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Theme for this family study:
God as my Creator

We've ended our look at the 1st Article of the Apostle's Creed. This week's homework has the family studying for a test on The First Article. Everything on this page may be on the test, plus material covered in class. Also, be sure to know the First Article and its definition really well!

We confess in the creed that "I believe" because you cannot make confession for someone else. You can pray with and for other people. This is why Jesus taught us to pray "Our Father" and not "My Father." In confessing this first article we state that God made all things from nothing. (Latin = ex nihilo [out of nothing])

1.   As a family read Genesis Chapter 1 and note how God made everything.
     a.   How did he make light? The expanse? The seas? The Vegetation? The Sun? The Moon? The fish? The Birds? The Animals?

     b.   How did God make man? In whose image? What was their purpose?

We see that God made everything by speaking. Then He made man differently than all the rest of creation. If we jump to Genesis 2:7 it recounts that man is the only part of creation that is "breathed into" by God. This means that we have a special role in His creation and are loved by Him above all the rest. In fact we are greater than the angels.

2.   Read 1st Corinthians 6:3. What will we do with the angels?

Being the pinnacle of God's creation means that we have a special responsibility. It started with Adam before Eve was created.

3.   Read Genesis 2:19-20. What did God have Adam do?

4.   Read Genesis 1:28. What else did they have to do?

God used Adam and Eve to care for the creation He had made. That continues with us today. We are to tend the plants and manage the livestock for the purpose of glorifying God for what He has made.

5.   Read Genesis 1:29 and Genesis 9:1-7. What can they eat? What is the one rule about eating meat?

The Lord does more than just give you food. He also takes care of you daily.

6.   What will the Lord do according to these passages?
     a.   Psalm 140:4
     b.   Isaiah 31:5
     c.   Genesis 22:4
     d.   Deuteronomy 6:24

7.   From class discussion: What are some of the others that God uses to care for you?

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Being made in the image of God means that Adam and Eve had all of God's perfection, holiness, and righteousness. It does not mean they were God, just made in His **image and likeness**. Read Mark 10:6. We see in our society today that people are having "identity" crisis. God's Word is clear who we are. We should not be confused with the terms used in society for "new norms." [homosexual, transgender, queer, etc.] These are not how God has created us.

We also want to be clear about suffering in today's world. God created suffering so that we would not look to save ourselves or try to be "gods." When we see that suffering takes place we realize that God is calling us to trust in Him alone.

8. Read Genesis 3:1-7. What happens when they listen to something besides God?

9. What was the consequence for believing they could be like God (Genesis 3:5)?

   a. Genesis 3:8

   b. Genesis 3:16

   c. Genesis 3:17-19

   d. Genesis 3:32-34

The First Article: Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?
I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.