

Your Turn: **“I Believe”**

Celebrant: *Do you believe in God the Father?*


People: *I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant: *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

People: *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Celebrant: *Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

People: *I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.*



The old meaning of the word comfort came from the same roots as the word fort: these words are meant to make you feel as safe and strong as if you were inside a fort.

Read back over Paul's words that you copied during the first session. When Christians call these words "comforting," they don't mean "cozy."

Think about times in your life when you have felt God's love.

Were any of these times hard times?


Write about those times:

How did you know that God was with you, even during those hard times?

How do you know *God's* love now? How does *God's* love help you want to be confirmed?

Describe (or draw) the stone you selected.

Sit with the stone for a few minutes. What made you choose this particular stone? Does your stone “speak” to you? How? Are you and your stone alike in any ways? What ways?



Jesus is the chief cornerstone of the Church: the whole Church is built on Jesus. Each of us is like a “stone” in the Church, too—part of the building. Which piece of the “building” are you? (As always, you can draw or write your response.)

Now think about your whole life. How do you live out your faith at home? At school? With your friends? At church? In the world?

Where was Jesus today?

For what have you thanked God today?

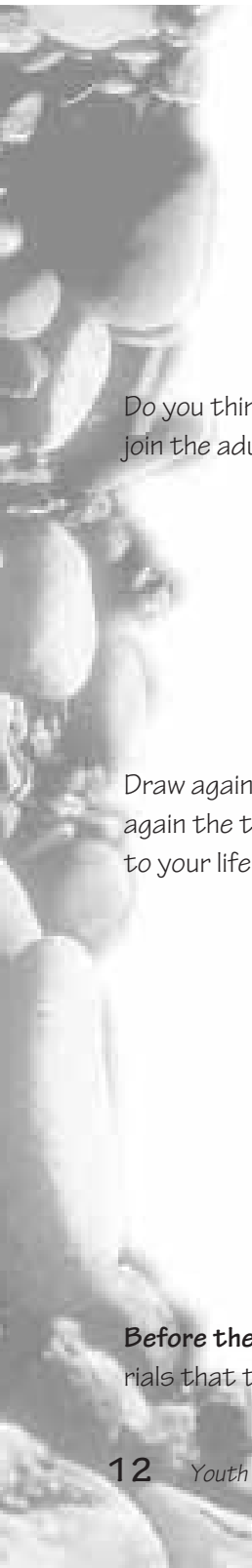
Where do you put your heart and your trust?

The word creed comes from the latin credere, which means "what I put my heart and trust into."

Write down your "personal creed."
(If you had time to do this during the first session, you can copy that creed here or even tape it in.)

I believe...


How does your life show that you put your heart and trust into that creed?



Do you think that your *creed* will change as you leave home and join the adult world?

Draw again the three circles you drew during the session. Write again the three things that give balance, stability, and strength to your life:

Before the next session find advertisements or editorials that try to “sell” you something. Look for ways that



people try to get you to believe in *their* ideas, or to buy *their* products. Can you find an ad or editorial that persuades you? Can you find one that seems silly or in bad taste? Can you find ones that seem to be aimed directly at teens? What do the ads and editorials aimed at teenagers want you to believe?

Write down what you find, or cut them out and paste them in here. (If they're too big, fold them up and tuck them in here.) Bring all the ones you find to the next session.

A Prayer

from Austin Farrer:

God above me, Father from whence my being descends, on whom my existence hangs, to whom I turn up my face, to whom I stretch out my hands:

God beside me, God in a [hu]man like me, Jesus Christ in the world with me, whose hand lays hold of me, presenting me, with yourself, to God:

God within me, soul of my soul, root of my will, inexhaustible fountain, Holy [Spirit]:

Threefold Love, one in yourself, unite your forces in me, come together in the citadel of my conquered heart.

You have loved me with everlasting love. Teach me to care.

Amen.



Sermon Notes

As you get ready for Confirmation, try to listen closely to sermons at Church. Can God speak to us through sermons? How?

Use this space to:

- write notes while you listen
- ask questions about what you heard
 - write what you think the day *after* you've heard the sermon