



Calling deserters back to the gospel  
Mark 14:72

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## THE APOSTLES' CREED

### **Jesus Christ, God & Man**

#### **Hear** ☼

*The Creed is Provided  
on the Back Page*

Our time in the Apostles' Creed is meant to fill out some of the substance of family worship, but don't forget its simplicity. Read, pray, and sing. Read a short passage of Scripture together (maybe a Psalm or a story from the *Jesus Story Book Bible*), Pray, and Sing one or two short songs together. This kind of simplicity normally fits in a 10 to 15-minute window.

Each day consider, discuss and understand one item or point in the Creed. Keep working to memorize the Creed together if you don't have it down yet. Don't worry about discussing anything outside this week's portion of the Creed, "who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary." With our youngest worshippers in mind, this week will necessarily have more explanation than questions.

#### **Love** ☼

"Conceived by the Holy Spirit" means that it took a miracle of God's power for Jesus (the eternal Son) to become a person, and for Mary to be pregnant with him.

When we say that Jesus was "born of the virgin Mary," this means that Joseph wasn't his father; God is.

These two little clauses give us a peek at the mystery of the incarnation. In these two statements, we have a very simple statement of what we believe about who Jesus is. He is fully God, and he is fully human.

#### **Proclaim** ☼

The incarnation is good news; not just because it's true and part of the gospel, but because it is truth that we need. We need a Savior who could live for us in perfect obedience the way we could not. We need a Savior, who could sympathize with all of our weakness. We need a Savior, who could die in our place as our sacrifice. And, we need a Savior powerful enough to overcome death for us. Jesus is this Savior we need. What does this mean for your forgiveness? What does this mean for you when your sin seems so appealing that you want to chase it? Preach this good news to each other this week.



The question for this week is simple, but a little dangerous. It has a very definite right answer. Is Jesus still a man, or did he just need to be a man during his ministry and death on earth? If you need help, here are some places to look. Look at 1 Timothy 2:5; when was Paul writing this, during Jesus' life on earth or after his ascension back to the Father? If you still need help, look at Question 21 in the Shorter Catechism.

## **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,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He 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 catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.