandments?

(What was God's contract?)

When we break God's contract what does he do?

PARENT/CHILD DISCUSSION QUESTION:

How have we made other things "god" in our lives? What gets in the way of honoring the Sabbath for our family?

COMPLETED: _____

Session 2: The Ten Commandments

OBJECTIVE: To explore the impact on our lives of following the last five commandments.

Which of the rules that I wrote down last week, was I more aware of this week?

Any specific commandment that I'm aware I broke? What was the situation?

Write out commandments 6-10 as found in Deuteronomy 5:

6.

How have I been unfaithful to God?

7.

Where is my greatest temptation to break this commandment? Who can help me/hold me accountable?

8.

How can I be a person who seeks and tells the truth?

9.

What am I most guilty of coveting?

10.

TOP TEN WISH LIST:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

PARENT/CHILD DISCUSSION QUESTION:

How do you sort through the wants and needs in your life? How do you avoid the temptation of coveting what others have?

COMPLETED: _____

SESSION 3: First Article of Apostles' Creed

OBJECTIVE: To understand the importance of the Apostles' Creed in our personal faith and life of the church. This week's primary focus is a preview of the whole creed, to understand the Trinity and to look at our relationship with God the Father, the Creator.

APOSTLES CREED-TRADITIONAL

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived
by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third
day he rose again. He ascended into
heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again 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 live everlasting. Amen.

CONTEMPORARY CREED:

We believe in God above us, maker and
sustainer of all life.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ,
the Word made flesh,
born of a woman's womb,
servant of the poor.
He was tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, He died forsaken.
He descended into the earth
to the place of death.
On the third day He rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present,
and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of life
everlasting. Amen!

What are some of the things you believed in as a child? What shaped those beliefs?

Our group's example of a "trinity" was:

How this helps me understand the Trinity:

The item I picked to symbolize my favorite thing that God created was _____

Why I like this expression of God's creation:

WONDERFUL MAKER:

You spread out the skies over empty space,
Said "Let there be light;" to a dark and formless world
Your light was born.

You spread out Your arms over empty hearts,
Said "Let there be light" to a dark and hopeless world
Your Son was born

You made the world and saw that it was good.
You sent Your only Son, for You are good.

What a wonderful Maker, what a wonderful Savior.
How majestic Your whispers, and how humble Your love.
With a strength like no other, and the heart of a father.
How majestic Your whispers, what a wonderful God.

No eye has fully seen how beautiful the cross,
And we have only heard the faintest whispers of
How great You are.

[repeat bridge, repeat chorus 2x]

My reflections on these words:

PARENT/CHILD DISCUSSION QUESTION:

Which expression of God in the Trinity has the most meaning for you: Father-Creator, Son-Savior, Spirit-Empowerer? Why?

COMPLETED: _____

SESSION 4: Second and Third Articles of Apostles' Creed

OBJECTIVE: To examine our statement of belief and relationship with God, through Jesus Christ the Son, and through the Holy Spirit.

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What do you believe about Jesus? What shaped these beliefs?

JESUS YOU'RE ALL I NEED:

You are the refuge of my heart. You are my shelter in the storm. You're the secret quiet place where I can lay down at Your feet. You're the resting place where I can go for my soul to be at peace.

And I will run: I choose to follow You. With all my heart, I will sing praise to You. With all I have, I give it all to You. Jesus, You're all I need.

You're the maker and lifter of my head. You're the tablet that's written on my heart. Oh, You're everything and so much more than I could ever be. You're the great I Am, You're the Prince of Peace, You're the reigning King of Kings. [repeat chorus 2x]

Reflections on the song:

What resonates with you about who Jesus is to you.....

What do you believe about the nature of the Holy Spirit?

How do you experience the Spirit working in your day to day life? Give an example from your life or the life of another.

PARENT/CHILD DISCUSSION QUESTION:

Read over the third article of the Contemporary creed together. How do you experience the Spirit at work in your life? In the world?

COMPLETED: _____

SESSION 5: Lord's Prayer

OBJECTIVE: To gain a deeper understanding of the Lord's prayer and how it can deepen our relationship with God through the discipline of praying it.

Images I chose to portray God's relationship to me:

Images I chose to portray my relationship to God:

Any discrepancies? What are they?

The Lord's Prayer is our guide for how to be in relationship with God and with one another and how to be in communication with God over how to live out all those relationships.

It is found in Matthew 6: 9-13.

What do my prayers sound like? What are my requests for? Do I spend time in prayer and praise before asking God's help and guidance?

A praise or thanks I have for God right now:

A request for a specific need for myself or others:

Something I need to confess and ask for forgiveness for:

Someone/Something I need to forgive:

A temptation or trial I need God to deliver me from:

PARENT/CHILD DISCUSSION QUESTION:

What are important elements in your prayer life? What areas do you spend the most time focusing on-praise, requests, forgiveness, deliverance?

COMPLETED: _____

