

Mentor/Student Discussion Guide

Apostle's Creed – How Can God be “Three-in-One”?

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*Your goals in your time together today are continue to get acquainted and to discuss the issues raised in the video. Use your own judgment on how much time to devote to each part of the conversation.

*Both mentor and mentee should share answers and thoughts one another.

*Neither person should be made to feel that they should share more than they are comfortable sharing.

*You do not need to make sure you have answered every question listed below. They are provided merely as a way to guide your discussion. Neither should you feel limited to these questions.

*You will not be reporting answers to anyone. If it is helpful to write answers or take notes, feel free to do so knowing that it is not necessary.

*Remember that each Middle Schooler is at a different stage in the transition from concrete to abstract thinking.

*Please take a moment to pray together at the beginning or end of your time together. You may pray your own prayer or use the following (spoken by one person or both together).

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us by your Spirit, that we may share your love and give glory to you. Praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Check in

*Check in about how life is going since the last time you met.

*Each person share a high and a low (something good and something no-so-good that happened) from the previous week.

Video

*Share one thing you learned from the video.

*What questions did the video raise for you?

*The relationship of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit may be something like a family relationship. Tell each other about your families and some positive ways that you relate to one another.

*How do you think the Trinity might be like or unlike a human family?

*What are some things that family members do for one another simply because they love one another?

*What are some things that God does for us simply out of love?

*Look at the Apostles' Creed. In what unique ways does each person of the Trinity love you?

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will 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.

Bible

*Read John 14:15-17. What does Jesus tell us here about the relationship between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? What does he tell us about the relationship of the Trinity with us?

-Look back to verse 11. What is it in the second half of the verse that helps us trust what Jesus says in the first half?

-What are some of the works that Jesus has done that help us to believe that he is one with God the Father?