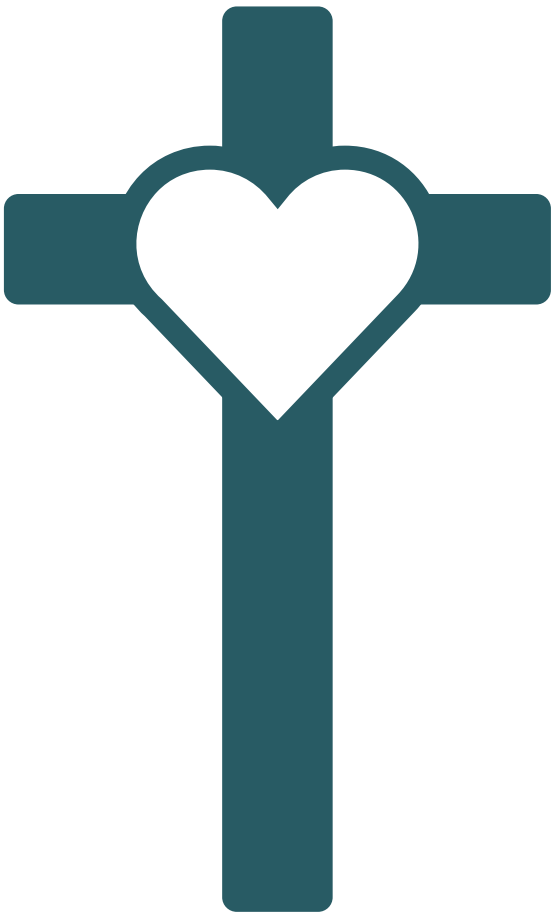
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GOD CREATES AND GIVES LIFE

Genesis 1–2

UNIT 1 | LESSON 1

God Creates the World!

You are the reporter. Use the graphic organizer below to write the story of the beginning of time. Use the first two chapters of Genesis along with the verses listed below to help you with your research.

Who creates? **Genesis 1:1–2; John 1:1–3**

When did He create? **Isaiah 40:21**

What was created?

Day 1:

Day 2:

Day 3:

Day 4:

Day 5:

Day 6:

Why did God create? **Psalm 19:1–6**

Day 1: **John 1:4–5**

Day 2: **Titus 3:5**

Day 3: **Psalm 104:27–30**

Day 4: **Psalm 104:19–20**

Day 5: **Psalm 104:24**

Day 6: **Colossians 1:16**

How did God create? **Hebrews 11:3**

Where did God place humanity? Why? **Mark 10:44–45**

Covenant Connection

God created the world in a way that points to His plan for saving that world. As you review your work above, notice how each day of creation points to the saving work of Christ. He is the light of the world who saves through Baptism and provides the forgiveness of sin and salvation that is our greatest need. This Savior becomes the perfect image of God, and in Him we regain our status as beloved children of God.

What do we mean by *dominion*?

Read **John 13:1–17.** What does this account tell us about the dominion (rule) or lordship of Christ?

How is the dominion (rule) that we often see in society different from the example set by Christ?

Our Opportunity to Reflect God's Image

Fill in the boxes below with ideas about how you can reflect God's image through service and sacrifice in different areas of your life.

FAMILY

SCHOOL

NEIGHBORHOOD

NONHUMAN CREATION

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. *Hebrews 11:3*