

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

GOD SPOKE AND IT WAS HIS WORD

Write out or print off passages from several books your child is familiar with. Also write out or print off several verses from the Bible. Ask your child to identify which passages are God's Word. The Bible is God's Word because God said it or inspired others to write it. God spoke the world into being and what He spoke became His Word.

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

Genesis 1

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

All things come from God because He is the Creator of all things. When God created the heavens and the earth, He spoke them into being. His Word is mighty and powerful. God's Word is so powerful and mighty it created the heavens and the earth. Everything that is in the world was created by God's Word. He spoke and things began to exist. His Word is the mightiest and most powerful of any word. There is none like it, nor is there any that holds the power that God's Word holds.

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

- How did God create the heavens and the earth? (He spoke them into existence.)
- How powerful is God's Word? (It is the most powerful of any other word. It is so powerful that it created the world and all that is in it.)

**KNOW**

As a family memorize John 1:2-4. Talk with your child about how God created everything and that there was nothing before God.

**DO**

Make your own telescope as a family. Use cardstock, cardboard tube, rubber bands, stickers, and markers. Roll the cardboard tube in cardstock and fasten with the rubber bands. Decorate the telescope with stickers and markers. Gently pull the cardboard tube to extend your telescope. On a clear night, spend some time outside looking at the moon and stars. Talk to your child about how God created everything. He made the heavens and the earth. He created everything.

**FEEL**

Help your child make a list of some of the things that God created when He created the world. Next, help your child create a book of pictures of God's creation. They can draw pictures of different created things or they can find pictures in magazines or online.

**WANT**

Together with your child spend some time making a list of some of your favorite things from creation. Create a chart that lists what you like from creation and then why you like it. Take a few moments to pray and thank God for creating the things that make you happy. Talk with your child about how God spoke all of these things into being because His Word is powerful.