

# GOD IS THE CREATOR

## STORY: CREATION / YEAR: ETERNITY

### BIG TRUTH: GOD IS THE CREATOR

Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:6; 102:25; Isaiah 45:12; 45:18; 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:

- Life comes from God



#### Every child should feel:

- Responsible to use the life that God has given them for His glory



#### Every child should:

- Find joy in the life that God has given them



#### Every child should want:

- To submit their lives to God's plans

### FAMILY DEVOTION: EVERYTHING FROM NOTHING

When the world began, God needed nothing to create it. His Word is powerful. All things obey His Word. When He spoke, things began to exist; life began to form and has continued forming under His command. Man must use materials to create. God needs nothing.

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**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.<sup>1</sup>
- 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.



Divide the children into small groups or pairs. Ask the children to name three things that have a beginning. Next, ask children to name something that doesn't have a beginning. Talk through the children's lists, helping them see that only God has no beginning. He is the beginning.

**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.)

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.<sup>2</sup>**

- 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.)*



Play a game in which you ask the children to name things that man can create, such as clothing, food, houses, technology, etc. Play music and when the music stops, the first child to call out something that man can create gets a point. When every child has a chance to name something, talk with the children about how man needs materials in order to create something, but God needs nothing.

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.<sup>3</sup>
- 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.

**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.)*



Ask the children to make a list of God's Words from the Creation account. Give them a copy of the Creation account to use as reference. Ask the children to say the same words that God said during the account. Ask the children if anything happens when they use the same words. Remind them that only God's Word is powerful enough to create.

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.<sup>4</sup>
- 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.



Divide the children into small groups. Give each group a piece of paper and markers. Ask the groups to make a list or draw pictures of as many things in the world that they can think of. Allow the groups to share their lists and then remind them that God created everything. He is the beginning of all things.

**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.)*

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

## HOOKS



KNOW

**All Things From God**

Help the children understand that every single thing is from God. God is the beginning of all things. There is no thought or idea we have that isn't from God or because of God. Place blank index cards and markers in the center of a circle of chairs. Play a game of musical chairs. The child left without a chair gets to choose an index card and write something God created on the card. Have the child place the index card on the board or on a poster board. When everyone has a chance to play, talk with them about how everything is from God.



DO

- God is the very beginning of all things because He is the beginning.
- God is eternal and He always has been. This means that God was not created. He has just always existed.
- Everything begins with God, even our ideas and abilities to create and make things ourselves. We can do this because of God.



FEEL



WANT

**His Word Against Mine**

Help the children understand that God's Word is more powerful than ours by playing a game of "Mother May I". When you play, help the children see that we do not control all things like God does. Point out to them that when God spoke life into existence, life did what God said. When God spoke the sun into existence, it did and continues to do what He said for it to do. Ask the children to take turns being the "mother". Then have them try to command different things such as trees, doors, lights, etc., to do what they want. Talk with them about how God's Word is powerful and mighty.

- Nothing is as powerful as God.
- Our word does not have the same power or control that God's Word has.
- Only He can create things from nothing.