



THE CREATION

GENESIS 1-2

GOAL

- ▶ To communicate God's amazing power in creating the world, emphasize the divine origins of the universe and humankind, and draw out the implications for today.
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CHARACTERS

- ▶ **God:** He is the Creator of all.

Adam: He was the first man God created.

Eve: She was the first woman God created.

MEMORY VERSE

- ▶ **Genesis 1:1:** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
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OVERVIEW

- ▶ **Read Genesis 1-3:** In the beginning, there was nothing except for God. God created everything. It was very good because God declared that it was.



SUGGESTIONS

- ▶ The creation account allows for an exploration of God's mighty character, specifically His omnipotence, eternity, creativity, and omniscience. It may be helpful to emphasize these qualities of God as you discuss the creation. Regardless of your interpretation of the details and timing of creation, you can emphasize God's sovereign involvement.
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PRE-LESSON ACTIVITY

- ▶ **Clay Creations | *Supplies:* modeling clay or playdough.**

Have students spend some time creating something out of clay.

MEMORY VERSE MEANING

- ▶ **Read Genesis 1-3:** Before anything existed, God was there. Through His power, wisdom, and creativity, He created everything that exists on earth and in the entire universe.
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POST-LESSON ACTIVITY

- ▶ **Name that Animal**

Make a list of animals, but scramble the letters of each animal's name. Have children compete to guess the scrambled name of the animal. This activity can be done as a team competition or individually on pieces of paper.



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HOME

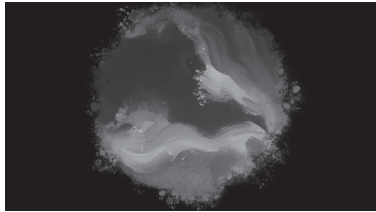
▷ God created the universe and everything in it, then He created humans in His image, and then He rested. The last thing God ever created was humans.

- 1.** God made us able to reason and make decisions. That is different from every other thing God created. While animals have brains, they are creatures of instinct, they do not have souls. Our ability to apply reason and make decisions shows that we were created in God's image.
- 2.** We were created to reflect God's goodness and holiness in the world. For a brief time, Adam and Eve were perfect and innocent. While we may still sin, we are forgiven and justified through our faith in Jesus Christ, whose sacrifice on the cross was done to atone for our sins. When we obey God, or heed the urging of the Holy Spirit, we reflect God's perfect image in which we were originally created.
- 3.** We were created for fellowship. God is three persons in one: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each aspect of God's person loves the others. When we make friends and spend time with our family, we are showing that we were created in God's image.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



Q1a: What existed in the beginning?

A1: Only God existed in the beginning.

Q1b: Who created God?

TN: No one created God. God has always existed. He is constant and unchanging. He is the same now as He was when He created the universe, and He will be the same for all eternity.

SLIDE 2



Q2a: How did God create everything?

A2: What God spoke came to be.

Q2b: What can you make that doesn't require any ingredients or materials.

TN: Let students think about this and provide answers. Discuss their answers and determine if they truly wouldn't require anything to make it. It is difficult for us to think of anything we can make that requires no materials, but God made everything that exists out of nothing.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 3



Q3a: How did God make man?

A3: God took a bit of clay from the earth, shaped it, and breathed life into it.

Q3b: If God created humans in His image, does that mean God has a body like we do?

TN: No, God does not have a form like we do; God is spirit. When the Bible says we were made in His image, it means that God created us to have mental, spiritual, and emotional characteristics that reflected His own.

SLIDE 4



Q4a: What was the one thing Adam was missing?

A4: Adam was missing a human friend—a wife.

Q4b: Why was it not good for Adam to exist alone?

TN: God is three persons in one: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit loves the Father. Together they are a community. Because God made man in His image, man was made for fellowship and community. When God saw that Adam was alone, it was the only time in the entire creation story that God said something in His creation was not good. He saw Adam's need and immediately created a solution.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 5



Q5a: How did God make woman?

A5: He formed woman using a rib taken from Adam.

Q5b: Why is life on earth so different from what is described in the Garden of Eden.

TN: Adam and Eve committed the first sin by disobeying God's one and only rule in the Garden of Eden. This one sin has rippled through every generation of humankind. To get us back to living in a world like the Garden of Eden, God sent His Son, Jesus, to die in our place to forgive us of our sins. Jesus promised to return to earth and finally establish His reign on earth, at which point, the entire earth will be made much like the Garden of Eden is described.



**MEMORY
VERSE**

▷ **Genesis 1:1:** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

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BIG IDEA

▷ God is so powerful, He created everything in existence out of nothing!

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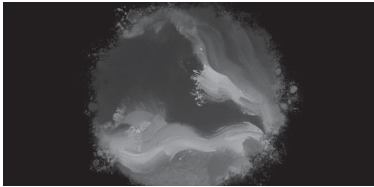
**CLOSING
PRAYER**

▷ Dear God, You were here before there was a here. You made everything. You made us. Thank You for Your power, wisdom, creativity, and love. Help us to know You and love You more and more. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.



LESSON TRANSCRIPT

SLIDE 1



In the beginning, there was absolutely nothing to see—no earth, no stars, no animals, and no light. There was only God.

SLIDE 2



God then decided to create a beautiful world to display His goodness and splendor. He just spoke the words, and it came to be—vast craggy mountains, soaring beautiful trees, crystal lake, winding rivers, and animals of every variety. He placed a massive sun in the sky, warming the earth during the day, and a moon to illuminate the night. It was a breathtakingly beautiful creation.

SLIDE 3



But God was getting ready for His greatest act yet: the creation of man. He planned to make man special, not like the animals; God created man in the image of God Himself. He took a bit of clay from the earth, formed man, and breathed life into him. God called the first man Adam. God made Adam like Himself—with a mind, creativity, wonder, and emotions, and He made him to be happy. God created man with a soul and morality.



LESSON TRANSCRIPT

SLIDE 4



Living in the Garden of Eden, Adam learned about all of the animals. He played with them and gave them each names. But something was missing from Adam's life. While it may seem that Adam had it all—a safe and wonderful place to live, millions of pets of every variety, fresh food, a clean new earth, and his friend, God—Adam was missing a human friend.

SLIDE 5



God put Adam to sleep, carefully took one of Adam's ribs, and formed woman. Now, there were people living in God's great creation. They were made for each other—to love each other, keep each other company, enjoy this beautiful world, and worship God. Life in the garden was beautiful and blissful. It was, quite truly, paradise. Adam and Eve had no worries. God had created them. He took care of them. The animals were peaceful and kind. They had all the food they wanted. They saw beauty wherever they turned. On the sixth day of creation, God looked at everything He had made and said it was good. On the seventh day of creation, God rested from all his work. Creation was beautiful, and man was in perfect harmony with God.