

WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2023



PREPARE 



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

TALK TOGETHER

TELL ME ABOUT THE BEST BOOK YOU HAVE EVER READ. WHAT MADE IT SUCH A GREAT STORY?

Sometimes, when you hear someone read a book out loud, you can picture the characters or see the setting in your imagination. God is the ultimate storyteller; and in the Bible, we read the **true story** of how God created the world.

In the beginning, there was nothing, nothing except God, that is. There were no insects, no sunflowers and no planet Earth. But God has always existed. He made the pebble you kicked down the sidewalk and the air that fills your lungs. All He had to do was speak; and when He did, He created the most amazing things! He created this Earth and everything on it, including you and me. **Let's read more about it! Can you help me find Genesis 1:20-26?**



 **TALK TOGETHER**
Family conversations with God's Word.

 **MORE TO EXPLORE**
Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.

 **THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET**
Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.

 **COLORING PAGE**
Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



AND GOD SAID, "LET THE WATERS SWARM WITH SWARMS OF LIVING CREATURES, AND LET BIRDS FLY ABOVE THE EARTH ACROSS THE EXPANSE OF THE HEAVENS." SO GOD CREATED THE GREAT SEA CREATURES AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE THAT MOVES, WITH WHICH THE WATERS SWARM, ACCORDING TO THEIR KINDS, AND EVERY WINGED BIRD ACCORDING TO ITS KIND. AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD. AND GOD BLESSED THEM, SAYING, "BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY AND FILL THE WATERS IN THE SEAS, AND LET BIRDS MULTIPLY ON THE EARTH." AND THERE WAS EVENING AND THERE WAS MORNING, THE FIFTH DAY.

AND GOD SAID, "LET THE EARTH BRING FORTH LIVING CREATURES ACCORDING TO THEIR KINDS — LIVESTOCK AND CREEPING THINGS AND BEASTS OF THE EARTH ACCORDING TO THEIR KINDS." AND IT WAS SO. AND GOD MADE THE BEASTS OF THE EARTH ACCORDING TO THEIR KINDS AND THE LIVESTOCK ACCORDING TO THEIR KINDS, AND EVERYTHING THAT CREEPS ON THE GROUND ACCORDING TO ITS KIND. AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD.

THEN GOD SAID, "LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS. AND LET THEM HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA AND OVER THE BIRDS OF THE HEAVENS AND OVER THE LIVESTOCK AND OVER ALL THE EARTH AND OVER EVERY CREEPING THING THAT CREEPS ON THE EARTH."

GENESIS 1:20-26



Wow! Look at everything God created in only six days! He not only created things like the sun and plants and animals, but He also made them out of nothing. He spoke them into existence with just His words. When I make something, I need materials like a pen and paper to draw a simple stick figure! But God made something as delicate and beautiful as a butterfly's wings from nothing!

Not only did God create everything, but everything was created for Him. We were created to bring glory to God! Some ways we do that include following His Word, living like Jesus and praising Him for His great works and goodness.

This week, whenever you think of your favorite animal, pause and remember our Creator made that creature and the things it needs to survive. **He masterfully created everything in this world for His glory — including you and me.**



GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: COLOSSIANS

This week's verse comes from the book of Colossians. Colossians is an epistle, or letter. This letter lists both Paul and Timothy as its authors. This letter was written to Christians in Colossae, and talks about Christ's power over all things.

OT-NT CONNECTION

While Genesis shares about the creation of our world, the New Testament has things to say about creation too! This week's memory verse comes from a passage that talks about why we were created. **Let's read about it in Colossians 1:13-17.**

- Who were all things created through and for?
- How can you glorify Christ in your everyday life this week?

DID GOD CREATE EVERYTHING IN ONLY SIX DAYS?

Yes! That is what the Bible tells us in **Genesis chapter 1**. To a human, this may seem impossible, but our God is not human. He is all-powerful, and His Word is never wrong (**John 17:17**). Earth was not created from an explosion billions of years ago. We serve an incredible God who spoke our world into being in six literal days.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT I WAS CREATED FOR GOD?

We are God's creation, and He loves us. He desires a relationship with us. He does not need our praise. But He, our Creator, is deserving and worthy of our praise. Psalm 150 calls for every breathing thing to praise the Lord.

JOURNAL

In a journal or notebook, create a piece of artwork using your fingerprints. Create flowers, raindrops and more using your finger and an inkpad or marker! No one else has your fingerprint, and there is NO ONE and NOTHING else like our God!

READ

When was the last time you read about how God created the world? Take a moment and read through all of Genesis chapter one. What day of creation is your favorite and why?

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

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♥ MEMORIZE

*FOR BY HIM ALL THINGS
WERE CREATED, IN
HEAVEN AND ON
EARTH, VISIBLE AND
INVISIBLE, WHETHER
THRONES OR
DOMINIONS OR RULERS
OR AUTHORITIES —
ALL THINGS WERE
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AND FOR HIM.*

COLOSSIANS 1:16

Q: HOW WERE THE WORLD
AND EVERYTHING IN IT
CREATED?

A: THROUGH HIM AND
FOR HIM.

FIND

This week's verse is found in the book of Colossians. Help your child find the book of Colossians. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

SHARE

Share about something in God's creation that takes your breath away every time you encounter it. Invite your kids to do the same.

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY

DEAR LORD, THANK YOU
FOR YOUR WONDROUS
CREATION. THANK YOU FOR
CREATING OUR WORLD,
AND SPECIFICALLY [INSERT
CHILD'S NAME], WHO
BRINGS JOY TO MY LIFE.
YOU ARE GOOD, AND WE
LOVE YOU. AMEN.

CREATE

Help your children create a cartoon strip or stop-motion video of the six days of creation. (They can include day 7, as well!) Encourage them to show as many details as possible!

BUILD

Our God is a master artist, and we are made in His image!

Help your child to make a new creation — or at least something they have never made before! This creation could be made through digital design, woodworking, baking, crafting or some other means.

DRAW

Provide your child with paper and markers or crayons and invite them to draw one of their favorite things God created. This could be an animal, a plant, a type of food or something else!

SING



Listen to this playlist throughout this series to celebrate God's Big Story!

*SCAN HERE TO LISTEN
WHEREVER YOU ARE!*



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NAME: _____