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Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

**CONNECTION POINT:** All people are God's creation so we should welcome people into the church. **THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE:** Almost all churches start out well; they're focused on leading people to Christ, serving them, and helping them grow in Christ. Unfortunately, if we're not careful, the church can gradually drift from being Christ-centered to becoming inwardly-focused. Doctrine may not have changed, but how we live out the gospel can. It is wise to periodically do a selfcheck— as individuals and as churches—to ensure we remain a welcoming church focused on the gospel.



TITUS 3:3-11 Reality Check

### PRESCHOOL



#### **GENESIS 1:1-19**

**LIVE IT OUT:** Go outside on a nice day. Tell your child to look around and name some things that God made. Help your child experience the wonder of God's beautiful creation. In the beginning, God created the world. Everything was dark. God said, "Let there be light!" Suddenly the light began to shine. Now there was both light and darkness. God called the light *day* and the darkness *night*. This was the first day.

On the second day, God created a huge space above the earth. He called the huge space *sky*.

On day three, God made dry land. He gathered water into oceans,rivers, and lakes. God made plants and trees to grow on the earth. He created the plants and trees so that each kind of plant would have its own kind of seed.

Next God made lights to separate the day from the night. He made the sun to shine during the day and the moon and stars to shine at night. This was the fourth day.

God saw that all He had created was good.

KIDS



#### GENESIS 1:1-2:3

LIVE IT OUT: Is your child artistic? Does he like to do arts and crafts, music, or writing? Talk about some of the things he likes to make and how he makes them. What materials does he use? Emphasize that God created the world from nothing! No one is like our God, the Creator. In the beginning God made world. Darkness covered everything. God said, "Let there be light!" And there was light! God saw that it was good. He called the light *day* and the darkness *night*. That was the first day.

On the second day, God made the sky. .

On the third day, God made the waters form into rivers, lakea and oceans. He made dry land appear with many kinds of plants

On the fourth day, God put the sun, moon, and stars in the sky. On the fifth day, God filled the water and the sky with animals. On the sixth day, God filled the land with all kinds of animals.

Then God made people, His most special creation. He saw that everything He made was good.

On the seventh day, God stopped. He rested. God said that the seventh day was holy because He rested and stopped His work.

## STUDENTS

**THE POINT:** Our lives should serve to welcome others into the church.

- What makes you feel welcome in a new place?
- How have you personally experienced the kindness of God?
- In your own words, what is the gospel?
- How has the gospel made a difference in your life?
- How have you seen good works really make a difference?
- What steps can we take to redirect debates toward kingdom-focused conversations?

**LIVE IT OUT:** Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out in the Personal Study Guide.

Here are some ways you can encourage your students to live out their faith with Christ personally, in community, and in their culture:

- **CHRIST:** Discuss with your student ways that you have experienced Jesus and grown to love Him even more.
- **COMMUNITY:** As a family, consider some things you can do to better demonstrate God's goodness here on earth.
- **CULTURE:** How can you unite with those in your church and community in a way that positively impacts the people around you?