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

## TEACHING <br> Watch Lesson 1: Apostles' Creed 1.

 Themes: Creation, Father, and Word.
## SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-21. [LSB pp. 12-14]

## READING

Read through the following sections of the Small Catechism [SCI.
The Apostles' Creed Introduction ISC pp. 128-132 | Questions 103-112]
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 ahout 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 Golossians 1:16. [ISB p. 2044]
+ How is this ilifferent 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 [LCI: Father
What are some characteristics of fathers that you could use to describe God?
Read Luke 15:11-32. ILSB pp. 1747-1748]
+ How do you think the father felt throughout this story?

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

