

# The Apostles' **CREED**

**"And in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Lord"**

## **Getting Started**

Answer one of the following questions about being "The Only."

- Where you an only child? How did your life differ from those with brothers and sisters?
- Did you ever wish you were an only child? Explain why.
- What benefits are there to being an "Only?" (Only child, only son, only daughter)

## **Going Deeper**

Jack has often said from the stage, "No one wants to hear what you have to say about Jesus." Do you think that statement is true? If so, why do you think it's true?

Every major religion has carved out a place for Jesus.

- In Islam, Jesus, peace and blessings be upon him, is one of the five greatest messengers of God but for Muslims, Jesus is neither God nor the Son of God.
- The Bahá'í faith believes that Jesus was sent by God but is no different than Abraham, Mohammed or the Buddha.
- Hindu's believe Jesus was a holy man but not the only way to God.

Why do you think every major religion carves out a place for Jesus?

Although everyone wants to include Jesus, Jesus himself had a different opinion.

Read [John 14:6-7](#) and [Philippians 2:9-11](#) and discuss what Jesus role is in pointing people to God.

The Bible consistently refers to Jesus as “Lord.” The word Lord means He’s in charge. He’s our Leader. He is the one we follow and submit to. What do you think it means to put Jesus in charge of your life? Are there some areas that you’ve allowed Jesus to be more in charge of than others?

Read [Philippians 4:13](#) and talk about how Jesus not only challenges us but empowers us

Read and discuss the following quote.

*“Grace does not depend on what we have done for God but rather what God has done for us. Ask people what they must do to get to heaven and most reply, “Be good.” Jesus’ stories contradict that answer. All we must do is cry, “Help!”” - Philip Yancey*

Can you remember a time when you obeyed God’s leading and did what he asked you to do? Tell the group that story.

Can you think of a time when you felt like God called you to do something and you didn’t do it? Tell that one (if you have the courage)

What do you think Jesus is challenging you to do right now in your life?

### Prayer

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

