

GOD IS THE CREATOR

STORY: CREATION / YEAR: VALUE

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS THE CREATOR

Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:6; 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



Every child should know that:

- God created man and woman in His image



Every child should feel:

- Unique among all creation as an image bearer



Every child should:

- Respect other people as image bearers



Every child should want:

- To be holy and reflect God's image well

FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD SPOKE AND IT WAS HIS WORD

God spoke everything into being. He told the earth to exist, the night to separate from the day and it did. When He spoke, it was His Word. His Word is more powerful than any other word. Everything that was commanded or told to be, obeyed God's Word because it is that powerful.

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.”

Only God has always existed, or been alive forever.

- Everything that exists was created by God.
- God is the only being that has always existed.
- God was not created because He has always been in existence.
- Everything else was created by God.

All things come from God.

- God is the giver of all things.
- Everything comes from God because He is the Creator of all things.
- There is nothing that exists that didn't come from God.
- Everything originates with God and is for God.

God is the giver of all life.

- Nothing lives that didn't come from God.
- All life is from God.
- All life is made for God.
- Nothing exists apart from God.
- All things are from God and for God.
- God gives life to everything.
- He is the Creator of everything. There is nothing that exists that didn't come from God because He is the beginning of all things.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1

The Creation of the World

Opening Illustration:

Help the children think about God as the Creator by giving each of them a clear plastic baggy. Inside the bag place a picture of an object, such as a tree, the moon, the sun, an animal, etc. Ask the children to create the object on their picture. Talk with them about what would be needed to create the object. Ask them what materials they would need to create the object. Lead them in a discussion about how God is the Creator of all things and He created them from nothing.

- God is our Creator. He made the heavens and the earth.
- God created everything that is on the earth from nothing.
- He didn't need supplies or materials to create the animals, the sky, the sun, the moon, or anything else.
- He only had to speak and things started to exist.
- God is the Creator.

BIG IDEA: GOD IS THE FIRST.**Opening Question:**

What does the word “beginning” mean? (Answers may vary. It means where or when something starts.)

God is the beginning of all things.

What does it mean to say that God is the beginning of all things? (It means that He is the start of all things.)

- God has always existed. He is the beginning of all things because all things come from Him.¹
- All things begin with God because He is the Creator of all things.
- He is our Creator.
- He is the beginning and the end of all things because He is the powerful Creator.

God is before all other things.

- Everything that exists is after God.
- Nothing is before God because He has always existed.
- God created all things.
- God is the first of all things and always has been.
- God is eternal with no beginning and no ending.
- God is the beginning of everything.
- All that is in the world is from God because He is the Creator of all things.

Everything begins with God.

What does it mean to say that everything begins with God? (It means that God created everything. Nothing was created before God.)

- Nothing is before God because He is before all things.
- He is the beginning of all things because all things come from Him.
- No one existed before God.
- He has always been and anything that exists comes from Him.

Did anything exist before God? (No, God is before all things and nothing existed before Him.)



Before class use tape to create a line throughout the classroom. Make the beginning of the line in a corner of the room and then end at the door of the classroom. Ask the children to find the beginning of the line and then to follow the line from its beginning to its end. Lead them in a discussion about how nothing is before the beginning of the line. There's no way to follow the line before its beginning. This is like God. God is the beginning of all things because everything comes from Him.

1. Revelation 1:8: God is the beginning of all things and the end of all things. Nothing is before God.

BIG IDEA: GOD CREATED FROM NOTHING.**Opening Question:**

What do we need in order to make something? (We need the necessary materials in order to make something.)

God is the all-powerful Creator.

- God is the most powerful being of all beings.
- He is mightier than any other being.
- God created everything.
- God is so powerful that He spoke things into existence.
- God did not need any help creating the world. He is powerful enough to create the world out of nothing.

What did God use to create the world? (God used nothing. He spoke and the world began to exist.)

God needed nothing to create the world.²

- God didn't need anything to create the heavens and the earth.
- He created the world by speaking it into existence.
- God did not rely upon materials created by someone else to make the world.
- He spoke and things began to exist.
- He is mighty and powerful and can speak things into existence.

God needs nothing to create because all things come from Him.

- We need materials to build, but God needs nothing.
- God is the Creator of all things.
- Everything begins with God, so He needs nothing to create.
- God can create by speaking something into existence.
- He spoke and things began to exist.

Why does God not need anything to create things? (All things come from Him, so He doesn't need anything. He is all-powerful.)

2. Hebrews 11:3: The world was created by God's word. He needed nothing to create the world. He required no materials or objects. He merely spoke.

BIG IDEA: GOD SPOKE AND IT WAS THE WORD.**Opening Question:**

Can we speak things into existence? Can we tell something to begin being? (No, we do not have power to make things exist or be by just speaking.)

What are some things that we can create? (We can create houses, cars, food, ideas, etc.)

God spoke everything into being.

- The world exists because God told it to exist. He commanded everything to begin existing and it did.
- God is so powerful, He can speak and things listen. He told the world to be and it obeyed.³
- God spoke everything we see and even what we don't see into existence.
- God's power is seen through His word. He is so powerful that everything obeys His voice.



Bring in a megaphone or make one using poster board. Divide the children into teams. Give them one minute to name as many things created by God that they can by yelling them through the megaphone. Keep playing the game but lower the amount of time the teams have to name things created by God. Remind them that God created the world by speaking it into existence.

When God speaks it is His Word.

- God's Word is all-powerful. His word is so powerful that all things obey it.
- The wind obeys God's Word. All things listen when God speaks.
- When God spoke the heavens into being, the heavens listened and obeyed.
- When God spoke the earth into being, the earth listened and obeyed.
- God's Word is mighty and it is the most powerful Word that is ever spoken.
- No other voice or word spoken by any other being holds the weight or creative power that God's Word does.

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.)

3. Mark 4:41: Jesus calmed the wind and the sea. His voice created the elements and His voice controls the elements.

BIG IDEA: GOD CREATED ALL THINGS.**God is the beginning of all things.**

- Because God is the beginning of all things, He is the Creator of all things.
- There is nothing that doesn't come from God.⁴
- All things originate, or begin with God.
- Nothing is before God because He is the beginning of all things.
- God spoke and things began to exist.

Everything comes from God.

- God made the heavens and the earth.
- God created the sun, the moon, and the stars. He created everything.
- There is nothing that exists that doesn't come from God.
- God formed the earth and all that is in it by commanding it to exist.
- Everything we see, use, or have is from God.
- God not only made the heavens, the earth and all the animals, He created man, also.

God is the Creator of everything.

- Even the things we invent or create are from God because He gives us the ideas or we use materials from things that He has created.
- God is the beginning of all things.
- Everything comes from Him because He is the Creator of all.

What comes from God? (Everything comes from God.)

Who created all things? (God is the Creator of all things.)



Before class print off pictures of things that God has created. Include pictures of things that men have invented. Divide the children into two teams. Hide the pictures throughout the room and ask the children to find pictures of things that God created by speaking them into being. Lead them in a discussion about how all things come from God because He is the Creator of all things.

4. James 1:17: Every good and perfect gift is from the Lord. He gives all things.

HOOKS

**God Created Everything**

Pair the children up with each other and ask them to come up with a list of things God has created. The pair with the most things wins a prize. Lead them in a discussion about how God created everything. He is the great Creator.



- Everything in the world is created by God.
- All things come from God.
- God made the heavens, the earth, and even us.

**God Created From Nothing**

Write the names of different things on pieces of paper, such as the “sun”, “moon”, “night”, and “fish.” Have the children try to create what is on the paper. Lead them in a discussion about how God created things from nothing and that is impossible for us.



- God created the heavens, the earth, and all that is in the earth from nothing.
- He didn't use any materials or anything else to create the world.
- We aren't able to create something from nothing because only God has that kind of power.

God Created All

Show the children pictures of different magnificent locations, such as the Grand Canyon or the Rocky Mountains. Lead the children in a discussion about how God created all these things.

- God is a magnificent Creator. He created everything on the earth and in the heavens.
- He is so powerful He made the sun to shine. He made the Grand Canyon.
- He created everything.