

Grade 8 Session 2 Worksheet

The Creed/How do I know God is Real?

We will talk about the proof of the existence of God and the connection between reason and faith.

We will look at the distinction between “believing in God” and “believing there is a God.”

How do I know that God is Real? Video and Reflection: Take some time to think and write about these questions. Feel free to add to your responses as you watch the video segments.

- ## I. How do you know God is Real? How do you know God exists? (Segment I)

2. How often do you read the Bible? What stops you from reading it more often? (Segment 2)

3. What arguments have you heard from people who don't believe in God? (Segment 3)

4. Make a list showing the differences between “believing in God” and “believing there is a God.” (Segment 3)

<u>Believing in God</u>	<u>Believing There is a God</u>

5. When do you feel it is most challenging to believe, or trust, in God? (Segment 3)

6. What can you do (or what have you done) to “believe in God” and trust God, rather than simply believing there is a God? (Segment 3)

What Do I Believe?

The Creed or the Profession of Faith is a way of reminding us exactly what we believe.

1. Read the Creed.
2. Read John 3:16-17 and Philippians 2:5-11.
3. Consider the following questions and respond with at least 3 thoughts: Are you willing to stand up for what you believe in even if people laugh at you or try to persuade you away from the church? What if your friends question you and don't understand what it means to be Catholic? Is your faith in Jesus and the Church something you have just because it is expected of you by your parents? Or is it something that you have chosen to follow and learn about? What do you believe? What is your faith based on?

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Goals for this year:

1. Take time to get grounded in your faith.
2. Make a commitment to learn about being Catholic.
3. Make your faith real to you. The Church needs you!