

GOD CREATED EVERYTHING

FOUNDATION: GOD IS CREATOR - GOD GIVES LIFE

BIG TRUTH: GOD CREATED EVERYTHING

Psalm 90:2, 102:25-27; Isaiah 44:24-28; Jeremiah 10:11-12, 27:5, 32:17; John 1:1-4; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:16-17

BIBLE VERSE: ISAIAH 40:28

“The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.”

BIG IDEAS

- In the beginning there was only God.
- Everything that exists comes from God.
- Everything God created is good, has value, and should be valued.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:1-25

God is the great Creator. Before the creation of the heavens and earth, He existed. In His great power and wisdom, He spoke into existence the heavens and the earth and all that inhabits the earth. God gave creation a purpose through His orderly creation of all things. He alone is the Creator and He is everlasting. Everything He created is good and has great value. He loves His creation and sustains His creation.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS CREATOR—GOD GIVES LIFE

Everything that is and that has ever existed was created by God. All of creation He created from nothing. He created everything for the purpose of bringing glory to His name, and after He created all things, He declared everything He made to be good. Since God is creator, it is He who gives life to all things, including us. Our lives and the purpose for our lives is found in Him.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- God is the creator of all things
- All life comes from God



Every child should feel:

- Awe that God made everything out of nothing



Every child should be able to:

- Point out things in their daily lives and acknowledge that they were created by God



Every child should want:

- To trust God their Creator

FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD SPOKE AND IT CAME TO BE

Creation exists because God chose to create it. He created the heavens and the earth out of nothing. He only spoke and it all came into being. His creation is good and lovely because He loves it and sustains it.

BIBLE VERSE: ISAIAH 40:28

“The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.”

God is the great Creator.

- There is no one like God. He alone is eternal and has always existed.
- God created every part of the heavens and the earth.
- There is nothing that isn't from Him.
- Everything's origin is from God who created all things.
- This news was hope to Isaiah's audience, the exiled Jews.
- God's people were suffering and being reminded of His might and all encompassing control would have brought hope to them.

God is the everlasting Creator.

- God does not grow weary or faint. He has no end, nor does He stop.
- He never grows tired or becomes overwhelmed.
- When He chose to rest at the end of creating the world, it was by choice, not necessity.
- This, too, would have brought hope to the exiled Jews.
- This also brings hope to us as well. We can rest in the truth that God is everlasting and never faints or grows weary.

God's understanding in creating the world is unsearchable.

- We cannot fully explain the intricacies of God's creation of the world.
- He is greater than any other being and His thoughts are higher than ours.
- God had to only speak and things began to exist.
- This power is unknown to mankind because we are not God.
- This great unsearchable understanding is not a cause of worry, but instead brings hope that we have a God who is far greater in knowledge and wisdom than we are.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:1-25*God Created Everything*

Supporting Scripture: Romans 4:17; Psalm 90:2; Colossians 1:16

Teacher Introduction:

In the beginning there was only God. He has no beginning, so He has always been. The heavens and earth come from Him. He spoke them into existence revealing His great power and might. All things are created by Him and He alone gives them purpose. God created everything in the heavens and the earth and gave them purpose in His orderly creation of them. He did not speak things into chaos or regenerate the earth. He created it from nothing. God's creation has great value because God created it. His creation is good and lovely because He loves it.

Teaching Guide:

The guide below is provided to help you teach the truth: *God Created Everything*. The three points are the Big Ideas that should guide your lesson as you share from Genesis 1:1-25 and teach the truth: *God Created Everything*. Footnotes are provided for further study of the text and God's interaction with His people. Throughout the lesson, questions are placed to help you guide the preschoolers to think about and process the truth: *God Created Everything*.

Opening Illustration:

Bring in an empty, small fish tank or a glass bowl that could serve as a fish tank. Show it to the children and tell them they are going to create a world for fish and even create fish. Set the bowl in front of them and tell them to create the world and create the fish. Ask them to speak the world into existence. Guide them through the process leading them to the understanding that they cannot create the world out of nothing.

- All that we have and everything that is alive or exists was created by God.
- Do you know what God used to create the world? (He used nothing. He just spoke it into existence and it began existing.)
- Could you create the fish world out of nothing? (No, you couldn't because you are not God and only God has that power.)

BIG IDEA: IN THE BEGINNING THERE WAS ONLY GOD.**The earth was without form; it was void.**

- There was nothing alive or in existence except for God.¹
- God has no beginning, so He has always existed.
- In the Genesis creation account, we see that only God existed.
- He is the only being alive. There is nothing else.
- There was no chaos or disorder that God had to make right.
- There was only God and a great, empty expanse.



Lead the children in a discussion of God as the creator of everything. Help them make a list on the board or on paper that lists all the things that existed before God created the world and all the things that exist after His creation of the world. Show them that the list reveals that there was only God in the beginning. He is that powerful and mighty.

There was darkness everywhere.

- Genesis tells us that everywhere there was darkness.²
- Because there was darkness everywhere, we know that God even created light.
- Nothing existed but God before He created the heavens and the earth.
- The presence of darkness and the absence of anything else reveal there was only God in the beginning.
- No living or inanimate thing existed before God created them.

The Spirit of God hovered over the emptiness.

- God, in His three persons, has always existed from the very beginning.
- In the very beginning, God is all there was.
- He is the creator of all things and since all things come from Him, they did not exist before He created them.

In the beginning, what existed before the heavens and the earth? (Only God existed before the creation of the world.)

1. Psalm 90:2: Before anything was spoken into existence there was God. He alone existed before creation. Everything comes from Him.
2. Genesis 1:2: There was only darkness and no form. There was a great void and only God, in His three persons, existed.

BIG IDEA: EVERYTHING THAT EXISTS COMES FROM GOD.**God created everything out of nothing.**

- There was nothing before God created it.
- Only God was in the beginning and out of the great emptiness, He spoke into existence all of creation.
- He used nothing to fashion the earth, the light, the wind, and the mountains.
- He spoke and things began existing.
- His power is revealed in His unique ability to create things by merely commanding them to exist.

God spoke everything into existence.³

- Everything's origin is from God. It is in His great wisdom, knowledge and understanding that things exist.
- He spoke time into existence when He separated the light from the dark and day from night.
- He spoke all that is into existence, expressing His great power and strength.
- Everything is because of Him and comes from Him.

Everything comes from God.

- There is nothing that exists that didn't come from God.⁴
- There are no mountains, lakes, oceans, or animals that exist apart from God.
- All of creation is a display of His creativity and great design.
- Nothing exists that wasn't created by God.
- God, in His great wisdom, created all things according to His purpose and plan.

What did God create? (He created everything. There is nothing that exists that wasn't created by Him.)



Lead the children in a discussion of God as creator of all things. To help them understand, have them gather together in a circle, then turn the lights off. Tell them to command the light to shine. When they can't, remind them that God is the creator of all things and all He did was speak and the light existed. He is the only one who is that powerful.

3. Nehemiah 9:6; Revelation 4:11: Everything that is came about because God spoke it into existence. It is through His great power that things exist and have life and purpose.

4. Colossians 1:16; Psalm 8:3-8: Everything declares God's handiwork. It is all a display of His intelligence and great power in creating it.

BIG IDEA: EVERYTHING GOD CREATED IS GOOD, HAS VALUE, AND SHOULD BE VALUED.**God found everything He created to be good.⁵**

- When God spoke into existence creation, He declared it all good.
- He created light and saw that it was good.
- Because God is perfect and all that He does is good, His creation is good.
- God is the highest judge and the ultimate authority.
- When God declares something good, it is good because He declared it good.

Everything God created has value.⁶

- Nothing is by accident or chance.
- God created everything with a purpose and gave it great value.
- God gave creation a value by establishing created order.
- God also gave creation value by giving it a purpose. It does not exist for the sake of existing, but does so to bring glory to the Creator.

All that God has created should be valued.

- God is our source of all things, including what to value and what not to value.
- God values creation; therefore, we should value creation, including ourselves.
- God created the heavens and the earth; it is all from Him.
- Because all of creation is from Him it has great value.
- God is good and everything He does is good, so His creation is good and of great value to Him.

Why does creation have value? (God gives it value by valuing it Himself.)

How should we view creation? (We should value it like God values it.)



Read Isaiah 40:28 to the children. Help them understand that God created everything and gave it value by helping them think of things they really love or value. Write the things they say on the board so they can see how many things they value. Lead them in a discussion about why they value the things they do. They value them because they love them or they enjoy them. God values His creation because He loves it.

5. 1 Timothy 4:4: *Everything that God does is good; therefore, His creation is good and has value.*

6. Isaiah 45:18: *God's creation has value because God gives it value. He holds His creation in high esteem and sustains it.*

HOOKS

**All Things Are From God**

Gather pictures of different animals or gather an assortment of stuffed animals. Lead your child in a discussion of how God is creator of everything. Show them the pictures of the animals or the stuffed animals one at a time and ask them to identify the animal. When they do, pretend to be the animal with them and remind them that God created the animal to be exactly as it is and it was good.



- Who is the creator of all things? (God is the creator of all things.)
- How many things did God create? (He created everything. Everything is from God.)
- God is the great Creator and all things come from Him.

**God Created Everything**

Give each child five pieces of paper that have been cut in half and have a hole punched in both ends so you can string the papers together. Help them to number them or number the pieces of paper 1-6. Give the children markers or crayons. Next, help the children draw what was created each of the first six days of creation. Once they finish, string the papers together so that they make a banner showing the creation of all things.

- Do you know what our banners reveal or show? (They show that God is the creator of all things, even things like time and light and day.)
- Everything comes from God. He is the creator of all things, even us!

**Out of Nothing God Created Everything**

Help the children understand that God created everything out of nothing by giving them each an empty box. It can be a small box or a shoebox. Ask them to build something using what is in the box. When they cannot because there is nothing in the box, remind them that God has the power to create everything out of nothing.

- Only God existed in the beginning and when He created the world, He created it out of nothing.
- Do you know how God created the world? (He spoke it into existence. He just used His voice and commanded or told things to exist and they did!)
- God is the great Creator. He created all things.