OPENING PRAYER

Dear Father, please be with us during this time as we open Your Word and learn what it means to be created and loved by You. Help us understand what it means to be Your children and the love that You have for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TEACHING

Watch <u>Lesson 1: Apostles' Creed 1</u>. Themes: Creation, Father, and Word.



SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-21. ILSB pp. 12-141

Read through the following sections of the Small Catechism ISCI.

The Apostles' Creed Introduction ISC pp. 128-132 | Questions 103-1121

The First Article (Part 1) ISC pp. 133-145 | Central Thought | Questions 113-130 | Answers | Scripture Connections and Applications

*OPTIONAL: For a more in-depth study of the First Article (Parts 2-3), read pages 146-163.

QUESTION TIME What is the most amazing thing in nature that you've ever seen?

- + What was it like when you were there?
- + What was amazing about what you saw?
- + Is it possible to go visit these places again?

How would you answer the question, "Where did all this come from?"

Read <u>Colossians 1:16</u>. ILSB p. 20441

- + How is this different from what you hear in other places (Evolution)?
- + Why is it important to know that God made us and all things?

Read these thoughts from the Large Catechism ILCI: Father

What are some characteristics of fathers that you could use to describe God?

Read Luke 15:11-32. ILSB pp. 1747-17481

+ How do you think the father felt throughout this story?



CLOSING PRAYER Dear Father, thank You for loving me. Thank You for creating me, my friends, my family, and everyone else. And thank You for being a Father that always loves and forgives us no matter what we've done wrong. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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