

The Beginning of the World

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STUDY TEXT: GENESIS 1:1–2:3

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

Big Idea 1: God Created the World With Purpose ([Genesis 1:1–25](#))

Live It Out: As you reflect on creation, let it remind you of God's power, wisdom, and authority as Creator.

- *What stands out to you about the way God created the world in Genesis 1?*
- *What does Genesis 1:1 teach us about God's power and authority?*

Live It Out: Take time this week to notice God's handiwork in creation and let it lead you to worship, gratitude, and trust in Him.

- *What do we learn about God's character through the way He created the world?*
- *How can creation lead us to worship God without creation becoming the object of our worship?*

Big Idea 2: God Created People in His Image ([Genesis 1:26–27](#))

Live It Out: Look for opportunities this week to treat others with dignity and respect, remembering that every person is made in God's image.

- *What does being made in God's image teach us about our value and worth?*
- *How should the truth that every person bears God's image affect the way we treat others?*
- *Why do you think people often assign greater value to some people than others?*
- *How can Christians stand up for the dignity and value of people who are often overlooked or marginalized?*

Big Idea 3: God Created People for His Purpose ([Genesis 1:28–2:3](#))

Live It Out: Consider one practical way you can reflect God's character through faithful stewardship of the people, resources, and responsibilities He has entrusted to you.

- *What responsibilities come with being God's representatives on earth?*
- *What are some practical ways we can steward God's creation faithfully?*

Live It Out: Build regular rhythms of worship and rest into your week, trusting God's design for both work and renewal.

- *God rested on the seventh day. How does our culture view rest?*
- *What does it look like to take a day of rest as God designed? How is this helpful to us? (Set aside a day to worship*

God and rest from our work. This refreshes and renews us as we walk with God and carry out His calling on our lives.)

WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Genesis 1:1

Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. *What does Genesis 1 teach us about who created the world?*
2. *What are some of your favorite things God created and why do you enjoy them?*
3. *Why did God set aside a special day to rest after creating the world?*

Faith Connections

The Creation story is such a fascinating picture of God's power and creativity. Take a camera or use the one on your phone and go on an exploration adventure. Walk around your neighborhood or a park and let your child point out and take pictures of God's creations. Notice the clouds and the birds in the sky and the different types of insects that you see. Check out the varieties of trees, bushes, and other plants that grow in your region. Remind your child God created each one of them and provides for their growth and care. Use everyday opportunities to reinforce the truth that God is our Creator God.

Stand Strong

Who made God since God made everything?

Answer: God is not a created being. Everything that is created has a beginning, but God is eternal. Before anything existed, God already was. He created time, space, and matter, yet He exists beyond them. If God had a creator, that creator would actually be God. The Bible teaches that God alone is the eternal, uncreated Creator who gives existence to everything else.

Scripture: Genesis 1:1; Psalm 90:2

Preschool Highlights

Today your child began learning **God Made Everything**. The Bible teaches us that God has always existed. There was only darkness, so God made light on the first day of Creation. Through His words, God did this and then He separated the two into day (light) and night (darkness). On the second day of Creation, God made the heavens and the sky.



Parents and grandparents have a unique opportunity to help the next generation understand their identity and worth. Children who understand they and others are made in God's image are better equipped to resist messages that tie their value to appearance, achievement, or popularity.