

GOD IS THE GOOD CREATOR

STORY: CREATION

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS THE GOOD CREATOR

Exodus 34:6; 1 Chronicles 16:34; Psalm 25:8; 33:5; 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 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: NOTHING GOD CREATED WAS BROKEN

God is a good and perfect God. Everything He does is good and perfect. Everything God created was good and perfect. Nothing that God created was bad or broken when He created it. God’s creation was broken by man’s sin.

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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.¹

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.

1. James 1:2-4: This important statement on trials is pivotal to a believer’s spiritual walk. Here James reminds the first century Christians that the trials they were facing served a purpose---these trials increased their faith and made them spiritually stronger. They were not in vain, just as our trials are not in vain.

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.)

God is good.²

- 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.



Give each child a piece of paper and a marker. Ask them to make a list of some good things they have done and some bad things they have done. For example, they could list sharing their stuff with others as a good thing and not listening to their parents as a bad thing. Lead them in a discussion about how we can do good and bad things, but God only does good things. He never does bad 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.³
- 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.)



On the board make two columns. Label one "Good" and the other "Bad." Help the children make a list of the good things we find in the world and the bad things. Read Genesis 1:31 to them. Tell them that before the disobedience of Adam and Eve, everything in the world was good. There was no bad.

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 a flat balloon. With the children watching, blow up the balloon. The balloon represents God's creation. It is good and perfect. Next, let the air out of the balloon. The flat balloon represents God's creation now. It is not good and perfect. It is broken.

The sin in the world is not from God.⁴

- 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



KNOW

Nothing God Created Was Broken

Bring in two flashlights. One flashlight should be broken and the other should work. Show them both to the children. Lead them in a conversation about how the working flashlight is like God's original creation. It is perfect and good. Turn the flashlight on and allow the children to take turns holding it. The broken flashlight is like the world now since sin entered it.



DO

- Before sin entered the world, God's creation was perfect and good like the good flashlight.
- After sin entered the world, creation was broken, like the broken flashlight.
- God didn't create a broken world or a world with sin in it. He created a good and perfect world.



FEEL

Everything God Made Was Good

Bring in two clear cups of water. One cup should be full and the other should only be half full. Show both cups to the children. The full cup represents God's goodness. He is only good. Everything that God makes is good. Pour some dirt in the half full cup. This cup represents the world after man's sin entered it.



WANT

- God is always good and everything He made when He created the world was good.
- God is full of only goodness, so everything God does is always good.
- Our world now is not good. It is full of sin and brokenness, like the dirty water.