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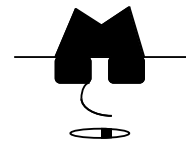
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Comprehension Exercise
Lesson #3
Apostles' Creed: Creator

I. Cram the Memorization into your brain

- A. Write (or type) the memory work out
- B. Say it out loud
- C. Erase or white out one word
- D. Go back to step B, and repeat until the whole thing is gone
- E. Do something else for 10+ minutes
- F. Say it to yourself to make sure you know it
- G. Review before Confirmation class or Sunday School. I will be available 10 minutes before class Wednesday to hear recitations or to watch you write it.

II. Did you do a Secret Service yet this month? If not, plan one now!



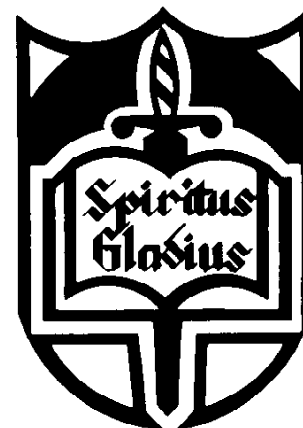
III. Defining Terms

Define the following terms from the memorization:

- A. Almighty
- B. Creature
- C. members
- D. soul
- E. divine
- F. merit
- G. praise

IV. Unsheathe Your Sword!

- A. Read Luke 15:11–32
- B. Whom do the characters in the story represent?
 - 1. The Father:
 - 2. The younger son:
- C. Give one example from *your* life when you've "left home" from your Heavenly Father.
- D. What was the son's attitude when he returned home?
- E. What did the son do to earn his father's forgiveness?
- F. What must we do to earn God's forgiveness?



V. Getting the details

- A. What did God create the world from?
- B. What did He use to create it?
- C. Name one thing that God did *not* have a hand in creating.
- D. What is meant by “heaven and earth”?
- E. In what ways is God our Father?
 - 1.
 - 2.

VI. Tying it in

God’s Word is like a spider web. All the parts are connected and depend on each other and are related.

A. Compare the first article of the Creed & the Introduction to the Lord’s Prayer.

1. Name 2 things they have in common, and be specific.

- a) God is our Father
- b)

2. How is this *wrong* teaching dangerous to the soul:

God is not three persons, but one god who operates under three different “modes,” like a man can be a father, son, and husband all at the same time. The Father *is* the Son, etc. (Modal Monarchianism, Taught by Sabellius of Rome, c. 215 A.D. Also taught today by “Jesus Only Pentecostals,” commonly called the “Apostolic Church.”)

VII. VII. What’s the Point?

A. Imagine yourself in this situation. Given what you’ve learned from this lesson, how can you respond?

Joe has been in trouble as far back as you can remember. He’s been on probation more times than you can count, for everything from stealing to underage drinking and driving, but he’s your friend anyway. One day, you’re walking past a church, and he says, “Churches. Huh. Must be nice for all those good people. Me, I’ve been in so much trouble already, I’m sure there’s already a place reserved for me in hell.”

B. What could you say?

¹Hint: Figure out how this would negate “Jesus, true God & true man, took my place on the cross so I can live forever with Him in the heaven & new creation, and I am saved 100% because of what *He* has done for *me*.”