

LESSON 1 | God's Good Creation

Bible Basis: Genesis 1 – 3

Bible Verse: Genesis 1:31: “God saw everything he had made. And it was very good.”

Bible Point: Everything God made is good. I am one of God’s creations, and I am good too.

Resource: *The Beginner’s Bible*

- “The Beginning” (pages 7 – 13)
- “Adam and Eve” (pages 14 – 17)
- “The Sneaky Snake” (pages 18 – 25)

How to use This Page

This week, you can read the stories listed above in *The Beginner’s Bible* several times to help your child remember them. Use the Table Talk questions below to start a discussion around the dinner table, while driving in the car, or just about anywhere. The Living Faith activity is designed as a drama to help your child remember the Bible lesson. The Extra Mile provides interactive ways for your child to connect with the story.

TABLE TALK

1. Can you name some of the things God made? (*Light, sky, sun, moon, stars, fish, plants, animals, people.*)
2. What job did God give Adam? (*Name the animals, take care of the garden.*)
3. What rule did God want Adam and Eve to obey? (*Do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*)
4. How can you take care of God’s creation? (*Plant gardens, pick up trash, keep the ocean clean, etc.*)

LIVING FAITH

Have your child select one of the Bible stories from this week and act it out for you as you read the story aloud from *The Beginner’s Bible*. Provide your child with props, such as a toy snake (or even a garden hose), to act out the story. Better yet, go outside in your own yard or garden to act out the story surrounded by God’s creation!

When you come to the place(s) in the story where a Bible character speaks, instruct your child

what to say. If possible, have your child perform the Bible drama for other family members in person, via Skype, or using a video camera.

EXTRA MILE

- Talk about ways your family can care for God’s creation. If you have pets, this is a good way to reinforce the caretaker role. Feeding them, giving them water, walking them—these are all ways we care for pets. If you don’t have pets, your family might help clean up a neighborhood park, donate a tree, contribute to a group that helps endangered animals, or plant flowers in your yard.
- You might take your child on a nature walk to observe God’s wonderful creation. Head to a nearby park or arboretum. Point out birds you hear, the different types of trees you see, and the different shapes of leaves you find. If you can’t go for a walk, you might watch an age-appropriate nature show or documentary. Then have a time of prayer and praise God for his wonderful creation.
- To remind your child to obey God, you can sing the following song your child learned in class. Sing it to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”

*Adam and Eve did what’s wrong
 Did what’s wrong
 Did what’s wrong
 Adam and Eve did what’s wrong
 And so that made God sad.*

*God helps us to do what’s right
 Do what’s right
 Do what’s right
 God helps us to do what’s right
 He helps us every day!*