



Crown of Glory Confirmation
April 22, 2020
“Almighty God: Apostles Creed 1”
Distance Learning Session #1

Welcome:

Welcome to our **Distance Learning Session#1** for Confirmation at Crown of Glory! Logon to our website at www.crownofglory.org and click on the “Worship Note” icon, as you watch the video. You can start by completing the first few sections of the Worship Note: Student Name, Email, Grade, etc. Be sure to put the title “**DLS #1**” in the section titled “*What is the title of the message?*”.

Prayer Time:

“Creator God, you have made me and all the world around me. You provide me daily with all I need for life. You have made me a steward of your creation. Shelter us now in the comfort of your loving arms. Amen.”

Key Words/Theme:

The Focus of our Session Today:

The Apostles Creed Article 1: What sustains you? God Almighty creates and sustains all that exists. Together with God we are partners in being good stewards of creation.

Review the themes from the class session with your confirmation student:

- **God Almighty:** A way of referring to God as the most important being above anything else.
- **Create “Ex Nihilo”:** The word ‘create’ in Latin, it means *to make*. “Ex Nihilo” literally means, to create “out of nothing.” God created the world out of nothing.
- **Creation:** A reference to all that exists; all that God has made.
- **Sustain:** Means to keep, preserve, or maintain.
- **Stewardship:** Is the responsibility for care and proper use of something. We are to be good stewards of creation.
- **Apostle’s Creed:** A statement of belief in God as Parent, Son, and Holy Spirit; and a statement of belief in the Christian church.
- **Triune/Trinity:** The unity of God as three separate ‘persons’ in one divine being.

Quotes of the Week: Read and discuss the following quotes...

- o I sometimes think that God, in creating man, somewhat overestimated God’s ability.
– *Oscar Wilde*
- o Almighty God hath created the mind free. – *Thomas Jefferson*
- o To win true peace, a man needs to feel himself directed, pardoned, and sustained by a supreme being, to feel himself in the right road, at the point where God would have him be in order with God and the universe. This faith gives strength and calm.
– *Henri Frederic Amiel*
- o I’ve seen God in God’s creation and I’ve always loved God. – *Betty Cuthbert*
- o There is a loving relationship between the Creator and the Creation. – *Sri Sathya Sai Bab*

Bible and Discussion Time:

(Pick 2-4 Questions below and discuss them with your Confirmation student!)

- 1) **God the Creator:** Take a few minutes to discuss the following statement: *God creates and sustains all things.* Discussion points: In addition to providing everything we need for life, God preserves and protects us. God does this not because of anything we have done, but the unmerited, unearned gift of love. Focus Questions: What does it mean for God to sustain us? How does God protect us? What does the word ‘unmerited’ mean? Leader Insight: *God’s love is unmerited means that there is nothing we can do to earn it, because it’s always a free gift.*
 - 2) **All That We Have!** The Apostle’s Creed teaches us that God provides *all that we have* and all that we need for daily life. Focus Questions: Make a list of things that you use in your daily life? What do you have? What are your basic needs? What does God provide you? What is your favorite possession? Could you live without this possession? Of all the things you have, what *couldn’t* you live without? Leader Insight: *God provides all our needs, even the unnecessary things. Challenge listeners to consider what they “need” vs. what they want in life.*
 - 3) **Good Steward:** Creation is filled with signs of God’s love. We are blessed to be a part of creation and we hold a great responsibility to be partners with God in caring for all of creation. Focus Questions: How can we be partners with God in caring for creation? How do you take part in being a good steward of the gift God has given you in creation? Insight: *Caring for creation can be seen in many life-changing events such as reducing our energy use, recycling, composting, learning about issues such as ‘water-sheds’ and alternative energy, planting a ‘bee’ garden, and so much more. Have listeners share ways they have been a good steward of God’s creation and/or ways they could be good stewards in the future.*
 - 4) **My Place in Creation:** Genesis 1:1-2:25 tells the story of God creating the world and all that is in it. People have a place in creation. Our faith and relationship with God grows when we further understand our connectedness with creation. Focus Questions: Where is your favorite place to be in nature? Why? Share a time when you experienced a connection with nature or with God in creation. Insight: *Allow listeners to share their experience with being in nature. As part of creation we grow in our relationship with God through our connectedness with other parts of creation! Examples: enjoying the outdoors, biking, hiking, going to the park, etc.*
- 1) **Faith Talk:** How have you partnered with God in being a “steward” of creation?
 - Make a list of some ways that your congregation is partnering to care for creation?
 - Give an example of ONE way you are partnering to care for creation at home.
 - Today is “Earth Day”! What’s so special about “Earth Day”? Do some investigating, what is “Earth Day”? Why is it so important? Why is it so important to our faith? What’s something you can do to share your faith on “Earth Day”?

Closing Prayer: *Lord God you are the creator and sustainer of all. Bless our lives with hearts and minds that care for your good creation. Amen!”*

Reminders: *Confirmation has TWO more sessions remaining with Pastor Reggie. Class session videos will be posted on the Crown of Glory YouTube account. Go to www.crownofglory.org and click in the YouTube Icon. Be sure to select Distance Learning Session #1: April 22, Distance Learning Session #2: April 29, or Distance Learning Session #3: May 6.*

Complete A Session “Worship Note” Online: *Each week, during each video session students are instructed to complete an online “Worship Note”, located on the front page of Crown of Glory’s website. Be sure to title your “Worship Note” DLS #1, DLS #2, or DLS #3.*

Bible Time:

Today's story is from the very first book of the bible, Genesis. In it we hear the story of creation.

Genesis 1-2 New International Version (NIV)

The Beginning

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great creatures of the

sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,^[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹ Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.