

# GOD IS THE GOOD CREATOR

## STORY: CREATION

### BIG TRUTH: GOD IS THE GOOD CREATOR

Exodus 34:6; 1 Chronicles 16:34; Psalm 25:8; Psalm 33:5; Psalm 92:15; 100:5; 107:8-9; 119:68; 145:5-9; Matthew 7:11

### BIBLE VERSE: JAMES 1:17

*“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”*

### BIG IDEAS

- God not only does good, He is good.
- Everything God made was good.
- Nothing God created was bad or broken.

### BIBLE STORY: PSALM 19

God is not only the Creator of all things, but He is the good Creator. God is always good and everything that He does is good. When God created the heavens and the earth, everything that He created was good. All of creation declares God's glory and His goodness. Creation is evidence that God is good and always does good.

### 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



#### Every child should know that:

- God is actively involved in creation



#### Every child should feel:

- Safe and secure in God's rule over creation



#### Every child should:

- Remember the ways that God is faithful



#### Every child should want:

- To trust God's control over creation

### FAMILY DEVOTION: EVERYTHING GOD MADE WAS GOOD

We know what good is because God shows us through Himself. God is good. He is always good and everything He does is always good. When God created the world, it was good. God is the Creator of all things and everything that He made was good.

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**God is the Gift Giver**

**James, the half-brother of Jesus, was writing to the persecuted Christians who had been driven from their homes and were now scattered.**

- These believers had been driven from their homes and yet they were seeing God’s faithfulness in their lives.
- James was reminding them that their trials were not in vain. God had a purpose for them.<sup>1</sup>

**Every good thing we receive is from God because the gifts He gives are good.**

- James encourages Christians to not be deceived into thinking that God’s gifts are not good or that good gifts come from somewhere else.
- God is the gift giver. He is the creator of all things and every gift He gives is good.

**God does not change like the shadows shift and change.**

- We can find comfort in knowing that God is unchanging. It is part of who He is.
- He has always given good gifts and He will always give good gifts.
- This truth was important for the first-century Christians because they were facing persecution.
- Their lives were not as they would have liked them to be, but God was using their difficult times to increase their faith and that was a good gift.

**BIBLE STORY: PSALM 19**

*God’s Good Creation*

**Opening Illustration:**

Bring in several different-sized cups and a pitcher of water. Pour the water in each of the different-sized cups. Ask the children what is in each cup. The water is like God’s goodness. He is always good. Putting the water in different types of cups didn’t change the fact that it was water. God is always good and everything God does is good.

**Alternate:**

Bring in several pieces of the same type of fruit. For example, bring in several bananas. One should be firm and barely ripe. The others should be very, very ripe.

Show the fruit to the children and ask them to pick the good fruit from the bad fruit.

**BIG IDEA: GOD NOT ONLY DOES GOOD, HE IS GOOD.****Opening Question:**

*What does it mean to be good? (It means to do the right thing or to be pleasing or helpful.)*

*What does it mean that God is always good? (It means that He never does bad things or makes wrong choices.)*



Help the children make a list of good and bad behaviors. Give each child a small plastic cup and a few Goldfish. Ask the children to place a Goldfish in their cup for every bad behavior they have done. God is not like us. He would not have any Goldfish in His cup because He is always good.

**God is good.<sup>2</sup>**

- God is a perfect being. He is the only perfect being.
- Everything about God is perfect.
- He has no mistake or bad thing in Him.
- He is good and He always does good.
- Goodness comes from God. We know what is good because God is always good and we learn from Him.
- God always does good. He makes right choices every time. He doesn't do bad or wrong things.

**Everything God does is good.**

- Everything that God does is good. He doesn't do anything bad.
- All of God's actions are good.
- All of God's choices are good.
- He does not do bad or wrong things because He is always good.
- He doesn't even make mistakes because everything He does is good.
- Because God is good, all that He does is good.
- Everything that He created was good.

*Why is everything that God does good? (It is good because He is always good.)*

2. Psalm 100:5: God is good and He is good all of the time. Everything that He does is good because He is good.

**BIG IDEA: EVERYTHING GOD MADE WAS GOOD.**

*What are some good things that men have made? (We have made cars, medicines, etc.)*

*What are some bad things that men have made? (Bombs, pollution, etc.)*

**All that God does is perfect.**

- Everything that God does is right and good.<sup>3</sup>
- When God created the world, everything He created was good.
- God is the only perfect being, so His choices and actions are right and good.
- Everything God created was exactly as He wanted it---it was perfect.

**All that God created was perfect.**

- When God created the world, it was perfect.
- There was no broken thing in the world.
- Because God is perfect, everything He created was perfect.
- Nothing that was made when God created the world was bad or broken.
- God made the heavens perfectly.
- God made the earth perfectly.
- All that was in the earth was created perfectly.
- God is the good and perfect Creator.

*When God created the world was it good or bad? (It was good because God is good.)*

*Does God make bad or wrong choices? (No, everything that God does is good and right.)*



Bring in two plants. One plant should be living and the other should be dying. Tell the children that the first plant represents God's original creation. It was good. The second plant represents God's creation now. It is bad and broken.

3. Psalm 107:1: All that God does is good because He is good and unchanging.

**BIG IDEA: NOTHING GOD CREATED WAS BAD OR BROKEN.****God does not do any bad thing.**

- In the beginning when God spoke the world into being, His creation was perfect because He is perfect.
- God cannot make bad things because there is nothing bad in Him.
- God is perfect.
- He thinks perfectly, acts perfectly, and loves perfectly. Everything He does, He does perfectly.
- He created the heavens and the earth perfectly and He continues to interact with us perfectly.



Bring in two plastic balls. One ball should have a lot of air in it and the other ball should be going flat or almost flat. The ball with air in it is like God's creation in the beginning. The ball going flat is like creation now. What God created was good and perfect, but our sin has broken the world and caused it to be bad.

**The sin in the world is not from God.<sup>4</sup>**

- God's original creation was not sinful.
- There was no brokenness in God's creation in the beginning.
- Man's choice to disobey God brought sin into God's perfect creation.
- When God spoke the world into being, He did so perfectly. It was without sin or brokenness.
- Creation was good and perfect because God made it and God is good and perfect.
- It's impossible for God to do anything that is bad or wrong because there is only good in Him.

*How did God create the heavens and the earth? (He spoke them into being. He told them to be and they obeyed.)*

*Whose word is the most powerful? (God's Word is the most powerful.)*

4. Genesis 3:6-7: When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they brought sin into the hearts of men. They broke God's perfect creation.

## HOOKS

**God Does Not Change**

Give each child some Play-Doh and a rock. Ask the children to squeeze both the Play-Doh and the rock. Lead them in a discussion about how the rock is like God. God does not change. He is good and His goodness doesn't change, just like the rock doesn't change when it's squeezed. The Play-Doh is like everything else. It does change.

**Nothing God Created Was Broken**

Gather together enough cotton balls for each child, a medicine dropper, and liquid food coloring. Give each child a cotton ball. The cotton ball represents God's original creation. Spend a few minutes talking about how perfect creation was in the beginning. There was no sin in it just like the cotton ball is white. Next use the medicine dropper to place a few drops of food coloring onto each child's cotton ball. The food coloring represents the sin and brokenness of the world now. Lead them in a discussion about how nothing that God created was broken when He made it.

**Everything God Made Was Good**

Lead the children to make a list of all the things in the world that are good. Lead them to name some of their favorite things about God's creation. Lead them in a discussion about how everything that God made was good. It was not broken when He made it.

- God is a good God. Everything that He makes is good.
- When He created the world, it was very good.
- Everything in the world was created good.
- Man's disobedience caused sin to enter the world and break it.
- God's original creation was perfect and good.