

GOD CREATED THE SEA CREATURES, BIRDS, ANIMALS, AND MAN

BIG TRUTH: GOD CREATED THE SEA CREATURES, BIRDS, ANIMALS, AND MAN

Psalms 148:5-13; Job 12:7-10; Job 38; Isaiah 42:5; Acts 4:24

BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:26

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'"

BIG IDEAS

- On day five God created the sea creatures and birds.
- On day six God created the animals and mankind.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:20-31

God's creation of the world is an intricate, yet marvelous one. He created everything by speaking it into being, until He created mankind. Before He created man though, He spoke into being the sea creatures and the birds. All that lives in the sea and in the air was created on the fifth day by God's Word. On the sixth day, He created mankind, forming him with His hands from the dust of the ground. He breathed life into the man and woman. God also created all of the animals that are on the earth. He is the Creator of all things.

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

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GOD CREATED MAN AND GAVE HIM DOMINION

Give your child some Play-doh and ask them to create a person. Talk about what their person is like, what color hair they have, what activities they enjoy doing, etc. Talk with your child about how God created mankind on the sixth day and He gave mankind power over the earth and the animals. We call this power dominion.

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

Genesis 1:26-31.

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

On the sixth day of creation, God created man. He made the first man from the dust of the earth and He breathed air into his lungs giving him life. Next, God created the first woman from one of man's ribs. When God created mankind, He made them more important than the rest of creation. God gave man power or dominion over the rest of the earth. He gave man rule over the animals, on the land, in the sea, or in the sky. God also told the first man and woman to be fruitful and to multiply on the earth. God is the great Creator and He created all life. He created mankind last and placed mankind over the rest of creation to take care of it.

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

- What did God create on the sixth day? (He created man and woman.)
- How did God create the first man and woman? (He used the dust from the earth to create the first man and He used a rib from the man to create the first woman.)
- What did God give the man and woman? (He gave them power or dominion over the earth.)



As a family, memorize Genesis 1:26 by dividing the verse into smaller sections and saying each section out loud several times.



As a family, buy or make your own bird feeder. Talk with your child as you set the feeder out for the birds about how God created all the birds. He spoke them all into existence on the fifth day.



Throughout the week, make a list of the different birds, sea creatures, and animals you see throughout each day. Look for them outside, when you're driving, on TV, or in books that you read. At the end of the week tally up the number of each you saw and talk about how God created all of them.

Read Genesis 1:26-31 out loud one evening before bed. Spend some time thanking God for creating the birds, sea creatures, and animals.

