

God's Creation

Session THREE

TEACHING NOTES

God communicates to us

...through His Creation

The account of Creation

God's plan

...to create order from disorder

Day 1 - God said... (Genesis 1:3-5)

God's power

...has purpose and is good

God communicates

...His character through His Creation

- He is a God of order
- He is all-knowing

Day 2 - God said... (Genesis 1:6-8)

God's power

...has purpose

Day 3 - God said... (Genesis 1:9-13)

God's power

...has purpose and order

KEY THEME(S)

God communicates

... through His Creation.

... His character through what He creates (power, purpose, order, creativity, provision, goodness)

NOTES

Timeline of Creation:

God, Jesus, Holy Spirit & the angels present.

Earth exists in a dark, formless, and disordered state.

God created light – separated from darkness, calling them day and night.

God puts space between the water of earth and the water of heaven - names the space sky.

God assigns water specific boundaries on the earth. God calls the dry ground land and the water seas. God speaks into existence trees, plants and all vegetation on the land.

God creates the sun, moon and stars.

God creates sea life and birds.

God creates animals.

God creates man in His image.

He saw that everything was good and He rested.

Day 4 - God said... (Genesis 1:14-19)

Psalm 19:1

God's power
...has purpose and order

God's goodness

Day 5 - God said... (Genesis 1:20-23)

God's power
...has purpose and order

Day 6 - God said... (Genesis 1:24-26)

God's power
...has purpose and order

What do we learn about God through Creation?

- To speak into existence what He did in **only six days** shows us He is all-powerful, all-knowing and has a plan and purpose for everything He does.
- He is a good God who can be trusted, is worthy of worship and capable of meeting all our needs.

PERSONAL STUDY**NOTES****Prepare your heart and mind.**

Begin your time with God by asking the Holy Spirit to quiet your mind and turn your heart towards Him.

Read Psalm 104:1-32

Write out a prayer to God, expressing your awe for what He has created.

Watch Louie Giglio's teaching on Creation.

In your Internet browser type this address in the top bar:

<http://vimeo.com/44485152>

If you need to watch this on a DVD you can check one out at the Info Center. Please return it in a timely manner for others to use.

Experience God's Creation.

Go for a walk or find a place to sit and soak in God's Creation.

As you marvel at what He has done, tell Him how wonderful and amazing He is.

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PARENT GUIDE

Perhaps no story better portrays God's power than the account of Creation. The idea of God speaking the universe into existence can be more than a "mind-full" for adults to comprehend. But children accept it at face value — they don't have any trouble believing in a big God who can create big things.

You can teach a wide variety of lessons that revolve around Creation, such as learning about God's power or learning to respect and care for God's Creation. Creation is a fun topic! With stars and planets, flowers and trees, you can make talking about Creation interesting and fun for the whole family to experience. Here are a couple options to try out this week:

- **Nature Walk** (daytime option): During the fall season we experience God's creativity as leaves change colors. Take a family walk in the woods, a park or your backyard. Collect different leaves and nuts that have fallen from the trees and discover how each is uniquely made. Talk about how God created trees and other plant life to reproduce themselves. The leaves have to fall off the trees in order for new growth to happen in the spring. Bring your Bible with you and read Genesis 1:11-12 together.
- **Star Gaze** (nighttime option): Pick a night this week when the skies will be clear. Grab a blanket, Bible, and flashlight. Go outside in your yard and lay on the blanket together. Spend time looking at the stars, planets and the moon. MARVEL at it! Talk about how God created the stars just by speaking them into existence. Talk about God's power and creativity. He created all this for His Glory. Use your light and have someone read Psalm 19:1. (You could even challenge each other to memorize this verse.)