

GOD MADE EVERYTHING

STORY: CREATION

BIG TRUTH: GOD MADE EVERYTHING

Exodus 20:11; Isaiah 42:5, 45:18; Jeremiah 32:17; Nehemiah 9:6; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 11:3; Revelation 4:11

BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:1

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

BIG IDEAS

- There is a beginning to the story.
- The story begins with God.
- God made creation through His Word.
- God rescues creation through His Word.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:1-2

God is our great Creator. He is the beginning of all things and the giver of all life. He made everything that we see in our world and in the heavens. He is the most powerful of all beings. Not only did God make everything, He rescues us through His Word, His Son, Jesus Christ.

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

FAMILY DEVOTION: OUR STORY BEGINS WITH GOD

Every story has a beginning. Our story begins with God. He is the beginning of all things. He is our Creator and the author of our lives.

BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:1

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God is the Creator of all things.

- God is the only true God.
- Because He is the only true God, He is the Creator of all things.
- Everything begins with God.
- God made everything; He is the Creator of everything.
- There is nothing that God didn't make.

All things come from God.

- There is nothing that didn't come from God.
- Space, matter, time, and everything else are all from God, created by Him for His glory.
- The heavens and the earth were created by God.
- God is the origin or beginning of all things.

Everything comes from God.

- In the beginning there was only God.
- Everything in our world comes from God.
- Everything that has ever been or will be is from God because He is the Creator of all things.
- Even the things that man invents or creates are from God because God created man with a brain to think and process ideas.
- God is the only real Creator because He is the only God.

BIBLE STORY: Genesis 1:1-2

God Made Everything

Opening Illustration:

Play a game of follow the leader with the children. Begin the game as the leader and then allow other children to take turns being the leader. Lead the children in a discussion about how whoever was the leader was in control of the class's actions. God is in control of everything. He controls all of creation.

- Who was in control of what we did as a class? (The person who was the leader was in charge.)
- Who is in control of everything in the world? (God is in control of all things.)
- God controls all of creation. He rules over it and controls everything that happens.

Alternate

Bring in several small utensils and appliances, such as salad tongs, a saucepan, a frying pan, etc. Show each item to the children and ask them to describe its purpose. Lead them in a discussion about we are created with purpose; every person is created by God with a purpose

BIG IDEA: THERE IS A BEGINNING TO THE STORY.**God has always existed.**

- God has no beginning because He has always existed, or has always been alive.¹
- God was not created by anything or anyone. He has always been and always will be.
- God is infinite and eternal. He has no beginning and no end.
- Before anything else existed there was God.
- Our minds find it hard to understand that God has always been because that's not how we are, but God is not like man.
- There was never a time when God didn't exist.



Bring in a large piece of white paper and a marker for each child. Draw a horizontal line through the center of the paper. Ask the children to use their markers to draw the heavens and the earth. The heavens would go above the earth. Help them think of things that live in the heavens and things that live on the earth. Lead them in a discussion about how God began creation by making the heavens and the earth. Before God made them, they did not exist.

Creation has a beginning.

- Creation is not like God. It has a beginning or starting place.
- Creation was not always created. There was a time when there was no creation.
- Creation is everything except for God because God created everything.
- It all begins with God. He is the beginning of all creation.²

Before God made creation, there was nothing.

- There was no earth, no heavens, nothing. Nothing existed before God created the world.
- Creation has not always been like God has. It has a beginning and it will have an end. It is not eternal like God is.
- The earth was void, or empty. There was empty space with nothing in it or on it until God created the world.

Does God have a beginning? (No, God has always been.)

Does creation have a beginning? (Yes, God created everything, so creation has a beginning.)

1. Genesis 21:33: God is the eternal God. He has no beginning and no end. He is forever.

2. Isaiah 40:28: Creation begins with God. He is the creator of all things.

BIG IDEA: THE STORY BEGINS WITH GOD.**God is the beginning of all things.**

- Nothing exists that didn't come from God.³
- God is the beginning of everything and everyone.
- Creation begins with God even though God has no beginning.
- The earth was formless and had nothing on it. It had no shape or form.
- There was only God in the beginning and nothing else.



Have each child draw a map of the room. Ask them to put the important things in the room on their map and to mark a start and an end. Allow them to share their maps with the class. Lead them in a discussion about how creation begins with God. Every story has a beginning and creation's story begins with God.

Creation was formed by God.

- The earth was empty and not formed.
- God formed the heavens. He decided what would live in the heavens and what would not.
- God formed the earth and decided what would live on the earth and what would not.
- God formed everything that we see and even the things that we can't see. Even the smallest animal, an animal that is invisible to our eyes, was formed by God.
- The heavens and the earth began with God.
- God's spirit hovered over the empty space where God chose to make the earth and He spoke the earth into being.
- All that we see and know and even things we don't know begin with God.

With whom does the story of Creation begin? (It begins with God because He is the beginning of all things.)
How did the heavens and the earth come to be? (God spoke them into existence. He made them.)

3. Hebrews 3:4: Nothing is that didn't begin with God. God is the creator of all things.

BIG IDEA: GOD MADE CREATION THROUGH HIS WORD.**Only God is the mighty Creator.**

- Only God can create by speaking things into existence.
- Man can create and invent things using materials made by God or ideas given to him by God.⁴
- Man's ability to create reflects God's image as the Creator because man is made in God's image.
- No other being has the power to create using their word, except for God.



Bring in a boiled egg, an ice cream cone, and a metal washer. Ask the children to identify the strongest item of the three you show them. Allow the children to feel the items. Lead them in a discussion about how God's Word is mighty and powerful. It is like the metal washer that can't be squished or broken. It is even more mighty and powerful than the strongest thing on earth.

God's Word is mighty and powerful.

- Everything obeys God's Word.
- The heavens and the earth obeyed God's Word when He told them to be.
- God spoke the heavens into being and they appeared from nothing.
- God spoke the earth into being and it appeared from nothing.
- All of creation was made through God's Word.
- The heavens and the earth exist because God spoke them into being.
- He made them through His Word.
- His Word is mighty and powerful and everything exists through it.

How did God create the world? (He spoke it into being. He created it through His Word.)

Is God's Word powerful and mighty? (Yes, it is powerful and mighty and can create all things.)

4. Proverbs 8:12: All wisdom and knowledge come from God, so man's ability to create and invent are from God.

BIG IDEA: GOD RESCUES CREATION THROUGH HIS WORD.**God's Word became flesh in order to rescue the world.⁵**

- Jesus is God's Word. He became flesh and lived on this world to save the world from its sin debt.
- God spoke to the world through His Son, Jesus.
- God rescues creation through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.



Play a game of musical chairs with the children. The person left without a chair should name something that is broken in God's World. Once every child has had a chance to name something, lead them in a discussion about how Jesus rescued the world from its sin debt by paying it for us.

Creation was rescued through God's Son.

- God's Son paid the sin debt of the world.
- Jesus is God's Son and God's Word.
- God sent His Word into creation to rescue creation from its brokenness and sinfulness.
- God's Word saved creation from its sin debt.
- God's Word is mighty and powerful to save.

Creation needed to be rescued by God.

- Creation was broken because of man's sin and it was in need of rescuing.
- God rescues creation through His Word, Jesus.
- God's Word is the most powerful and the mightiest.
- It is mighty to save those all those who turn away from their sin and turn to God.

How does God rescue creation? (He rescues creation through His Word.)

Who is God's Word? (Jesus, God's Son is God's Word.)

5. John 1:1: Jesus is God's Word and He became flesh so that He might save the world from its sin debt.

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HOOKS

**Every Story Has A Beginning**

Bring in several children's books and ask the children to choose one for you to read to them. After they make their choice, begin reading in the middle of the story. Ask them if that's where you're supposed to begin reading. Lead them in a discussion about how every story has a beginning and creation begins with God.



- Where are we supposed to begin reading stories? (We read stories from the beginning.)
- Where should I begin reading this story? (The story should begin at its beginning.)
- Every story has a beginning.
- Creation begins with God. Everything begins with God.

**Creation's Story Begins With God**

Bring in a seed packet, a small pot with dirt and a flower that matches the seeds in the seed packet. Ask them where the flower came from and how it began. Show them the seeds in the seed packet. Lead them in a discussion about how creation begins with God. God is the beginning of creation.



- Where did the flower or seedling begin? (The flower or seedling begins with the seeds.)
- Can the flower begin as a full-grown flower? (No, it begins as a seed because that is its beginning.)
- God is our beginning. He is the beginning of creation.
- Creation didn't just appear. It began with God creating it.

God Made Creation Through His Word

Use a smartphone or recorder to record the children trying to create things by speaking. Play the recordings back to the children. Lead them in a discussion about how only God can create things through His Word. Only His Word is mighty and powerful.

- Were you able to create anything by speaking it into being? (No. We weren't able to create anything by just speaking.)
- God's Word is the only Word that is mighty and powerful. It is the only Word that can create.
- God created the world through His Word. He spoke it into being and it obeyed.