

**2020 Creative Festivals Lesson Plan:  
Grade 1-3**

**Theme:**

“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” (John 3:17)

**Goal:**

To help the students understand the theme well enough to express it in art, photography, poetry, and creative writing.

**Lesson Objectives:** The students will be able to:

- State in their own words what it means to condemn.
- Describe what salvation means.
- Recite The Creed with the teacher.
- State that God is the Creator of all things visible and invisible.
- Recall a few lines from The Creed that describe who Jesus Christ is. (*Such as, “Who for us men and our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered, was buried, and the third day He rose again...”*)
- Name things they can do to help unite themselves to Christ.

**Time:** 40 minutes

**Materials:**

- Bible
- Icon of Creation (*Attached.*)
- Copy of the Nicene Creed (*Attached. Print one for each student.*)
- Line Drawn Icons (*Attached. Print one set for each student and cut them apart. These will be used to create a booklet at the end of the lesson. Keep the blank half sheet of paper on the last page. Fold it in half. This will be used to create a cover for the booklet. The teacher should also have one set of icons that is intact to use when teaching the lesson.*)
- Icon of Christ walking on Water and saving Peter (Matthew 14:22-33)
- Scissors; Stapler; Colored Pencils

**Opening Prayer:**

*“Thank you, Father, for sending Your Son Jesus not to judge and condemn us but to save us and make us Your children, partakers of Your very nature. Amen.”*

**Introduction:**

Read John 3:17 to the children. Explain that this is the 2020 Creative Festival theme. Ask the children who God is. (*Creator of all things visible and invisible*). Show the Creation icon to the children. Ask the children who the figures are and what is happening. Discuss who

God's Son is (*Begotten of the Father before all worlds . . . Who for our salvation became man and was crucified for us, suffered, was buried and rose again*). Give each child a copy of The Creed. Recite it together with the children. Use the icons of the *Annunciation, Nativity, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension* to illustrate Who Jesus Christ is.

### **Discussion:**

Talk about what it means to condemn. (*To be separated from God forever.*) Define what God's judgment means. (**Judgment** is God's decision on the worthiness of one to enter heaven or be condemned to hell. Christ will return again to confirm that judgment.)

Through Christ, sin is forgiven and overcome, and those who have followed Him are granted a place in heaven. Discuss that it is not up to us to judge others, deciding if they are good or bad, but to take care of ourselves to be closer to Christ. We can do this through our prayers, attending services, the Holy Mysteries, helping others who are hungry, need clothing, shelter, and comfort. (Read aloud Matthew 25:31-46)

Define salvation. (**Salvation** is the deliverance of humanity [mankind/all people] from sin and death by Christ, and union with God through Christ the Savior.) Talk about what it means to save something. We save things that are precious to us, just as we are precious to God, who wants us to return to him and be one with him. Have the children name things that are important to them. What would they would like to save and have forever? Then discuss how Christ saved us, just as He saved St. Peter when Christ walked on the water. (Show the children the icon of Christ pulling St. Peter out of the water and read aloud Matthew 14:22-33) Then read the theme verse again and discuss ways the children can unite themselves to Christ. (*Through prayer, worship, going to Confession, receiving Holy Communion; being kind to one another, not judging others, etc.*) Remind the children we are one with Christ through the Holy Mysteries, or Sacraments, especially through Holy Communion.

### **Activity:**

Give each child a set of the line drawn icons that have been cut apart on the dotted line and vertically on the plus sign. (Mix up their correct order.) As the teacher slowly reads The Creed aloud, the children, following along with their own copies of The Creed, will try to put the icons in the right order. When they've finished, the teacher or a helper will check each child's work to insure they are in the correct order. The icons will be placed one on top of the other to make a booklet. Line up the icons on the left hand side and top. Using the first icon page of Creation as a guide, trim the pages as needed on the right hand side and bottom. Using the blank half sheet of paper that was left over, fold the paper in half create a cover for the front and back of the booklet, then staple the pages and cover together on the left hand side. The children can write "The Creed" on the cover and decorate it if they wish. They may also color the icons with colored pencils if time permits.

**Closing Prayer:** *"Thank you Lord, for sending your Son to us, that through Him, we might be saved. You are our protector and our life preserver. Help us to reach out to you in times of joy and times of struggle. Help us to remember that you are our light and our salvation."*



## THE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried;

And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father;

And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets;

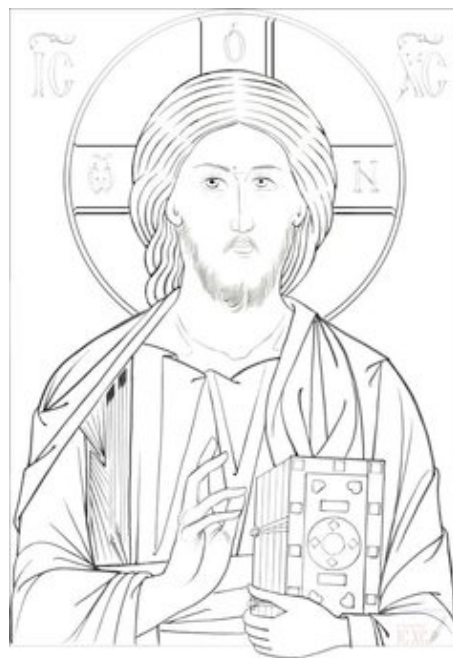
And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

I look for the Resurrection of the dead.  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.



*Maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;*



*One Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God . . .  
Who for us men and our salvation*

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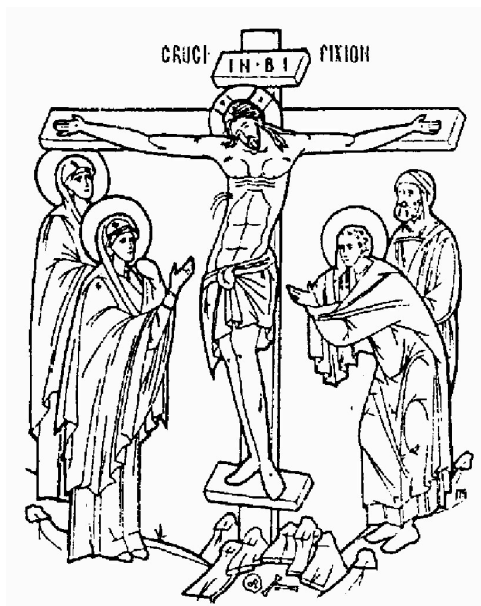
*came down from heaven, and was incarnate of  
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,*



*and was made man;*

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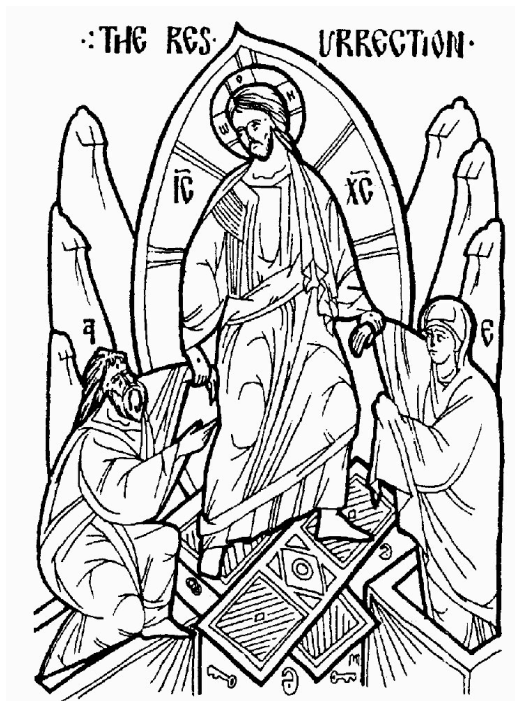


*And was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate,*

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*and suffered and was buried;*



*And the third day He rose again,  
according to the Scriptures;*

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*And ascended into heaven,*



*and sitteth at the right hand of the Father;*

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*And He shall come again with glory  
to judge the living and the dead.*

