

GOD IS THE CREATOR

STORY: CREATION

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:

- God created them with purpose for a purpose



Every child should feel:

- Awe at the intentionality of God in giving purpose to our lives



Every child should:

- Live in a way that is honoring to the Lord



Every child should want:

- To learn more about God's purposes for their lives

FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD IS THE FIRST

God is not a created being. He is not a made being. He has no beginning. Because He has no beginning, He is the beginning of all things. He is the first and the last. All things are made through Him and for Him. He is the mighty Creator and Sustainer of all things.

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 1:3-4

“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.

- 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:

Bring in pictures of different forms of life, such as insects, mammals, people, vegetation, etc. Have the children take turns choosing a picture and identifying what is on the picture. Ask the child to try to speak life into the object on the picture. Allow each child a chance to do this. Remind them that only God is the great Creator. He spoke and life began. Everything has its beginning in Him.

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.



Have the children look up the following verses: Revelation 22:13; Isaiah 44:6; Isaiah 48:12. Read the verses with the children and talk about how God is the first and the last. He is the beginning of all things.

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.)



Play a relay game in which the children race one another to see who can draw a picture of something created by God. Once you've played several times, remind the children that God created from nothing. He didn't use materials or supplies.

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.



Help the children create a megaphone using cardstock or poster board. Allow the children to take turns commanding things to exist through the megaphone. Remind the children that God's Word is the only Word powerful enough to command things to exist.

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.)



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.

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

HOOKS

**God Is First**

Play a game in which the children line up in a single file line. Next, call out questions about the days of creation, such as, when was light created? The child who answers correctly first gets to move to the front of the line. Keep doing this several times so the beginning of the line changes. Once you finish playing, talk with the children about how God is the beginning of all things. He is first.



- Nothing comes before God.
- He has always been and He will always be.
- He is the beginning of all things.
- He is the first of everything.

**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.