

**BIG TRUTH: GOD IS THE CREATOR**

Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:6; Psalm 102:25; Isaiah 45:12, 18; Colossians 1:16-17; Revelation 4:11

**BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 1: 2-4**

*"He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."*

**BIG IDEAS**

- God is the first.
- God created from nothing.
- God spoke and it was the Word.
- God created all things.

**BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1**

Nothing is before God because He is the beginning of all things. God has no beginning and no end; He is eternal and infinite. All things come from God because He is the beginning of all things. The heavens and the earth are from God, spoken into existence by Him. Everything on the earth is from God. He commanded the sun to shine and the fish to breathe and they did. God created man and woman and all that is on the earth. God is the great Creator of everything.

**STORY: CREATION**

God created everything. Everything we see, hear, feel, taste, and that exists was created by Him. Not only did He create everything, but He created everything perfectly, including humanity. He created mankind in His very image and likeness to reflect His worth. All of creation was made just like He wanted and designed it to be. To His delight, God looked at everything He made and declared that it was good. All creation exists for God, is good, and was created to bring Him glory.

**BIG AIMS****KNOW****Every child should know that:**

- God is actively involved in creation

**FEEL****Every child should feel:**

- Safe and secure in God's rule over creation

**DO****Every child should:**

- Remember the ways that God is faithful

**WANT****Every child should want:**

- To trust God's control over creation

**GOD IS THE CREATOR**

Gather together a small pot, a packet of grass seeds, and potting soil. With your child plant the grass seed in the pot. Talk with your child about how God created all things on the earth out of nothing. He spoke and things began to exist. He is the Creator of all things.

**DISCOVER IT:** *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Genesis 1

**THINK ABOUT IT:** *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

Before God created the heavens and the earth, nothing existed except for God. He is the beginning of all things. Everything has its beginning with God. The heavens were created by God. The earth was created by God. Everything that is on the earth was created by God. Nothing exists on the earth or in heaven that wasn't created by God. God is our great Creator. He created everything and He did it from nothing. Because He is the beginning of all things, He needed nothing to create the world. He spoke and the world began to exist. He is mighty and powerful.

**TALK ABOUT IT:** *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- Who is the beginning of all things? (God is the beginning of everything.)
- From what did God create the heavens and the earth? (He created them out of nothing. He spoke and they began to exist.)



As a family, memorize John 1:2-4. Repeat the verses several times as you march around your house. You can march around your house outside or through different rooms in your house.



Take a trip as a family to your local pet store. As you look at the animals in the pet store, point out the things that are unique about each type of animal and talk with your child about how God created them out of nothing. He just spoke them into existence.



Have your child help you prepare dinner. Before you begin preparing dinner, set out a dinner plate. Show your child that there is nothing on the plate. As you prepare dinner together, talk with your child about how you are creating a meal together. You are using ingredients and food to make dinner. When you finish preparing dinner, have your child fill the empty plate with food. Then talk with your child about how before you prepared dinner, there was nothing on the plate. Now there is a meal. Before God created the world, there was nothing but God.



As a family, spend some time thanking God for creating the heavens and the earth. Spend some time talking about how unique and wonderfully made the world is. Help your child see how magnificent God is in creating so many different things out of nothing. He is the great Creator.