

The Apostles' **CREED**

"Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary"

Getting Started

- What details do you know about when you were born?
- If you have kids, what is the craziest thing that happened when they were born?
- What part of the country were you born in? What impact do you think that had on who you are as a person?
- Do you agree or disagree with this statement and why?

"You can't know where you are going until you know where you've been."

Going Deeper

Read [Luke 1:26-32](#) and [Matthew 1:18-19](#). What do you think that moment was like for Mary and Joseph when they heard God's plan for a virgin birth?

Do you find it easy or difficult to believe that Jesus was truly born of a virgin, a supernatural birth? Why?

Read and discuss the following statement:

"If Jesus is a good moral teacher then what he is in your life is a old wise sage. He's Socrates. He's Ben Franklin. He's William Shakespeare. He's Dr. Phil. He's got some good ideas, but that's about it. If Jesus is just a good teacher, nothing too miraculous about him, then he becomes "to do list Jesus." Just some old guy telling you what you should do with your life. Jesus is a Ted Talk."

Read the [following verses](#) and talk about the power of God that is promised to us

[Psalm 20:6](#)

[Psalm 145:3-7](#)

[Ephesians 1:18-21](#)

[Ephesians 3:20,21](#)

[2 Peter 1:3,4](#)

Ray Pritchard states that the virgin birth is important in for three reasons

1. *“He could pay for our sins precisely because he had no sin and no guilt of his own.*
2. *The virgin birth teaches us the our salvation is entirely supernatural*
3. *The virgin birth reminds us that we need a savior.”* -Jay Pritchard, Creedo.

Which of these three reasons are most important to you and why?

How could accepting that Jesus was born of a virgin birth make a difference in your life?

Prayer

Take a few minutes to share any prayer requests and have someone close in prayer.

