

LESSON 1— *God, the Trinity, the Creator, and Provider*
Questions and Answers—Student Guide

Lesson goal: The goal of this class is to answer the question “What is a creed?” and to understand what the word Trinity means. Students will also learn about how God the Father continues to care and provide for us.

Pre-Lesson Preparation

Read Exodus 16:2-18, the account of manna and quail.

Read the Apostles’ Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Think

What does the word creed mean? If we’ve never read about a creed in the Bible, why would it be important? We use the Apostles’ Creed to summarize the gospel message—what the Triune God has done for us. So what does the word Trinity mean when referring to God?

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin or sins does this lesson teach you to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach you to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Additional questions

13. What is the definition of the word creed?
14. What does the word Trinity mean?
15. God sometimes uses miracles to provide for us, like in Exodus 16:2-18 when he provided manna and quail to sustain the people of Israel in the desert. However, what is God's normal way of caring and providing for us?
16. What do we mean when we say in the Apostles' Creed, "I believe in God"?
17. The doctrine of vocation is the teaching that God uses our everyday roles, jobs, and duties to serve him and to care for others. How can this truth comfort you?

Lesson wrap-up

18. What is a creed?
19. What does Trinity mean?
20. How does God the Father continue to care and provide for us?