

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

OUR STORY BEGINS WITH GOD

Take a tour of your refrigerator and food pantry at your house. Talk with your child about where the food and produce came from. Talk with them about how food begins and is grown. Everything has a beginning and God is the beginning of everything.

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

Genesis 1:1-2.

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

Before God created the heavens and the earth, there was nothing. The earth was empty and void. There was only empty space. God spoke the heavens and the earth into being. They obeyed His voice and began existing. Life began when God created the heavens and the earth. We exist because God created us. Everything that is has a story. It has a beginning. Our story begins with God because He is our great Creator. He began creation by making the heavens and the earth. The story of creation begins with the one, true God.

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

- What did God create first? (God created the heavens and the earth.)
- What does every story have? (Every story has a beginning.)
- Who is the beginning of our story? (God is the beginning of our story.)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize Genesis 1:1 by playing a game of freeze tag. The person who is “frozen” gets to say the verse out loud.

**DO**

Take your child on a trip to the Farmer's Market or the produce section of your grocery store. Spend some time talking with your child about where the fruit and vegetables begin. Remind your child that everything comes from God because it is created by God. The story of the vegetables and fruit begins with God, the Creator.

**FEEL**

Create a trail through your house or yard. You can use flour to create your trail or long sticks or stones outside. Ask your child to follow the trail beginning at the start. Talk with your child about how everything has a beginning and that beginning is God. He is the beginning of everything and everyone.

**WANT**

As a family, spend some time praying, thanking God for creating the heavens and the earth. Share with your child your own thankfulness for God as the Creator.