



GOD *Alone*

PREPARE 



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

TALK TOGETHER

DO YOU REMEMBER THE DAY YOU WERE BORN? YOU PROBABLY CAN'T BECAUSE YOU WERE SO YOUNG, BUT GOD REMEMBERS!

A birthday is a beginning. We celebrate them every year because they represent our gift of life. God formed each of us. He created our family so we could live and grow together. He knows what will happen every day of our life, and He knows how long we will live.

I know this is a really sad thought, but none of us will live on Earth forever. Just like a birthday is a beginning, death is an ending. When someone dies, we remember their life with a special service called a funeral. We feel joy when we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, and we feel sadness when we remember the people who are no longer with us.



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.



God is the only one Who always was and always will be. He doesn't have a birthday and He will never have a funeral. God is **eternal**, which is a fancy way of saying He has no beginning and no end. **Moses wrote about this in Psalm 90:1-4. Can you read it with me?**

LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR DWELLING PLACE IN ALL GENERATIONS. BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BROUGHT FORTH, OR EVER YOU HAD FORMED THE EARTH AND THE WORLD, FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING YOU ARE GOD. YOU RETURN MAN TO DUST AND SAY, "RETURN, O CHILDREN OF MAN!" FOR A THOUSAND YEARS IN YOUR SIGHT ARE BUT AS YESTERDAY WHEN IT IS PAST, OR AS A WATCH IN THE NIGHT.

PSALM 90:1-4

What do these verses say about God? That's right! They say from everlasting to everlasting, God exists! When Noah sailed the sea in an ark, God was there. When Esther helped save the Jews from an evil man's wicked plan, God was there. When Paul traveled across many lands to share the Gospel, God was there. When you kneel beside your bed and pray at night, God is there!

God is not defined by time like we are. It's hard for us to understand that God has no beginning and no end. **We grow old, but God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.**

Jesus is God. He always was and always will be. When Jesus came to Earth as a baby, He was fully God and fully man. Because He died on the cross for our sins and rose again, we can have eternal life. **Because of Jesus, death doesn't have to be the end of our story.**

We may not remember the day of our birth, **but we can celebrate every birthday God gives us on this earth. Because He has always been and always will be God, we can choose to trust Jesus for eternity!**



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:

PSALMS

This week's story comes from the book of Psalms. The book of Psalms is in the Old Testament and is a collection of songs, praises and poems speaking to or about God. **King David wrote many Psalms, but today's Psalm was written by Moses and is tied to the story of the Israelites found in Numbers 14.**

WHERE WAS JESUS BEFORE HE WAS BORN AND WHERE DID HE GO AFTER HE DIED?

John 1:1 says that in the beginning, the Word, or Jesus, was with God and was God. Jesus is eternal. He has no beginning or end, and has always been with God and the Holy Spirit in perfect unity.

When Jesus died on the cross, His lifeless body was placed in a tomb. **On the third day**, God raised Him from the dead and then He ascended into heaven where He sits at the right hand of God (Acts 1:9-11, Hebrews 1:3).

OT-NT CONNECTION

John, one of Jesus' twelve disciples, lived his final years on the island of Patmos. While there, he received visions and a message from the Lord. He recorded what he saw in the book of Revelation. **Read Revelation 1:4-8.**

- How is God defined in verses 4 and 8?
- What do the terms "Alpha" and "Omega" mean?
- Does it comfort you that God is eternal?

IS CHRISTMAS KIND OF LIKE JESUS' BIRTHDAY AND EASTER LIKE HIS FUNERAL?

Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, death on the cross and resurrection from the grave are actual historical events. But they are only one chapter in His eternal story!

We celebrate Christmas and Easter to remind us of everything God has done for us through Jesus. But those days don't represent a birthday or funeral in the same way we use those words to describe events on Earth. Humans have a beginning and an end. Jesus does not.

JOURNAL

Write a poem or song of praise. Give thanks to God that He always was and always will be. Write about His involvement in human history and your family history. Tell God what you understand and ask Him for help with what you don't.

READ

Sometimes we hear the phrase "ashes to ashes and dust to dust" during funeral services. While this may seem a little strange, the idea comes from Scripture.

Read how God created Adam and Eve in Genesis 2:5-7 and 18-23. Then, read about the consequence of their sin in Genesis 3:19.

What do these verses say about the beginning and end of life on Earth?

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

WEEK OF APRIL 30, 2023

♥ MEMORIZE

BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BROUGHT FORTH, OR EVER YOU HAD FORMED THE EARTH AND THE WORLD, FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING YOU ARE GOD.

(PSALM 90:2)

Q: WHO ALWAYS WAS AND ALWAYS WILL BE?

A: GOD!

SHARE

Tell your kids about your spiritual birthday, the day you came to faith in Jesus Christ. Help them understand what it means to choose Jesus, and ask them if they would like to celebrate their own spiritual birthday by putting their faith in Jesus today.

FIND

This week's verse comes from the Psalms. Look for it together in the book of Psalms. What book comes before it? What book comes after it?

WATCH



Watch this week's Memory Melody video with your kids to memorize this week's verse!

PRAY

LORD, YOU ARE THE FIRST AND LAST, THE BEGINNING AND END. NO ONE ELSE ON EARTH OR IN HEAVEN IS LIKE YOU. I AM SO GLAD I CAN PUT MY TRUST IN YOU BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS WERE, ALWAYS ARE AND ALWAYS WILL BE. YOU NEVER CHANGE! HELP ME TO SERVE YOU ALL OF MY DAYS AND WALK WITH YOU HERE AND IN ETERNITY. AMEN.

RESEARCH

Visit your local library or search online to learn how birthdays are celebrated around the world. Remind your kids that God is eternal. We can celebrate that He has always been and always will be!

MARK

Draw a timeline with your child. Put creation at the beginning of your timeline. Next, help your child choose five or six important events that lead up to the present day. Explain that while we only live for a small amount of time in this world, God is eternal.

DRAW

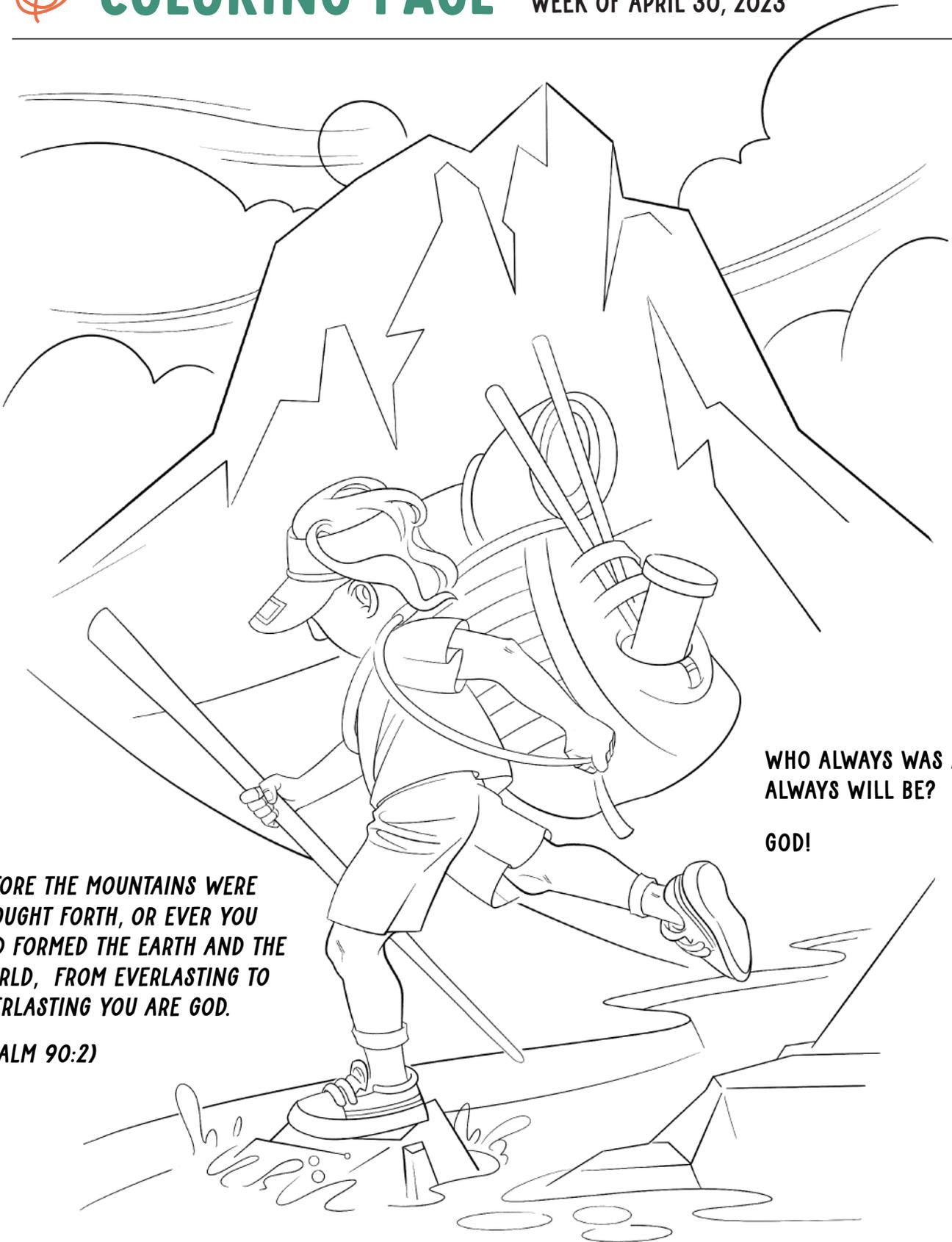
Fold a piece of paper in half to create two sides. On the left side, have your child draw a picture depicting creation. On the right side, have them draw a picture of what they think heaven will be like. At the bottom of the page, help them write part of Psalm 90:2: "From everlasting to everlasting YOU are God!"

SING



Listen to this playlist throughout the series to praise God and God alone!

SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!



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HAD FORMED THE EARTH AND THE
WORLD, FROM EVERLASTING TO
EVERLASTING YOU ARE GOD.**

(PSALM 90:2)

**WHO ALWAYS WAS AND
ALWAYS WILL BE?**

GOD!

NAME: _____