

GOD IS THE GOOD CREATOR

STORY: CREATION / YEAR: KINGDOM

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 everything in six days.



Every child should feel:

- Awe at God’s creativity seen through all of creation



Every child should:

- Treat God’s creation with honor and steward it well



Every child should want:

- To fulfill God’s created purpose for their lives

FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD IS GOOD

God not only does good things and gives good gifts, but He is good. God isn’t good some of the time or whenever He chooses. He is always good. This means that everything He does is always good because He can’t do a bad thing. God is perfect and good all of the time.

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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, or for no reason. 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.



Make a list of good behaviors, such as being kind, being loving, be honest, etc. Call out the good behaviors one at a time and ask the children to raise their hands every time you call out a behavior that is true of God always. They should raise their hands for every good behavior. God is always good and everything He does is good.

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.)*



Read Genesis 1:31 to the children. Lead them in a discussion about everything that God created in the beginning was very good. Ask them to name some of the good things that God created.

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 two identical toys—one should be in great condition, the other one should be broken. Ask the children to choose the toy that is not broken. The unbroken toy is like God's creation in the beginning. The broken toy is like creation now.

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.

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

**God Is Good All The Time**

Bring in a container of water and a small container of ice cubes. Show both containers to the children and ask them to identify what is in each container. Next, ask the children to explain how we make ice. The ice began as water, but changed into ice when it froze. Talk about what will happen to the ice cubes after they are out of the freezer for a while. God is not like the ice cubes. He does not change. He is always good. We are like the water that changes into ice cubes. When God created man, man was good and perfect, but then man's sin changed us and made us sinful.

**Nothing God Created Was Broken**

Bring in several un-activated glow sticks. Show them to the children and let them hold them. The un-activated glow sticks are like God's creation in the beginning. It was good and perfect and not broken. Next, help the children break the glow sticks to activate them. Our sin broke creation just like we broke the glow sticks. The glow sticks will not last forever now. Their light will burn out and then they will no longer be any good.

**Everything God Made Was Good**

Help the children think of some of their favorite foods. Make a list of their favorite foods on the board. Lead the children in a discussion about why they like those foods and what makes them good. Next, lead them in a discussion about how everything that God made was good. He is good and everything that He originally made was good.