

**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

**EVERYTHING FROM NOTHING**

Gather together the supplies to plant an herb garden. As a family, plant the garden. Talk with your child about how the herbs will grow from the seeds planted in the soil that you water and fertilize. In order for us to create things or grow things, we must have materials. God doesn't need anything. He spoke life into existence through His mighty Word.

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

Genesis 1

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

Before the world began, God existed. God did not gather materials together or need any help in creating the world. He spoke the heavens and earth into existence. He commanded life to be by His mighty Word and life began. God is mighty and powerful. He doesn't need anything to create life. Man is not like God. In order for man to create anything, man needs materials and supplies. These materials and supplies are available because God first created. Everything we have comes from God who controls all things. He fashioned man with His own hands and breathed life into him. God gave man a mind to think and use to create and invent. Even the technology that we have today is here because of God's creation of man. All things are from God who is the beginning of everything.

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

- What existed before God? (Nothing. God is the beginning of everything.)
- How is God the beginning of all things? (He created everything, so anything we use to create things ourselves is from Him or something He created.)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize John 1:3-4. Talk with your child about how God created everything and that there was nothing before God.

**DO**

As a family, plan and prepare dinner one evening. Help your child gather the ingredients necessary to prepare a dish. As you do, talk with your child about how God needed nothing to create the heavens and the earth. He created it from nothing, but man must have materials in order to invent or create anything.

**FEEL**

Take your child for a walk through your local shopping mall or neighborhood store. Talk with your child about the different items for sale. Show your child how they all have a beginning somewhere and are created by man. The people who created or made them had to use materials and supplies. Remind your child that God didn't need anything to create the world. He created everything from nothing.

**WANT**

As a family, read the Creation account together. Help your child point out the words of God during the Creation account. Talk with your child about how God's Word is powerful. When He spoke, things obeyed.

Spend some time this week praying as a family, thanking God for creating all things. Praise Him for being the beginning of all things, for giving us things like ideas, and for making us creative so that we can create things ourselves.