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Isaiah 45:18; John 1:3; Acts 3:15; Hebrews 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17

### **BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:1-3**

"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. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."

#### **BIG IDEAS**

- God was before creation.
- He transforms chaos into created order.
- Everything was made through Him and exists for Him.

#### **BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:1-25**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth from nothing. He spoke creation into being by His powerful Word. All that is in the earth and the heavens was made by God. God created everything for Himself, to bring glory to His name.

#### THE STORY

The Story is the good news of the gospel. All of Scripture tells the Story of God the Father's work to redeem a people from the power of sin through God the Son so that they might live for His glory through the power of the Holy Spirit. During this series we will explore the four main movements of the Story of God, and our response to the life-altering Gospel Story!

#### **BIG AIMS**



#### Every child should know that:

- God is the author, subject, and hero of the gospel story
- Salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone



#### Every child should strive to:

- Describe the gospel message through Creation, Fall, Redemption, and New Creation
- Memorize the Bible verse each week



#### Every child should feel:

- Brokenness over the depth of our sin against God
- Joy in Jesus, our Savior and King



#### Every child should want:

- To study the Bible so that they can better understand God's story of redemption
- To share the gospel story with those who are separated from God in their sin





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## GOD IS THE CREATOR OF EVERYTHING

Set aside time this week to watch the sunrise or sunset. As you do this, ask your child to name some of the things that God created. Point out some of the things that God created that your child might not think of, such as air that we breathe. Remind your child that God is the Creator of everything.

**DISCOVER IT:** (Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.) Read Genesis 1:1-25.

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

Who made the sun and the stars? How did the earth begin? These are all questions we might have about ourselves and the world around us. The answer is that all things begin with God. God is the Creator of everything and everything exists for His glory. Genesis 1:1-25 shows us that before God made the heavens and earth, God existed. He has always existed because He has no beginning or end. God first created the heavens and the earth. After He created them, He began creating all that inhabits them. He made the sun and the moon. He turned the earth that had no form and was void of any life into a living and ordered creation. He made the animals and provided them with all that they would need to exist on the earth. God did all of this according to His design and for His purpose. His creation was perfect and good. Even today, the natural world reflects God's glory to mankind. Through the world, we can get a glimpse of who God is and His creative power. God is the Author of everything and everything exists for Him.

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

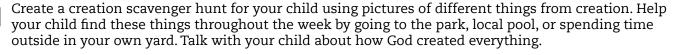
- Who created the heavens and earth? (God created the heavens and the earth and everything in it.)
- Why did God create the heavens and the earth? (He created everything for His glory.)



As a family, memorize Genesis 1:1-3 by writing the verses on your driveway or sidewalk with sidewalk chalk. Help your child decorate the area around the verses with chalk and remind them that God is the Creator of everything.



Take a walk as a family and ask your child to point out different things from creation. Remind your child that God is the Creator of everything.





Give your child a box of sand and sand toys. Help your child create different objects with the sand toys. Talk with your child about what it means to create something and remind them that God is the Creator of everything.



Each morning this week pray with your child, thanking God for creation and for allowing us to see Him in creation.