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The Nicene Creed, Part 1

The Text (325AD) Version:

¹I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

²I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

³God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

⁴For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

⁵For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

⁶He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

⁷I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

⁸I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Constantine the Great, 306-337



Section 1

Read Genesis 1:1-5, 2:2-3

*What is important about stating God is the creator of all things?
What are some examples of the invisible things?*

Section 2-3

Read Colossians 1:15–20, John 1:1-5

Arius of Alexandria, "Once when the Son was not."
What are the implications of their being a time before Jesus was?

Homoousion (Same•Being): a theological doctrine holding that Christ is of one substance with God
Consubstantial: of the same substance or essence (used especially of the three persons of the Trinity in Christian theology).

*How would you describe this idea to someone new to Christianity?
Why is this idea important?*