

# GOD CREATED THE LAND, PLANTS, SUN, MOON, AND STARS

## BIG TRUTH: GOD CREATED THE LAND, PLANTS, SUN, MOON AND STARS

Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 8:3; Psalm 104:19; Psalm 136:7-9; Psalm 147:4; Isaiah 40:26

## BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 74:16

*"Yours is the day, yours also the night; you have established the heavenly lights and the sun."*

## BIG IDEAS

- On day three God created the land and the plants.
- On day four God created the universe.

## BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:9-19

God's creation of the world was completed in six days. On day three, God separated the land from the expanse of water that He had created. He caused plants and vegetation to grow on the land. On day four, He created the universe, which includes the sun, the moon, the stars and everything that is in the universe. God created all things and everything that He created was 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



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

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## GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE

Help your child create his or her own universe using black construction paper, sticker stars, and colored chalk. Help them place the sticker stars on the paper and then use the chalk to draw planets, the sun, and the moon. Remind them that God created the universe and everything that is in it.

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

Genesis 1:14-19.

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

On day four of creation, God created two great lights. He created the sun to rule the day and the moon to rule the night. The sun shines during the day to guide us and to provide warmth and life to the land. The moon shines at night, causes the ocean waves to ebb and flow and allows life to exist at night. God's wisdom is shown in His creation of these two great lights. He placed them in the heavens and added the stars and planets and all the other heavenly bodies. His creation of the universe shows us His great glory. We see His majesty and His power in creation. The universe is large and massive. We cannot know all that is in it because it is so big, yet God is bigger than the universe. He is the mighty Creator.

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

- What did God create on the fourth day? (He created the universe.)
- What did God create to rule over the day? (He created the sun to rule over the day and to give warmth and life.)
- What did God create to rule over the night? (He created the moon to rule the night.)



Help your child memorize Psalm 74:16 by racing with your child to a designated spot. Whoever reaches the spot first gets to say the verse out loud.



Choose a night when the sky is clear to look at the stars as a family. Ask your child to count the stars he or she sees in the sky. Point out any constellations that you see or any other planets or stars that are visible. Remind your child that on the fourth day, God created the moon and stars.



Each evening before bed, spend a few minutes talking with your child about the things that he or she is thankful for on the land and in the universe. For example, you may be thankful that the sun provides light and warmth. Pray with your child, thanking God for these things.



Spend a few moments in the morning watching the sunrise. Talk with your child about how God created the sun and decided that it would shine during the day. Spend a few moments in the evening watching the moon. Talk with your child about how God created the moon and decided that it would shine during the night. God is the Creator of the universe.