



# Confession of Faith

## LESSONS THIS MONTH

**Week One**—His Story: The Apostles' Creed

**Week Two**—In Our Youth: Heidelberg Catechism

**Week Three**—God or Man: The Nicene Creed

**Week Four**—Back to the Beginning: Westminster Confession of Faith

## THIS MONTH WE WILL...

### Sing

- “I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord”

### Read

- Acts 13:14–39
- Ecclesiastes 12:1
- John 8:48–59
- Genesis 1:1, 26–27

### Memorize

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

— The Apostles' Creed

## WHAT WE'LL Learn

History brings such depth to our world. It provides perspective to our situations when they seem to only happen to us. It gives us fulfillment to see that we are continuing the good fight that others have pursued before us. It creates a unity with our fellow man to know we have all dealt with life together.

Today, however, current culture wants to think only of the present. Whatever a writer really wanted to say is mute; your own interpretation of the material is all that matters. The supposed benefit of history is left by the wayside. Instead, you can create for yourself your own idea of history and have it explain away any issue or benefit that doesn't fit your worldview.

Our covenant children have a right to know the true history of their faith, their God, and their people. Through these weeks we want to begin laying an historical foundation in their minds. To know that men throughout history have stated the same words we recite today provides solidity to their faith. Our children aren't the first to believe the Good News, nor will they be the last.

This Good News will remain with these children for the rest of their lives. While the words of a creed might fall from their memory, the words of our Savior will forever be with them.

*The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.*

— “How Firm a Foundation”