

# GOD MADE EVERYTHING GOOD

## THE STORY: CREATION

### BIG TRUTH: GOD MADE EVERYTHING GOOD

Exodus 20:11; Nehemiah 9:6; Isaiah 42:5; Revelation 4:11; Psalm 100:5, 107:9, 119:68, 145:9; Matthew 7:11; James 1:17

### BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:31

*And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

### BIG IDEAS

- Life is a good gift from God.
- Work is a good gift from God.
- Family is a good gift from God.

### BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 2

All that God made was perfect and good. When He made man and woman, they were good. He created them and gave them a place to live and work to do. Their work was good because work is a good gift from God. God also made them a family. Family is a good gift from God and it is His plan and design for the world.

### 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 feel:

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



#### Every child should strive to:

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



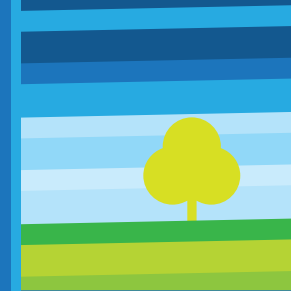
#### Every child should want:

- 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

### FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD'S GOOD GIFTS

God is not only the only Creator, He is the good Creator. Because God is always good and all that He does is perfect, everything He created was good. God gave us life, work, and family as good gifts.

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### God is always good.

*“And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good.”*

- God is good in every way. He is holy and righteous always. God has no sin and never does wrong. He is the supremely holy being. No one or thing is holy or righteous like God.
- Nothing can be righteous or holy apart from God. Good comes from Him because all things come from Him. He alone is perfectly good and righteous.

### Everything God does is good.

*“...it was very good.”*

- Because He is good in every way, everything that He does is good. This means when He created the heavens and the earth, His creation was good. His design for the world was good and He created it perfectly.
- God does not change, so when He created man and woman, they were good and perfect. God’s design and purpose for them was good and is still good.

### God’s design and purpose for creation is good.

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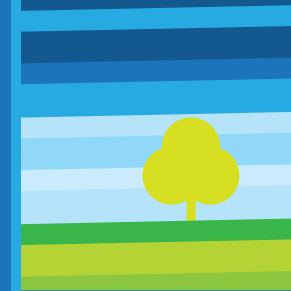
- God’s design for the world is good. The way the world functions and works is because of God’s design for it. We have morning and evening because God designed life to work that way. The sun rises and sets the way it does because of God’s plan and design. All of life functions as it does because of God’s good plan and design.
- God’s purpose for life is good. He made man and woman to live in families as part of His good purpose for them. He created work for them and gave them a place to live as part of His good purpose for them.

## BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 2

*God Made Everything Good*

### Opening Illustration:

Play a game of musical beanbag. Have the children sit in a circle and pass a beanbag while music plays. The child holding the beanbag when the music stops gets to name a good thing about life, work, or family. Write the words “life”, “work”, and “family” on the board and keep track of the good things the children name as they name them.



## BIG IDEA: LIFE IS A GOOD GIFT FROM GOD.<sup>1</sup>

### All life is a gift from God.

- Colossians 1:17 tells us that God holds all things together. He holds all of creation together and gives life to everything. Life is from God because He is the beginning of everything. All life comes from God and continues because God allows it to continue.
- Because God is sovereign over all and things exist only because He desires them to, every life is a gift from Him. People are born because God allows them to be born. People live because God allows them to live. He created the earth and it is held together by His power.



Write the verse James 1:17 on the board. Have the children race to see who can find it first and read it out loud. Remind the children that every good gift is from God. Ask the children to name some of the good gifts that God gives us. Make sure to include life, work, and family in the list.

### God created man and woman.

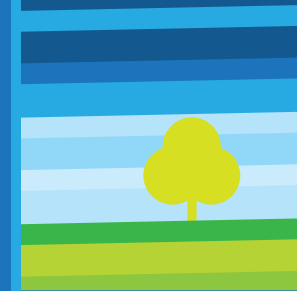
- God created the heavens and earth first and then on the sixth day of creation, He created mankind. After He created the first man, He placed him in the Garden of Eden. God then created a helper for Adam, the first man, when He created the first woman, Eve.
- People are God's design and His creation. Life is a good gift from God. Life is a good thing and can be celebrated and cherished because it is a gift and not something we have the ability to do for ourselves. That we are able to live with one another and enjoy God's creation is part of the goodness of life. We do not have to live this life alone, but get to live in families and as part of a community.

### God made a home for man and woman.

- God created a home for the first man and woman. He set the Garden of Eden aside for Adam and Eve to live in. It was their home and had everything they needed for life and community. In their home, Adam and Eve had food, work, and relationships. They had community with one another and with God.
- God gave the earth for all of mankind to live in and populate. Earth is a gift from God and He allows us to continue living in it. God also gave man the responsibility of caring for the earth.

*Who gives us life and allows us to continue living? (God gives life and it is a good gift from Him that He continues to give us.)*

1. Genesis 1:31: Everything that God made was good and perfect because God is good and perfect.



## BIG IDEA: WORK IS A GOOD GIFT FROM GOD.<sup>2</sup>

### Work is from God.

- Work is not something that man created or designed. Work did not just happen. Work is from God. He created Adam and placed him in the Garden of Eden. God gave Adam work when He placed him in the Garden of Eden. Adam had purpose in naming the animals and caring for the earth.
- Work is a good gift from God. Work existed before man's sin in the Garden of Eden. It is part of God's design for the world and mankind. It is good and reveals God's character and nature.



Divide the children into pairs or groups and have each group make a list of jobs that the group members would like to do when they grow up. Share the groups' lists and remind the children that work is a good gift from God.

### God gave work to man as part of His design for creation's good.

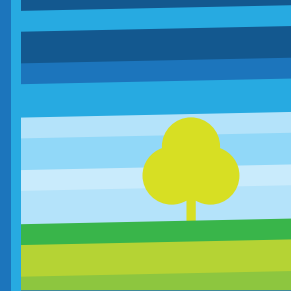
- Work before the Fall was different than work after the Fall.
- When God gave work to Adam, it was a good and pleasant thing. It was designed for creation's good and is still good for man now. Before the Fall, work was not hard or difficult. It was part of man's life and was very good.
- After the Fall, work became difficult and man's sinful nature distorted it. Though sin has distorted work, work is still good for creation and mankind. Work is the way that God designed people to live and exist. It gives purpose and joins people together as a community. It profits creation and brings God glory.

### Work is part of every person's created purpose.

- Work is for all people. Not every person will work in the same way or same job, but working is part of God's design for people. Throughout Scripture, God speaks against idleness or laziness. He created people to utilize their gifts and abilities for His glory and the good of the world.
- Part of man's purpose is to care for his earthly home. In the Garden of Eden, God first gave this purpose to Adam. Every person has this responsibility now to be a good steward of the earthly home that God has given us and continues to sustain for us. When we embrace work as God's design for us, even now, we can find joy in it.

*Who gave us work? (God gave work as part of His purpose for mankind.)*

2. Genesis 2:15: God created work for man before the Fall and work was a good gift from Him.



## BIG IDEA: FAMILY IS A GOOD GIFT FROM GOD.<sup>3</sup>

### Family is God's idea and design.

- When God created the world, His design for mankind was good and perfect. God designed people to live in community and relationship with one another. God created Adam and placed him in the Garden of Eden. He then created Eve as Adam's companion and wife.
- When God created Eve, He made the first family. God created a man and a woman to live as husband and wife and to give birth to children. This is God's design for family. Placing people in families is from God. It is not something that Adam decided and made happen. It is something that God did for Adam.



Gather the children in a circle and have them take turns sharing something good about living in a family. Remind the children that family is a good gift from God.

### Family is for God's glory and mankind's good.

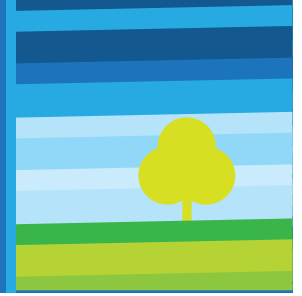
- God designed people for community because He is a communal God. God is relational and He created people to be relational. Because this is God's design for people, He gave them a way to meet this relational and communal need by creating families. People weren't designed to live alone in isolation.
- Because family is from God it is for His glory and mankind's good. Family is not just for man's good. It is for God's glory and it brings God glory when it is according to His design. Family is also for the good of people. Living in families brings people happiness and joy.

### God's design for family is good and perfect.

- God's design for family is perfect. When He created Adam and Eve, He gave them instructions to multiply on the earth, meaning they should have children. A man and woman joining together as husband and wife and then having children is God's design for family.
- God's design is good and perfect. It is what is best for mankind and it is what brings God glory.

*Whose design is best for family? (God's design is perfect and good.)*

3. Genesis 2:18: God made the first family when He gave Adam a companion.



## HOOKS



KNOW

**Good Jobs Versus Bad Jobs**

Divide the children into two teams and have a relay race in which the teams race to see who can make a list with the largest number of good and bad jobs. Play several times and then talk about the good gift of work with the children.

- God gave work as a good gift. Having work makes our lives better and helps us fulfill our created purpose.



DO

**A Good Life**

Give the children a piece of paper and colored pencils. Ask the children to create a comic strip that details some of the best aspects of their lives. Allow the children to share their comic strips and then discuss with them how life is a good gift from God.

- Every life is a good gift from God.
- We are all made in God's image and this means we all have value and purpose.
- Because life is a good gift from God, we should value it, too.



FEEL



WANT