APOSTLES' CREED 1

1. **Opening Prayer**: Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

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.

- 2. **Teaching**: Watch Lesson 1: Apostles' Creed 1. Video link: https://vimeo.com/74133007
- 3. Scripture Search: Read through the following section of Scripture:
 - 3.1. <u>Genesis 1:1-21</u>, pages 1-2 of the provided Bible.
 - 3.2. Read through the following sections of the Small Catechism:
 - 3.2.1. The First Article (Part 1) of the Apostles' Creed (page 133). The Central Thought (page 133)
 - 3.2.2. Questions 113 -120 (pgs. 134-138);
 - 3.2.3. Connections and Applications 121-130 (pgs. 138-145)
 - 3.2.4. [Optional] For a more in-depth study of the First Article, read pages 146-163.

4. Question Time

- 4.1. What is the most amazing thing in nature that you've ever seen?
 - 4.1.1. What was it like when you were there? What was amazing about what you saw? Is it possible to go visit these places again?
- 4.2. How would you answer the question, "Where did all this come from?"
 - 4.2.1. Read <u>Colossians 1:16</u>, pages 1715-1716. 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?
- 4.3. What are some characteristics of fathers that you could use to describe God?
- 4.4. Read Luke 15:11-32, pages 1538-1539. How do you think the father felt throughout this story?
- 4.5. Read <u>Psalm 139:14</u>, page 886.
- 5. **Closing Prayer**: Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear Father,

Thank You so much 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.