

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS THE CREATOR

Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:6; Psalm 102:25; Isaiah 45:12, 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 everything in six days.

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

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

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

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

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

- To fulfill God's created purpose for their lives

GOD CREATED FROM NOTHING

With your child make a list of the supplies you need to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Gather the supplies together and help your child make the sandwich. Talk with your child about how we can't make anything without supplies. Only God can create something from nothing. He created the world from nothing. He just spoke and things began to exist.

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

Genesis 1

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

When we build something or make something, we have to use materials and supplies. Without the supplies, we can't make anything. God is not like man. He created the heavens and the earth without using anything. He created it all from nothing. He is more powerful than any other being. All things begin with Him and when He created the world, He spoke and things began to exist. He didn't have to gather materials or supplies in order to create the world. He created it from nothing.

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

- Did God need any supplies or materials to create the world? (No, He didn't need anything because He created the world from nothing.)
- How did God create the heavens and the earth? (He spoke them into being.)



KNOW

As a family, memorize John 1:2-4. Talk with your child about how God created everything and that there was nothing before God.



DO

Make your own telescope as a family using a cardboard paper towel roll and some extra cardstock. Let your child decorate it, and on a clear night, spend some time outside looking at the moon and stars. Talk to your child about how God created everything. He made the heavens and the earth. He created everything.



FEEL

Grab a flashlight before bedtime. One night when you put your child to bed, turn off the lights and talk with your child about how before God created the world there was nothing just like it seems like there is nothing in the room because of the darkness. Turn the flashlight on and shine it on the ceiling. The light represents God because God has always existed. He has always been because He is the beginning of all things.



WANT

Take a trip as a family to a local hardware or home supply store. As you walk around the store, talk with your child about the different supplies you see. The supplies are necessary in order to build anything. Talk with your child about how God doesn't need any supplies. He created the heavens and the earth from nothing. He needed no supplies in order to create anything.

As a family spend some time thanking God for creating the heavens and the earth. Spend some time talking about how unique and wonderfully made the world is. Help your child see how magnificent God is in creating so many different things out of nothing. He is the great Creator.