

# GOD RULES CREATION

## STORY: CREATION

### BIG TRUTH: GOD RULES CREATION

Jeremiah 10:10-13; Psalm 33; Psalm 93; Isaiah 40; Isaiah 46:8-13

### BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 135:6

*“Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.”*

### BIG IDEAS

- There is only one God.
- God is in charge of everything.
- Creation exists to declare God’s greatness.

### BIBLE STORY: EXODUS 7-12

God is the one living God. There is no other god besides God. He is the Creator of all things and He rules over everything. Creation obeys God’s Word. All of creation does what God commands it to do. In the story of the Plagues on Egypt, God’s rule is displayed through His control of all things. He is the ruler of all.

### 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

### FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD IS IN CHARGE

God is the mightiest being of all. He is the most powerful and all rule and authority belong to Him. He is in charge of all of creation and He rules over everything.

**BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 135:6**

*“Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.”*

**God is great.**

- There is no god like the one, true God.
- God is greater than anyone and anything else.
- He is mighty and worthy to be praised and worshipped.
- Only God is great and only He is mighty.

**God is above all others.**

- No one is like God and no one can do what God does.
- God is the Creator of all things and He rules over all things.
- There is no other being as powerful as God.
- There is no other god besides the one, true God.
- There is no other Creator.
- God is the one, true God who controls all things.

**God is over all of Creation.**

- Nothing happens in Creation that God does not allow.
- God controls all things.
- Whatever He wants to do, He does.
- All of creation does what God tells it to do because He is the Creator and ruler of all things.
- Creation has no choice but to obey God because He is the ruler of all of creation.

**BIBLE STORY: EXODUS 7-12**

*The Ten Plagues of Egypt*

**Opening Illustration:**

Play a game of follow the leader with the children. Begin the game as the leader and then allow other children to take turns being the leader. Lead the children in a discussion about how whoever was the leader was in control of the class's actions. God is in control of everything. He controls all of creation.

- Who was in control of what we did as a class? (The person who was the leader was in charge.)
- Who is in control of everything in the world? (God is in control of all things.)
- God controls all of creation. He rules over it and controls everything that happens.

**Alternate**

Bring in several small utensils and appliances, such as salad tongs, a saucepan, a frying pan, etc. Show each item to the children and ask them to describe its purpose. Lead them in a discussion about we are created with purpose; every person is created by God with a purpose

**BIG IDEA: THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD.****Opening Question:**

*What does it mean to have only “one” of something? (It means that there is just a single thing, no more. There are not two or more of a thing if there is just one.)*

**God is the only true God.**

- Many people make false gods or choose to worship other things, but there is only one God.
- All other gods are false and man made.
- There is no being like God.
- There is no one who has power like God.
- The Egyptians worshipped many false gods. They didn't serve the one, true God.



Bring in a box that contains one red marble and many different colored marbles. Show the box of marbles to the children. Tell them that there is only one God like there is only one red marble in the box. All the other marbles represent all the false gods who aren't like the real God.

**God is eternal and all-powerful.<sup>1</sup>**

- He is the supreme being of all beings. He is number one!
- He has always been and will always be forever. He will never end.
- He never ends and nothing ever overcomes Him.
- He is never overpowered by anything, nor does He fail at anything.
- Whatever He wants to do, He does.
- Others may imitate God, but they do not have the power God has.
- The magicians in Egypt copied some of the plagues God sent to Egypt, but they could not stop the plagues. They did not have complete control over them like God did .
- They did not have the power that God has because there is only one, true God.

*Is there more than one God? (No, there is only one true and living God.)*

*Who is in control of all of creation? (God is in control of all of creation.)*

1. Psalm 102:12: *The number of God's days is unsearchable. He lives forever and will continue to do so. He is eternal.*

## BIG IDEA: GOD IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING.

What does it mean to be in charge of something? (It means to control or to say what happens or how something is done.)

### God is the highest ruler.

- There may be people with power and rule on earth, but none are higher than God.
- No one rules over God.
- He is the highest power and ruler of all.
- He has complete control of all things.
- He rules over everything and everyone.
- Everything does what God commands it to do.
- People obey and disobey within the boundaries determined by God.

### God has power over all of creation.<sup>2</sup>

- Nothing truly rules itself.
- Creation does only what God allows it to do.
- Only God has rule over creation.
- Pharaoh's heart was controlled by God. God hardened Pharaoh's heart when He chose to and He softened it when He chose.
- The waters, wind, and animals obeyed God's voice. He controlled them.
- No one else could control creation like God controlled it in Egypt.

### Everything obeys God because He controls all of creation.

- When God wanted the water to turn back to water, it did.
- God had the power to cause the plagues and He had the power to end the plagues. It was all under His control and no one else's.
- God has that power always.
- Moses and Aaron could only do what God did through them. Their power came from God.
- Life itself obeys God's voice.

What does God have control over? (He controls all of creation.)

How were Moses and Aaron able to do anything? (God worked through them. It was His power they used to cause the plagues.)



Bring in two clear containers of water, a small container of bleach and red food coloring. Place a couple of drops of food coloring in each container of water. The red water is like the river that turned to blood in Egypt. Next, pour bleach into one of the containers. The food coloring should disappear. This is what God could do and no one else could. He could change the water back to water, but the Egyptians could not.

2. Jeremiah 10:12: God is the Creator of all things. It is through His might and power, through His wisdom that the world was created. He is the ruler of all.

**BIG IDEA: CREATION EXISTS TO DECLARE GOD'S GREATNESS.**

What does it mean for something to be great? (It means it's better than good. It's awesome.)

**All things are for God's glory.<sup>3</sup>**

- Creation exists for God's glory.
- When God made everything, it was a display of His greatness.
- No other being can do what God did in creation.
- No other being continues to do what God does as He sustains creation.
- God's glory was revealed through creation and is continually shown in creation now.
- We know God through creation.
- We know His creativity, His design, His majesty through creation.
- Creation displays God's glory.



Give each child a blank piece of paper and markers. Ask each child to make a list of some things that they think are great. Allow the children to spend a few minutes explaining why they think their things are great. Remind them that we can know the greatness of God by looking at creation. All of the different things in creation show just how great God is.

**Creation shows God's greatness.**

- The wind and the sea obey God's voice.
- No other being has this power over creation.
- No one else can command the wind and the sea to do what they want.
- Creation did what God commanded when He caused the ten plagues to come upon Egypt.
- These plagues revealed God's greatness to the Egyptians. They worshipped false gods, gods they had created themselves, gods that represented creation to them.
- God was showing them that He is the one living God and He rules over creation.
- All things show God's greatness as He interacts with creation.
- Creation reveals God's power and His greatness.

What reveals God's glory? (Creation reveals God's glory.)

3. Romans 11:36: Everything is for God's glory. All things were created for God's glory and creation reveals God's glory.

## HOOKS

**God Controls Everything**

Bring in several books and ask the children to take turns walking with a book on his or her head. Ask the children to walk in a straight line keeping the book on top of his or her head. Lead them in a discussion about how difficult it is for us control even something like that, and how God controls all things with ease.



- Was it easy to walk in a straight line with the book on your head? (No, it was hard to keep the book on top of our heads. It was hard to walk in a straight line.)
- God is more powerful than us. He is in control of all things.

**God Controls Creation**

Bring in several thin strips of different colored paper. Give a strip to each child and ask him or her to write something that God controls in creation. Once everyone finishes, connect the strips by making loops with them and attaching them together with staples, tape, or glue. Lead the children in a discussion about how God controls everything in creation.



- What does God control in creation? (Allow for the children to name some of the things they wrote on their strips of paper.)
- Is there anything that God doesn't control? (No, He controls everything in creation.)

**There Is One God**

Bring in pictures of different things from creation, such as different types of trees, flowers, animals, etc. Talk with the children about how many different types of things there are in creation. Then lead them in a discussion about how there is only one God. He is not like creation. There is only one, true God.

- How many types of trees do you think there are? (There are many, many different types of trees.)
- How many gods are there? (There is only one God.)