

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

The Family Devotion on the next page is a weekly tool for the home. It is designed for you as family to gather for a few minutes on a set night of the week to unpack the Big Truth together. Use the model below and customize it to fit your family. As you continue to learn, love, and live out the Big Truth, some additional Hooks (next page) are provided that correspond to the Big Aims (see above). Use them to keep the conversation going throughout the week with your family.

GOD SPOKE AND IT CAME TO BE

Take your child outside to a place where the sun is visible. Tell them to command the sun to set or go down and for night to come. When they can't, remind them that God is the creator of all things and He spoke them into existence. The sun and moon obey His command because He is creator. He spoke and it came to be. He is the creator of all things.

DISCOVER IT:

Read Genesis 1:1-25

THINK ABOUT IT:

Before there was anything, there was God. From the beginning He has always been. From Him come all things. He is the giver of life and the creator of everything. He created all the earth and everything in it by speaking it into existence. He created everything from nothing. There was only darkness and emptiness and from nothing God created everything. His great power and knowledge are revealed in His creation of everything from nothing.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- What existed before the creation of the world? (God is the only being in existence before the world existed.)
- Who created everything? (God created all things.)
- How did God create the world? (He spoke it into existence.)

**KNOW**

Read Isaiah 40:28 with your child. Lead him or her in a discussion of how God is everlasting. He has no beginning and no end. He is the creator of all things and we cannot understand His ways because they are unsearchable.

**DO**

Take your child on a creation scavenger hunt. Give them a picture list of the following: twigs, leaves, trees, flowers, rocks, grass, and anything else you want to add. As they find the things on the list, remind them that God made it and He made everything. God is creator.

**FEEL**

Take your child into a dark room that has no windows or any way for outside light to come in. While you are inside the darkened room, lead your child in a discussion about how, in the beginning, only God existed in the darkness. Talk about how the darkness "feels" and how it's empty. Then ask your child to speak the light into existence. When they can't, remind them that God spoke everything into existence out of nothing. He created everything when there was nothing but darkness.

**WANT**