Lesson 2

Who is this God?
God is the creator of me and of all things.

Read aloud: Genesis 1:1

Recommended Illustration

Being God means being the very first, the very beginning. Before anything else could ever exist, God had to be there. Everything else had to have a beginning, but God is so big and so powerful that He has no beginning and no end!

If we could make a time machine that could travel back in time forever and ever, we would never find a time without God. In fact, eventually we would run out of time completely! Even then, there God would be.

Think about it this way, before there's an invention, there's what? (an inventor!) Before there's a play, there's what? (a playwright!) Before there's a painting there's what? (a painter!) Before there's a home-run, there's what? (a batter!) See how that works?

Everything there is had to come from something. But before anything else, and with no need for anything else, God is there: the maker-less Maker of you and all things.

Helpful Insights

God is before everything. He stands outside time itself as the maker-less Maker of you and all things. God is. Everything else exists. He is the only one in all of the universe who didn't need to be made before He could be. He is the only one who has never had to depend on anyone for anything.

After the above illustration of God's first-ness, you can move on to His maker-ness. This is shown in His creativity. It is truly endless, as demonstrated in the variety of creations to His name. The same God who created the duckbilled platypus also created the giant squid and the aardvark.

The same God who designs the intricate anatomies of the tiniest creatures also set in place the endless darkness of outer space. You'll have your own insights into the stunning variety of creations in the universe. Share your delight and wonder with the kids. Invite them into it with you!

The Point

God is 100% self-sufficient. He created all things out of his abundance, love, and generosity. With this in mind, we are equipped to wonder at God's greatness and give thanks for his provision. He is the only one wise enough, powerful enough, and good enough to make you and all things.

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Materials:
Before craft time, make a giant earth and hang it on the wall
(made from blue bulletin board paper with green shapes like
continents).
One piece of white construction paper for each child.
Markers or crayons.
Scissors
Glue
White index cards

Steps:
1. Before craft time, prepare the index cards so that they each have
different aspects of creation written on them. (ie., sunflowers,
camels, humans, birds, etc.)
2. Give each child an opportunity to choose one of the index cards.
3. Have them draw their aspect of creation on white construction
paper, color it, cut it out, and then add it to the earth using glue

The Point:
Point out that God made all these creations. Explain that we can
see how great God is by
noticing the amazing variety in the kinds of creatures he create
has to try again. He gets everything right the first time

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Materials:
5 miniature flash lights
black butcher paper

Instructions:
Turn all the lights out in the room, and have the kids wait outside the classroom. You will want to have blacked out the windows with butcher paper before they come in.

Hide the miniature flashlights all around the room, and instruct the kids to enter the room and make light. Do not give any further instructions, and if they ask any questions, simply respond: "Your instructions are to make light."

Post an adult at all the light switches and let the kids know that these are "out of order." Also, make sure there are no safety hazards, and instruct the kids to feel their way around the room.

They do not know it, but they will need to find the flashlights, recognize them, and turn them on in order to make light--all this without knowing there are any flashlights to be found.