

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**KNOW****Every child should know that:**

- God created them with purpose for a purpose

**DO****Every child should:**

- Live in a way that is honoring to the Lord

**FEEL****Every child should feel:**

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

**WANT****Every child should want:**

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

GOD IS THE FIRST

As a family, create a family tree using a poster board or online program. Help your child label different family members. Talk with your child about the beginning of your own family. Talk about what it means to be the beginning of something. Then, talk with your child about how God is the beginning of everything. He is the first.

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

Genesis 1

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

Everything in life has a beginning. Everything has a start, or a moment when it first happened or began to exist. God is the only being who was not made or created. He has no beginning because He is the beginning. Before the heavens and the earth existed, God was. He is now and will always be because He is eternal. All things are created by God and for Him. In the beginning, He created the heavens and the earth. Man was created by God's very hands and then his lungs filled with air by God. All things on the earth are from God. The things that are invented or are creations of man can be traced to God. God made man. God made trees, dirt, air, the oceans. God uses these things to make other things. Even the most advanced inventions ultimately have their beginning in God. God is the mighty Creator of all things. He is the first. He is the beginning.

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, spend some time going over your own family tree. Show your child pictures of early family members. Trace your family line as far back as you can to show your child the beginning of your family. Remind your child that God is the beginning of everything. All things begin with Him.

**FEEL**

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.

**WANT**

Spend some time this week praying as a family thanking God for creating all things. Praise Him for being the beginning of all things.