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Acts 3:15; Hebrews 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17

BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:1-2

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."

BIG IDEAS

- Before there was a beginning, there was God.
- God creates out of nothing and brings order where there is disorder.
- Everything in creation, including us, exists for God.

BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 1:1-25

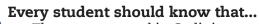
KNEEL - I AM AN IMAGE BEARER

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28). Worship is not something that is limited to a service once a week, but instead occurs every day, in all of life. We are unceasing worshipers. Worship never stops, it only changes directions. In order to worship God with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind, we must embrace our identity as image bearers. It is out of that identity that we can begin to live for God's glory in all of life (Colossians 3:17).

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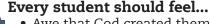
- They were created in God's image and likeness for the purpose of worship.
 - Value, purpose, significance, and worth are found in and flow from God alone.



KNOW

Every student should strive to...

- Understand and embrace who God created them to be.
- Talk about gender and identity as a gift from the Lord for His purposes and His glory.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.



- Awe that God created them in His own image.
- Loved by their heavenly Father who knows them better than they know themselves and still pursues them.

Every student should want...

- To have a deeper relationship with the God who made them in His image.
- To pursue a lifestyle of worship that centers on the true Savior and rejects false saviors.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

God is the beginning of all things because He has no beginning or end. This week we will ponder what it means that God is eternal in nature. We will pray for understanding of why God created us and we will practice living for God's glory in our daily lives.



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Read Genesis 1:1-25 this week and meditate upon it.

- Ponder God's eternal nature. What hope does it bring you to know that God has always been and He will always be? How does knowing God is the Creator help you worship Him?
- Consider what it means that God created from nothing and gave order to chaos.
- How does God's ordering of the world and life help you trust Him in your own daily life when things seem chaotic? How can you discipline yourself to look to God for order when you face difficult times?



Spend time each morning in prayer.

- As you pray, give thanks to God for being the Creator of all things. Praise Him for His creation. Think of specific things about creation that you enjoy or appreciate and praise God for creating them. Spend time thanking God for giving order to your life and life on earth.
- Spend time praying with your parent or small group leader this week. Pray for greater understanding of how to seek God's glory in your daily life.



In a notebook make a list of the parts of creation that reveal God's glory to you, such as the beach, a beautiful sunset, the stars, the mountains, etc.

- Next, think through the ways that you can bring God glory in your daily life. Write these things down and choose one or two as your focus this week. Think of ways to bring God glory in the areas you wrote down.
- Meet with your parent or small group leader to discuss your list of ways you can bring God glory this week in one or two areas of your life. Ask your parent or small group leader to help you think of specific ways you can glorify God in those chosen areas. Plan to meet again to discuss how it went.