

# GOD'S BIG STORY



**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

A FEW MOMENTS TO PREPARE.

USE THESE ICONS TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE THIS WEEK'S LESSON



### TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



### MORE TO EXPLORE

Answers to kids' questions.



### THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



### COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



## HOW DID GOD CREATE ME?

Have you ever looked at a fascinating bug or a beautiful flower and wondered how God could make it so interesting?

Tell me about your favorite plant or animal that God created. What makes it so unique?

In the beginning, God made towering trees, lightning-fast cheetahs and crunchy orange carrots. He made the fiery, hot sun and the twinkling stars that light up the night sky. Think about all the marvelous things **God created!\***

Then God created people. When He created people, God made them **different from everything else He created\***.

Let's read about it in God's Word!

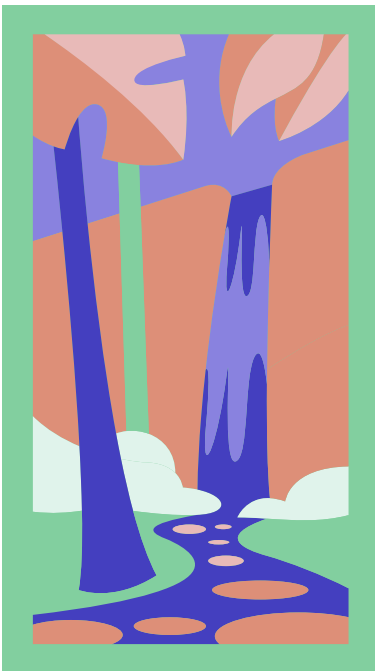
Can you help me find Genesis chapter 1, verses 26-28? Genesis is in the Old Testament and is the very first book of the Bible. (Bigger kids can read Genesis 1.)



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*THEN GOD SAID, "LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR\* IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS. AND LET THEM HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA AND OVER THE BIRDS OF THE HEAVENS AND OVER THE LIVESTOCK AND OVER ALL THE EARTH AND OVER EVERY CREEPING THING THAT CREEPS ON THE EARTH." SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM. AND GOD BLESSED THEM. AND GOD SAID TO THEM, "BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY AND FILL THE EARTH AND SUBDUCE IT, AND HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA AND OVER THE BIRDS OF THE HEAVENS AND OVER EVERY LIVING THING THAT MOVES ON THE EARTH."*

## GENESIS 1: 26-28



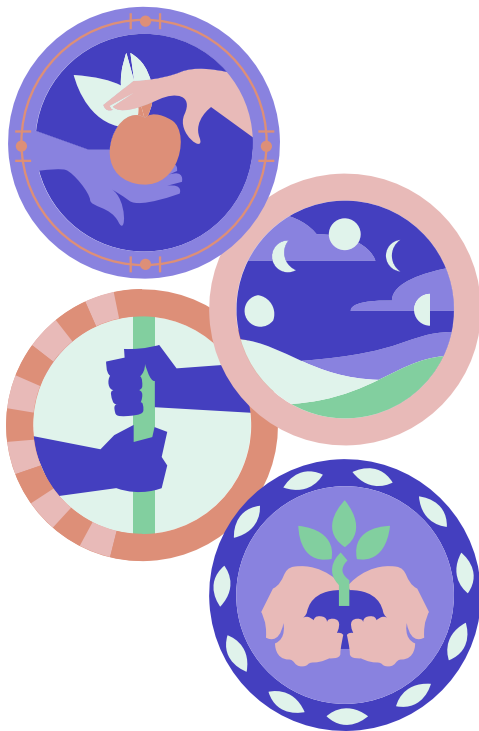
The first family, Adam and Eve, were created by God and lived in the garden of Eden. They were in charge of naming and taking care of the animals and working in the garden. They listened to God and spent time with Him. They had a perfect relationship with Him and with each other.

Did you know people are the only thing God created in **His image!\*** Being made in God's image means you are a unique reflection of God. God created people to be like Him, with the ability to share some of His attributes, or characteristics. In the book of Galatians, we are told some of the attributes God has given us. We can show these attributes to everyone around us so they can see how great God is! **Can you help me find Galatians 5:22-23? Galatians is in the New Testament and is a letter written by Paul to a church in Galatia.**

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***BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL; AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.***

### **GALATIANS 5:22-23**



Just like a mirror reflects your image when you look in it, you can reflect God's image to others when they look at you! As you treat others with love, joy, peace, patience and kindness, you will show them a beautiful reflection of who God is. As you grow in faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, you will become more like your Creator.

God intentionally created you in His image, and you can reflect His image to others. You are part of God's Big Story!

END OF TALK TOGETHER \_\_\_\_\_

# ★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

WEEK OF MAY 01, 2022

## ♥ MEMORIZE

*"...GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM."*

**GENESIS 1:27**

**Q:** HOW DID GOD CREATE ME?

**A:** GOD CREATED ME IN HIS IMAGE.

## SHARE

Share with your children a time you were able to reflect God's image to someone around you. Help your child see the importance of showing others how great our God is!



## PRAY

HELP YOUR CHILDREN PRAISE GOD FOR HIS CREATION! ASK EACH OF YOUR CHILDREN TO TELL GOD "THANK YOU" FOR THEIR FAVORITE THING THAT GOD CREATED.

## DRAW

Have your child draw a picture of your family. Encourage them to include as many details as possible. Remind your child that God made your family and made each person in His image.

## CREATE

Encourage your older children to create a cartoon strip of the six days of creation. (They can include day 7 as well!) Encourage them to show as many details as possible! Remind them of God's amazing creation!

## FIND

God uses His creation, including the sun, animals and even plants, to bring glory to Him. Encourage your older child to look for an example of this in their Bible.

**HINT: NUMBERS 22, JONAH 1, JOSHUA 10:13-14 ARE GREAT PLACES TO START!**

## OBSERVE

Find time this week to take a walk with your children and observe God's creation. Talk about how creative God was when He made the world around us. You can walk around your neighborhood or a metro park, or even go to the zoo!

**ON THE GO? MAKE OBSERVATIONS AS YOU DRIVE IN THE CAR!**



SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!

## SING

Listen to this playlist throughout this series to sing about God's Big Story.

**Talk About**



## **MORE TO EXPLORE**

### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT**

#### **HOW GOD CREATED ME?**

God created you in His image. He made you unique. The Bible says we can praise God because we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14). The Bible also tells us about our identity. As followers of Jesus, our identity is “child of God.” John 1:12 says “But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” When we are children of God, we will love and obey our good Father. Since God is our Creator, we can look to His Word to answer our questions about how He made us and wants us to live.

#### **HOW WAS THE WORLD CREATED?**

Sometimes you may hear, “Humans evolved out of nothing over billions of years.” But what does God’s Word say about this? The book of Genesis tells us how God created the world. In chapters 1 and 2, we read God created the world in six days (and rested on the seventh day), not over billions of years! God’s Word also says God spoke His creation into existence! God created the world and everything in it with

His words! Romans 1 tells us God shows His eternal power and divine nature to us through His creation. When we see the world around us, we don’t need to wonder how it got here. Instead, we can praise God for His “very good” creation.

#### **WHY DOES GENESIS 1 SAY GOD MADE US IN “OUR” IMAGE?**

In Genesis 1:26 the Bible says, Then God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Who else was with God the Father when He created the world? In the book of John, chapter 1, we learn Jesus, God the Son, was with God when He created the world. Before Jesus came to earth as a baby, He lived in heaven with God. Read John 1:1-4. Anytime you see the word “Word” in this passage, it is referring to Jesus, God’s Son.

#### **IF GOD CREATED US IN HIS IMAGE, WHY DO WE SIN?**

Next week, we’ll cover the next chapter of God’s Big Story: the Fall, and discover how sin changed God’s perfect creation.



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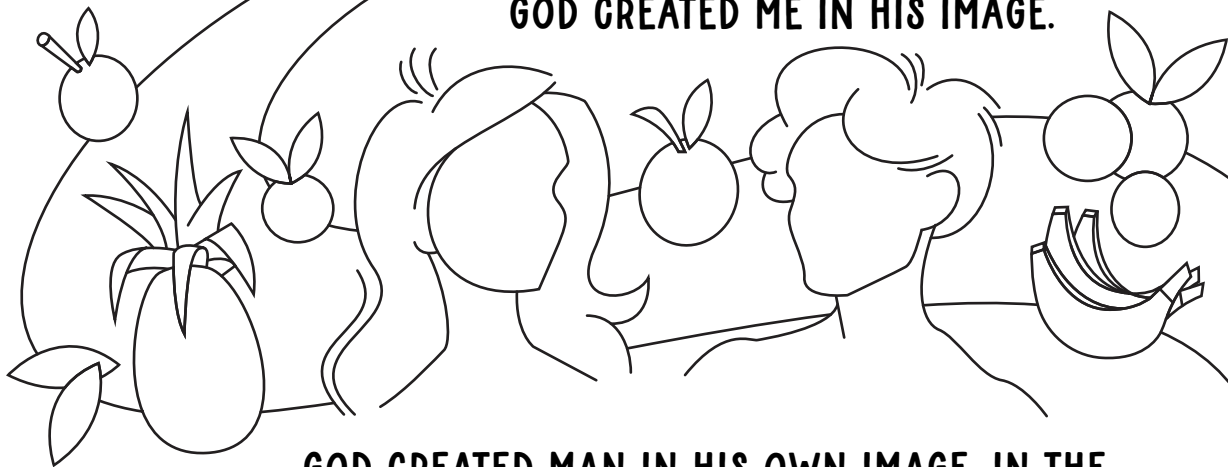


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