

Lesson 1: Creation Overview (Genesis 1)

brite* Idea: God is the Creator of everything

The first chapter of Genesis tells how God created the world from nothing, in six days. He created the earth, sun, moon, and stars; the light and darkness; the land and sea; and all the living creatures on the earth. He created man and woman, and He said it was good. God is the Creator; all things were made by Him!

He We Me Questions

This story helps us address 3 kinds of questions that kids may have. They are our He (God question), our We (people question), and our Me (purpose question) for this week.

- Our **He** Question about God: Why did God create the world?
 - We learned that God created the world to show who He is, and so we could be with Him.
- Our **We** Question about people: When did God start caring about people?
 - We learned that God cared about us from the very beginning, when He set His plan in action.
- Our **Me** Question about our purpose: How important should God be to me?
 - We learned that we can look at the details of creation and be amazed by all the things God created.

Memory Verse

John 1:3-4—**Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.**

Discipleship Conversation Starters For Parents

1: Sometimes people think Jesus didn't exist until He was a baby born in Bethlehem. What do you think?

2: If you could build anything outside, what would it be? Who would be with you as you build? Did you know the Bible tells us Jesus was with God before anything was created?

3: Think of all God created. If you got to choose, would there be anything you wouldn't want made? Why?

Encouragement for parents:

As parents we might occasionally say, **"Because I said so."**

God is the only one who said so and it actually was so. After creating life, God blessed mankind, and THEN He told them what was to be done. Why this order? Knowing you are loved regardless of what has or will happen gives the ability for one to fully become. As a parent you may feel tempted to give orders first and give your blessings second. If so, remember that God is available to help and guide you today, no matter what parenting situation you face.

God says so!