

CREDO *This I Believe*

WEEK 2 | MAY 10

I believe in miracles

RECEIVE

- Prayerfully recite the Apostles' Creed.
- Focus Section: **Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**
- Watch this short, inspiring video from the Bible Project: [The Birth of Jesus Luke 1 & 2.](#)
- Read Luke 1.

REFLECT

- What stirs in you (questions, doubts, fears, excitement, etc.) as you recite this section of the Apostles' Creed?
- Why did Luke write his letter? (See Luke 1:1-4)
- (See Luke 1:26-38) Place yourself in Mary's sandals, what feelings and emotions are you experiencing right now?
- How does Mary's response exemplify faith in a God who overcomes impossibilities?
- What if this statement wasn't part of the Creed?
- Who is the means for this miracle with Mary?
- How does the Holy Spirit working in and through Mary give you hope in circumstances that you are facing that seem insurmountable?
- Read Romans 8:11-13. If that is true, (which it is as a follower of Jesus) what steps can you take to truly live in the reality of the miraculous?

The Apostles' CREED

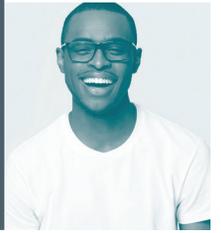
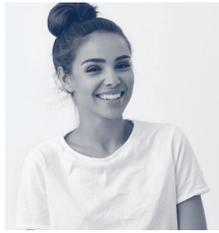
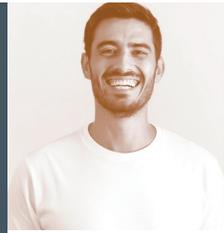
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ,
 His only begotten Son, our Lord.

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead and buried.

He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand
 of God the Father Almighty.
 From there He shall come
 to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.

Amen.



RESPOND

- Following Mary’s authentic question and faith-filled response in “song,” complete the prompts at right to craft your own prayer-filled response to God’s grace toward a miracle needed situation.
- If you are doing this as a small group or as a family, try doing this a few times “in the round.” Go around the room or table and have one person fill in one blank and then move to the next. When all lines are filled read it out loud. Then do it again without using any of the same words.

RESOURCES

(for personal and group study)

- *Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit*, by Francis Chan
- *The Runaway Bunny*, by Margaret Brown
- *The Miracles Answer Book*, by Lee Strobel
- Article from *Christianity Today*, The Virgin Birth: What’s the problem exactly?

RECALL

- Work on memorizing the Apostles’ Creed this week by **writing it out each day** until you can write it from memory. Use this as a formational practice to fill time as you wait for an appointment or pick the kids up from practice.

Dear Jesus,

I feel _____

about _____

because _____

May I _____

Mary’s example and

seek to _____

upon the Holy Spirit.

Lord Jesus, may I _____

Your resurrection power in faithfulness

by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

In Your miracle laden name, Jesus,

Amen.