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## stories

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### Genesis 1-2—Creation

The Bible begins with the story of the origin of our world and all who call it home. It was not intended to be a scientific explanation about how it all came about, but to answer the questions about who was behind it all and what is our place in the world. But the Creation story, along with the beauty and design of all that exist, tells us a lot about God.

### Luke 1-2—The Birth of Jesus

The Bible tells one interconnected story, so it's appropriate that we read of the creation the same week we read about the birth of God's son Jesus. Both events are equally beautiful, worthy of celebration and announce a new beginning for humanity. And both stories tell us more about who God is.

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## thought questions

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1. If all you knew about God was what you read from the story of the creation of the world, what are some things you would learn?
2. In what ways do you think people are made in the image of God?
3. What do we learn about Jesus from what Gabriel said and how others reacted to his birth?
4. Luke says that, "Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.: (Luke 2:19) As you read the story of Jesus birth, what things do you ponder about or treasure in your heart?"

### Children's Corner

- ◆ Draw a picture of what you think the world and universe looked like after it was created. Remember all the things God created in six days and include something from each day in your drawing.
- ◆ Did you notice that there is a lot of singing in the story of Jesus' birth? Mary sang; Zechariah sang; the angel's sang — even Simeon sang. Why don't you make up a new song about the birth of Jesus and sing it to your family.