

**Large Group Leader:**

Time	Slide	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	1	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	2	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	3	Welcome kids  Collect the offering: For the Philippines, to buy a sink.	Offering bag
	4	Birthdays: none this week	
2 minutes	5	<p>Call to Worship:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Call to Worship</b></p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Who made the world and everything in it? <b>Kids:</b> God did!</p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Who made the sun, the moon, and the stars? <b>Kids:</b> God did!</p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Who made the animals, the trees, and the seas? <b>Kids:</b> God did!</p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Who made us and loves us so much? <b>Kids:</b> God did!</p> <p><b>Leader:</b> Let's worship God our Creator together!</p>	Bible
	6	<p>New City Catechism: Question and Answer #2</p> <p>Question: Who is God?</p> <p>Answer: God is the Creator of everyone and</p>	

		everything.	
	7	New song to learn the catechism	
	8	10,000 reasons Can do the whole song	
	9	Song: Thank you Lord for Making Me	
	10	Song: All Creatures of our God and King	
	11	Memory Verse: Galatians 5:22-23  But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.	
	12	Tell the story (see notes from story if you wish to tell it from here)  Also: Bags with items in it for each day of creation	
3 minutes	13	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
		Ask a few questions:  1) Did someone create God? No, God is infinite. What does infinite mean? Lasting forever 2) How did God create all of creation? With just his words 3) Did God like the creation he made? Yes, What did he say "it was good!" 4) What did God say that he created was very good? Humans 5) Why did God create? For his glory and our good.	

	14	<p>Another video: Questions from kids.</p> <p>Question is: How can one God make the whole world?</p>	
2 minutes	15	<p>Pray with the kids</p> <p>Thank you God for the example that Paul set for us to follow as we share the good news with others. Help us be brave like Paul and share the good news with others. Amen.</p>	
	16	<p>What's the Point?</p> <p>Ask kids if they are reading through scripture at home. They can pick this up at the check in center.</p>	
1 minute	17	<p>Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."</p>	





UNIT 1 | SESSION 1

# GOD CREATED THE WORLD

## GENESIS 1

### KEY PASSAGE:

Psalm 19:1

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Why did God create everything? God created everything for His glory and our good.

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus is Lord over all of creation. The Son has always existed. The Bible says everything was created by Him and for Him, and He holds everything together. All of creation exists to bring God glory.



## THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

# INTRODUCE the Bible Story

### 1 INTRODUCE THE SESSION (3 minutes)

Show the countdown video as you transition to introduce the Bible story. Set it to end as the session begins.

**SAY** 🗣️ Hey everyone! I'm so glad you all are here. Today is a very special day. Today we are starting a wonderful journey through the Bible. Did any of you bring your Bible with you today? **[Allow responses.]** The Bible is God's Word. He gave people exactly the right words to write so we could know everything we need to know about Him and everything we need to know about ourselves.

As many of you can probably guess, the best place to start any journey is at the beginning. So today, that is exactly where we will be—at the very first verse of the very first chapter of the very first book in the Bible. Genesis 1:1 says "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Everything that exists was created by God. 🙌

### 2 BIG PICTURE QUESTION (1 minute)

**SAY** 🗣️ That raises a very important question that we will be studying for a few weeks. **Why did God create everything?** God existed before creation, and He is perfect in every way. He has always been perfect in every way. God doesn't need creation, and creation cannot make God better; perfect means He's as good as good can be.

As we will learn, **God created everything for His glory and our good.** That means that God made all that He made for our benefit and to show us His own perfection. 🙌

### 3 REVIEW THE TIMELINE (1 minute)

Show the giant timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

**SAY** 🗣️ Although our story talks about the beginning, it's really only the beginning of God's creation. It is not the beginning of God, because God does not have a beginning. God is eternal, which means He has always existed and will always exist. When we talk about our timeline, it is a timeline of the story God is telling with His work in creation, not a timeline of Him.

Our first story on this timeline of God's one big story is called "God Created Everything." As you hear the story, pay attention to what we learn about God through His creation. 🙌



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### LEARN the Bible Story

#### 1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Genesis 1. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “God Created the World.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

#### GOD CREATED THE WORLD

**“In the beginning, nothing existed except for God. God created the heavens and the earth.** The earth had no shape, and darkness covered the earth. The Spirit of God was there, hovering over the waters.

**God spoke: “Let there be light!” What God said happened. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and He called the darkness “night.” Evening came, and then morning came. That was the first day.**

**God spoke again: “Let there be a space between the waters to separate them.” What God said happened.** He made a space between the water that was on the earth and the water above the earth. God called the space “sky.” Evening came, and then morning came. That was the second day.

**God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear.” What God said happened.** God called the dry land “earth,” and He called the gathered water “seas.” **God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth make plants and trees with fruits and seeds.” What God said happened.** Plants and trees grew according to their kinds, **and God saw that it was good.** Evening came, and then morning came. That was the third day.

**Next, God placed lights in the sky. God created the sun to shine during the day and the moon and stars to shine at night.** God gave us lights to shine on the earth, to separate day from night, and to help us track time in days and years. **God saw that it was good.** Evening came, and then morning came. That was the fourth day.

**Next, God made creatures that move and swim in the water. He made birds to flap their wings and soar across the sky. God saw that it was good.** God told the animals to multiply, and they filled the seas and the sky. Evening came, and then morning came. That was the fifth day.

**Then God made more animals—livestock, creatures that crawl, and wildlife—to live on the earth according to their kinds. When God said it, it happened. And God saw that all of it was good.**

Christ Connection: Jesus is Lord over all of creation. The Son has always existed. The Bible says everything was created by Him and for Him, and He holds everything together. All of creation exists to bring God glory. ✨

#### STORYTELLING TIPS

**Doodle It:** Display a dry erase board. As you tell the story, draw simple figures to represent the different things God created on each day. Number the drawings and review them frequently with the kids.

**Call for active listening:** Instruct kids to listen for the word **good**. Every time kids hear it, they should give a thumbs up.





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### 2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

**SAY** 🗣️ The story of creation is told many times, and as a result we can sometimes take for granted how amazing it is. If we don't take some time to think about it, we might miss some of the lessons God wants to teach us. There are three really big ideas I want us to understand from this story.

God created everything from nothing. When people create art, we have to start with things that already exist. We cannot paint without using the colors that already exist around us. We cannot sculpt without using stone, clay, or metal to shape. We cannot play music without the sound of created things moving and vibrating. God's power to create is much greater than our power to create. He simply spoke and creation existed.

God created everything good. Each time God finished with a part of His creation He said that it was good. Again we see the power of God's words. God is perfect in all His attributes. Everything He created was good because He is good and declared His creation to be good.

God created everything on purpose. God made every single part of creation for a reason. God did nothing by accident or mistake. **Why did God create everything? God created everything for His glory and our good.** When God filled the sky and the seas and the earth with animals, He gave them the ability to multiply and spread His glory further and further. 🗣️

### 3 CHRIST CONNECTION

**SAY** 🗣️ Jesus is Lord over all of creation. The Son has always existed. The Bible says everything was created by Him and for Him, and He holds everything together. All of creation exists to bring God glory. Although everything was perfect in the beginning, we can look around and see that the world is broken by sin. That's why God sent His Son to become human. Jesus lived a perfect life, died the death we deserve because of sin, and rose again. Anyone who trusts in Him will have her sins forgiven and live forever with God. 🗣️

(Tip: Use Scripture and the guide provided to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.)

### 4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the "Unit 1, Session 1" questions from kids video. Prompt the kids to discuss:

1. Did someone create God?
2. What is your favorite part of creation, and why?

### 5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

**SAY** 🗣️ Many people around the world have never heard that God made them and loves us. God calls Christians to tell others about Him and about His Son, Jesus. A missionary is a follower of Jesus who is sent out to make more disciples for Jesus among the nations and peoples of the earth.

Sometimes the United States of America is shortened to just be called "America," but did you know that other countries are also part of the world we call "the Americas"? There's more than a dozen





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different countries spread across North America, Central America, and South America. Missionaries live in these areas of the world, sharing the gospel. 🗺️

Show the Americas on a world map. Then play the missions video. Close in prayer, asking God to open the ears of people in the Americas would hear about Him.

### 6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (10 minutes)

Show the key passage poster. Lead the boys and girls to read the passage together. Then use Sticky notes to cover a few key words. Challenge the kids to say the passage again, filling in the covered words. Continue covering words in this way until the kids are reciting the key passage from memory.

**SAY** 🗨️ The Book of Psalms contains written praises and prayers. A psalm is basically a song of praise. When we read a psalm, we are reading the lyrics of a worship song written thousands of years ago by God's people.

Psalm 19:1 helps us understand that God's creation exists to show us God's glory. King David wrote Psalm 19, and the first verse tells us that the heavens tell us about God's glory and goodness. 🌟

Lead the kids to sing "The Heavens Declare (Psalm 19:1)." You may also choose other worship songs to sing

### 7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning from LEARN to LOVE.

**SAY** 🗨️ Father, You are good and Your creation helps us see how much You love us. We ask You to move in our lives so that every moment is spent loving You and worshiping You. Help us be a part of bringing glory to Your name. Amen. 🙏

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**



