

# What is the Nicene Creed?



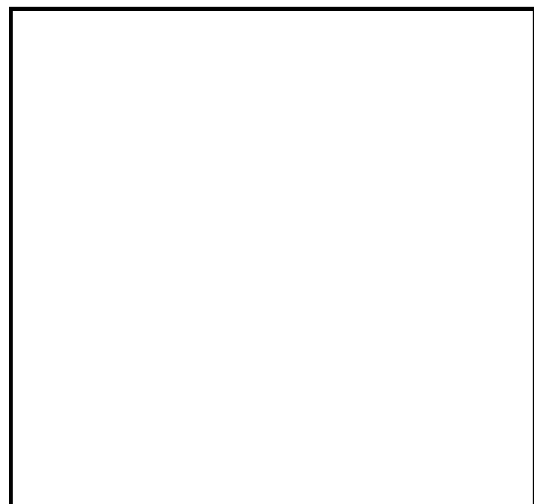
Jesus lived 2,000 years ago. He was born in Bethlehem and grew up in Nazareth.

Draw a picture of what you think Jesus looks like.

Jesus taught people about God. He healed many people. He died on the cross and was resurrected.



Jesus sent out twelve apostles to tell people about him. The apostles founded the Church. After the apostles died the Church put the Bible together and wrote the Nicene Creed to help people remember what Jesus taught.



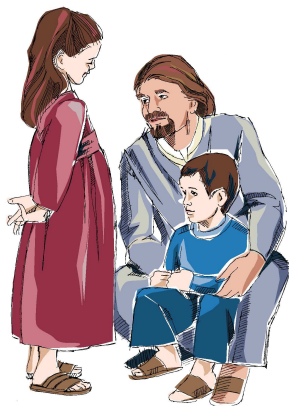
Draw 12 happy faces inside the box to remind you there were twelve apostles.

# The Nicene Creed

**Play a game:** whisper a secret to a friend, then she can whisper it to the next person, and then he can whisper it to the next person and so on until everyone has heard the secret. Have the last person to hear it say it out loud for everyone to hear. Is the message the same as when it started? What would have happened if the message had been written down to start with instead of just being whispered from person to person? To help make sure the message of Jesus didn't get lost the early Christians wrote it down in the Nicene Creed.

Here is the Nicene Creed written in a way that is easy to understand:

We believe in God the Father. He has power over everything. He created everything.



We believe in the Son of God, Jesus Christ. He is really God, just like his Father. The Father and Son worked together to create everything.

The Son became human as the man Jesus Christ. Mary was his mother. He died on the cross. He was resurrected the third day. He ascended to heaven. He will come back to earth some day.



We believe in the Holy Spirit. He is really God, just like the Father and the Son.

We believe in the Church, in baptism, that God forgives us, and that we will be resurrected like Jesus to live forever.

# The Father

*We believe in God the Father.*

*He has power over everything. He created everything.*

**Believe:** We Believe together with our family and friends in the church.



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**Father:** God has three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus is God the Son and God the Father is his Father

**Power:** God the Trinity shows us his power and strength by letting himself be killed on the cross, not by hurting other people.



**Play a game:** close your notebook and see how many questions you can answer about the Nicene Creed and the first statement it makes about believing in the Father. Your teacher will have a small prize or piece of candy for each question you answer correctly.