

## LESSON 1:

# He Created Everything!

**Memory Verse:** ‘Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.’ John 1:3

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### Connect:

Welcome the kids, introduce yourself, and tell them something about yourself. (Today, mention your favorite sport to play) Have the children tell three other people their favorite sport to play.

Ask someone to invite the Holy Spirit to be with us today as we study the Word of God.

### Intro:

Today we are going to learn about our Creator.

Did you know that the bible tells us God created all things that were made? So everything from the trees, the sun and moon, the insects, birds, fish in the sea, things we can see with our eyes and things we can't, like the wind, they are all a part of God's creation! You and I are part of His creation. The bible even says that *(Romans 1:20) 'Ever since the world was created it has been possible to see the qualities of God that are not seen. I'm talking about his eternal power and about the fact that he is God. Those things can be seen in what he has made. So people have no excuse for what they do.'*

**So, basically it says, people can't say there is no God---because everything around you screams of a creator. There is your evidence-.**

Don't you ever wonder how nature ended up the way it did? It wasn't by chance. It was created! Did you know the average house fly only lives 14 days, but that doesn't limit their musical abilities---you see, houseflies always hum in the Musical Key of F Major. *(Have the kids HUM like a house fly)* Do you think that happens by chance, or do you think it is to bring glory to God? Did you know that no two tigers have the same stripes, and a tigers stripes aren't just on their fur they're also on their skin *(so if you shaved a tiger it would still have stripes—Hold up to tiger)* God's creation is amazing, isn't it? You and I are part of his creation. He created us for a purpose, each one of us for a reason.

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# Bible Study

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### **Bible Study:**

*Genesis 1:1-31*

Pass out the pictures of creation provided to different students in the class. *Read through the Creation story in Genesis 1. As you read through it, have the students holding pictures come to the front of the room when you read the section representing their picture. (Have them hold the picture up for everyone to see and remain standing)*

### **So what did God create?**

Everything that was created was created by Him.

The day and night, the sky, the oceans and lakes, plants, animals, the universe, and man.

### ***Name some things that man creates.***

Man creates structures (buildings/homes/skyscrapers) Boats, Technology, Vaccines, vehicles, things...

### ***What is the difference between what man creates and what God created?***

God creates things that are alive (that have lifeblood in them) out of nothing, whereas we create things from things that already exist.

God---created planets from nothing, trees from nothing, animals from nothing, etc...

People--- create planes from metal, furniture from wood, paper from trees, etc...

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# Going Deeper

## Seeking Jesus:

*John 1:1-5; Genesis 1:1,26*

Let's see if you can find Jesus in the creation story.

*Read John 1:1-5 (NIV) (teacher or student, or have them do it as individuals)*

*'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. 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 all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.'*

*(for upper elementary ages, have them underline or highlight the passage in their bibles.)*

*Who is the Word?*

the scripture says:

the Word was with God in the beginning.

the Word was God

through Him/the Word, all things were made

He is life and light to all mankind

His light shines in the darkness

***Can you figure out who the Word is?***

(Jesus) That's right, Jesus is the Word of God. Refer to John 1:14 (the Word became flesh)

It says Jesus was with God in the beginning. He made everything.

Let's look at Genesis 1: 1,26. It says in the beginning God created...

Then verse 26 says, " then God said, "Let **us** make mankind in **our** image, in **our** likeness..."

Did you catch that? God referred to himself as US, and Our.

Who was there with God? It was His Son, the person of Jesus. He created with the Father in Heaven.

Picture it like this:      God the Father----mastermind  
   God the Spirit-----Presence  
   God the Son -----The **Word**

You see, Jesus **spoke** the Father's design into existence!

## Altar Call:

Pray: Thank you Lord that you have always been and always will be. You were there in the beginning, you created everything that we see and don't see. Every living thing is from you. Thank you for creating me and loving me. Help me to see you when I look at your creation. Amen.

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# Encounter Time

## 1) PRAYER:

(Beforehand, have a bowl of cut of fruit and some paper cups and forks, as well as a picture of your pets)

God told man that he was created to rule over the animals and care for them.

First, we are going to pray for those of you who have pets to take care of at home. 'Lord we ask that you would make them kind and compassionate to their pets. We pray that they would be excited to feed them and give them water, to walk them and clean their litter box, etc. God help us learn to serve and love others as we serve and love our pets.

He said the plants were for us to eat fruit and vegetables. Now give each child a small cup of fruit. Have each child thank the Lord out loud for one fruit that they love. Now allow them to eat and enjoy, reminding them that God delights in your enjoyment of his creation.

## 2) PRAISE: Write a Thank You Card to God for His beautiful creation.

Materials Needed: construction paper, crayons, colored pencils, markers, foam stickers, other décor...

What to do: (put on some praise music in the background)

-Have the children draw and write the things they are thankful God created.

-Have them share what they are thankful for, by having them finish this sentence. "Jesus, thank You for making \_\_\_\_\_."

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# Encounter Time (continued)

### 3) **PROPHECY: HGVGame-** What is your favorite season?

In this hearing God's Voice Game, the children will practice listening to the Lord speak by matching the correct season with the correct person.

(Before you start the class, pick one or two people to come up and write down their favorite season of the year on a piece of paper.{Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer})

Invite the person(s) that wrote their season down to come up to the front of the class. Have them sit in a chair holding a bag or bowl.

Now, instruct each child to ask the Holy Spirit to show them which season the person in the chair wrote down. (spend 30 seconds-1min. doing this) (Remind them the many ways the Lord speaks to us, and that Jesus wants us to know His voice. He loves to play games with his children to help them learn to hear his voice.)

Once they think they got the right answer, let them walk to the front and pick up a slip of paper with the correct season on it. Then have them place it in the persons bag or bowl that they are holding.

Once everyone has had a chance to do this, Go through the persons bag or bowl, and see what answer they got the most. Then have the person reveal to the class what their favorite season is.

Did the class get the right answer? Remind them that this is only to practice hearing God's voice. The more we practice, the better we are at recognizing His voice.

### 4) **POWER: Healing!**

In the beginning, when God created us, He said He made us in His image. There was no sickness, disease, or any type of flaws. Since sin entered the world, we now suffer from such things, but Jesus' blood paid for everything on the cross. By God's power, we can be healed!

Lead a time of prayer for the sick. Have kids who are sick, or have any type of injury come to the front. Ask the child what they need to be healed of. (follow the five step healing pray guide provided in appendix. Make sure to invite other children up to participate in laying hands and praying over the sick. (this isn't a spectator sport!)

After you pray for those in the room, ask if there is anyone that needs to be healed (family or friend) that we can lift up in prayer today.

Thank Jesus for what he has done and is doing as he heals the sick today!

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# Time With God

## Lesson 1: He Created Everything

Use this as a 5 minute family devotion around the dinner table, or you can use it in your personal alone time with God.

**Day 1:** Read- John 1:3 'Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.'

-Thank the Lord for creating everything!

-Name one thing God created that you really enjoy. (family member, a pet, etc.)

*Prayer:* Jesus, thank you for all your creation. Help me to see the beauty in everything and everyone you have created. I want to see creation through your eyes. Amen.

**Day 2:** Read: Genesis 1:26 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'

-Think about what it means to be made in God's image.

-Is there something about you that you don't like? Ask God to take that feeling away from you and see yourself the way He sees you.

*Prayer:* Jesus I believe that everything about you is good. I believe your Word when it says I am created in your image. Help me Lord to see myself the way you see me. Reveal Christ in me. Amen.

**Day 3:** Read- Nehemiah 9:6 'You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry hosts, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything and the multitudes of heaven worship You.'

-Ask the Lord to highlight one part of this bible verse. What's the first thing that stands out to you? (highlight it or underline it in your bible)

-What about that part of the verse is interesting to you?

*Prayer:* Thank you Lord for your Word. Continue to reveal the truth about who you are to me as I read your Word each day. Amen.

**Day 4:** Read-Psalm 8:3-8 'When I consider the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you ordained; what is man that you take thought of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than God, and you crown him with glory and majesty!

-Think about all that God has created, and then think of this---He has made us special among all his creation, and he chooses to crown us with glory and majesty! That's amazing. You are not insignificant.

*Prayer:* Thank you God! You have given me a special place in your kingdom. Help me to see the plans and purposes you have for me. Amen.

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**Day 5:** Read- Psalm 139:13-14 'For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.'

-God didn't just create in the beginning. He created each and every one of us when we were being formed in our mothers womb. He has a purpose in creating you. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the way He feels about you. Now draw a picture or write down what you hear the Holy Spirit saying to you.

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