

WORD

But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. **ISAIAH 64:8**

The Apostles' Creed is a record of what the apostles taught, almost 2,000 years ago. For centuries, the church has used and believed it as a summary of our Christian beliefs. The Creed begins with the fundamental truth that our God is the "Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth." In this lesson, we will take a look at what it really means to have God as our Father and Creator, and how this truth affects our lives.

1 God is our Father.

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God as our Father is the starting point of our faith. It determines our relationship with Him, with others, and even the way we view ourselves. But our view towards God as a Father may stem from our own relationship with our earthly fathers. Although we may have different images of what a father is, the Bible says that God as our Father is *abounding in steadfast love* (Psalm 145:8) and even a *Father of the fatherless* (Psalm 68:5). What is our heavenly Father like? (Psalm 103:8-14)

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2 God is all-powerful.

“Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.” **JEREMIAH 32:17**

If God created us, that means He is all-powerful. Because He is all-powerful, He can do anything He wants to. There is no limit to His power because nothing is impossible with Him. Whenever we face challenges in our lives, we can trust that an all-powerful God will be near us as we call on His name (Psalm 145:18). No obstacle is too strong for Him. How can we quiet our doubts about the power of God? (Psalm 18:30)

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3 God is our Creator.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. **ISAIAH 40:28**

God made everything. He created us the way He wanted to, according to His design. Before He even formed us in the womb, He knew us (Jeremiah 1:5). The world might say that we are just “matter”, but for God, we are not just matter; we “matter” to Him. Despite being exceedingly powerful, God thought of us and made us, so that we can enjoy a relationship with Him. How can this truth that God is our Creator strengthen your faith and belief as a Christian?

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APPLICATION

- How does the way you view your earthly father differ from our heavenly Father? How can you know the heavenly Father more this week?
- Do you believe that God is our Father, and that He is all-powerful? In what area of your life do you need God to do a miracle?
- Who can you encourage about what you've just learned? What will you tell him or her?

PRAYER

- Thank God for the faith that has been passed on to us through the centuries that has helped us strengthen our belief as Christians.
- Ask God to give you the faith to continually believe and claim His promises for your life.
- Pray that the Word of God will be real in your life and you will make Him known to those around you.



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