



Creation



This week we look at the amazing power of the God who created the universe. We will see that the world we live in is a reflection of the Creator.

Day #1: In the Beginning

Think of your favorite movie. How does the movie begin? The beginning of a movie tells a good bit about what the viewer has to look forward to. It shows the setting and introduces the characters. The beginning of a good book does the same thing.

The first book in the Bible is called Genesis. Genesis means beginning. It tells about the beginning of the world and of mankind. The book of Genesis tells us the beginning of **our** story. It is **not** the beginning of God! When the world began, God was **already there** (John 1:1). The Bible tells us that God has always existed. Nehemiah 9:5 says, "He lives from everlasting to everlasting."

Have you ever seen a store that boasted it sold "everything from A to Z"? We all understand what that means. The storeowners are saying they have everything you need. The following verse was originally written in the Greek language. **Alpha** is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and **Omega** is the last letter. Read how God describes Himself:

+ *I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega** - the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the One who is, who always was, and who is still to come - the Almighty One."* - Revelation 1:8 NLT

The equivalent in English would be like saying, "I am everything from A to Z." There is nothing and no one that has ever been, or will ever be, greater than our God. Everything that exists comes from Him. He always was, He never changes, and He will always be (Psalm 102:27). This amazing God created you and He wants you to know Him!

***** There is only thing that we can see that has no beginning and no end. Go outside and look out into the sky. It never ends. (It is hard to imagine that there is no end to the universe, but if you think there is an end, what would be on the other side?) As you gaze into the endless sky, praise God because He has no beginning and no end.

Day #2: Great Power

Pretend your teacher at school announced that you had a big project coming up. She wanted you to build a model of the solar system. You would have to include the sun and all of the planets that circle around it. One of your first questions would be, "What should we use to make it?" You would need to know if she expected you to use clay, paper-maché, or Styrofoam. What if your teacher said, "Use nothing"? Wow. No teacher would expect that from her students. But that is just what the Creator of the universe did.

+ *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.* - Genesis 1:1

The Hebrew word used for created is **Bara**. This word is only used when God is doing the creating. It means to create with great power. God created all that we see out of what cannot be seen (Hebrews 11:3).

This teaches us something about God. God is powerful. He can do what no one else could ever do. The Bible addresses God as, "the LORD All-Powerful" (Jeremiah 32:18 CEV), and "God Almighty" (Genesis 17:1).

God used His power to make the earth. His wisdom set the world in place. His understanding spread the heavens out. - Jeremiah 10:12

It should not surprise us that even God's voice is powerful (Psalm 29:4).

God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. - Genesis 1:3

God simply spoke, and things happened! Six more times in Genesis 1, God spoke and creation obeyed. Nothing in nature ever refused God's powerful commands. Then God spoke to His creation. He commanded all the living creatures to be fruitful and have little ones to fill the new world.

***** Open your Bible to Genesis 1 and underline all the times you see the words "God said." Look around outside and know that all of creation came into existence through God's powerful voice.

Day #3: God is Good

List some of your favorite things in creation, and give a word that describes each thing. For example: The ocean is powerful. Kittens are adorable. Let's look at how God describes His own creation.

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God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. God saw that the light was **good**. - Genesis 1:3-4a

After God gave boundaries to the oceans by gathering the water together and calling forth the dry land, the Bible says, "And God saw that it was **good**." (Genesis 1:10b)

After God spoke to create the plants, the sun and moon, the sea creatures, the birds of the air, and all the wild animals, "God saw that it was **good**." (Genesis 1:12, 18, 21, 25)

And after God made man, the crowning jewel in His amazing masterpiece (Genesis 1:26), He looked over all of His creation.

God saw everything He had made. And it was **very good**. - Genesis 1:31a

The phrase "it was good or very good," is repeated seven times in Genesis 1. Clearly, everything that came from the hand of God was good. And what does the Bible tell us about God, Himself?

Give thanks to the Lord, because **He is good**. - 1 Chronicles 16:34a

The Lord is honest and **good**. - Psalm 25:8a

As we look at the good things God fashioned, we can see just a glimpse of how truly good God is.



Hold this message up to a mirror and read it.

Praise the Lord, because
He is good. - Psalm 137:3

Remember that God's beautiful creation is a reflection of His goodness.

Day #4: Seeing the Invisible

Look around the room and list 3 things you can see. Of course, some things are invisible. Can you list some things that you can't see? Some examples are air, sounds, and emotions. These things are just as real as the things you can see. How do we know they are real? We can see evidence or proof of these things.

We see evidence of love through hugs and kisses of a mom or dad, and through wedding vows that last a lifetime. We see evidence of kindness through someone holding the door for someone else, or taking a meal to a sick friend. We see evidence of generosity by a person giving money to a family in need, or people going to rebuild a home that was destroyed in a hurricane.

Another thing that we cannot see is God. The Bible tells us that God is spirit (John 4:24). He does not have a body that we can see (John 1:18). God has many

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characteristics that we cannot see. God is loving, merciful, powerful, all-knowing, and just (Psalm 144:2, Daniel 9:9, Joshua 4:24, 1 John 3:20, Isaiah 30:18). God wants people to know Him. That's why He created the world. The awesome world that we **can see** gives evidence of the characteristics **we can't see**.



For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, **they can clearly see His invisible qualities** - His eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. - Romans 1:20 NLT



With your parent's permission, look up pictures of the Grand Canyon at: <http://www.nps.gov/archive/grca/photos/> What do these photos show you about God's unseen qualities? (He is HUGE, powerful, creative...) This week, look for things in nature and think about God's unseen qualities that He reveals through His creation.

Day #5: Faith in Something

There is great debate about the creation story. People who do not believe in God do not believe that there is a powerful Creator who made the world we live in. But down deep, everyone longs for an explanation. So people have come up with different theories about how the earth came to be. The most popular theory states that random matter came together totally by chance to create the earth and all the life that is within it. It states, basically, that order came from chaos. This is never the case. It would be impossible for just the right mix of just the right ingredients to come together and form life. Even with all of the knowledge and technology of our day, the greatest scientists and doctors cannot create life (1 Timothy 6:13a).

In a court of law, some of the strongest proof, or evidence, is a witness. A witness is a person who saw the event take place. However, in creation, there was no human witness who saw how the world was formed. No person was there who can tell us exactly what happened. Because there was no witness, no video, and no camera, we must each form our opinion of how the world began by believing in something we cannot see. This is **having faith** in something. Many people decide to place their faith in a theory that men thought up. Christians place their faith in the Words handed down to man by God Himself.



You are the one and only Lord. You made the heavens. You made even the highest heavens. You created all of the stars in the sky. You created the earth and everything that is on it. And You made the oceans and everything that is in them. You give life to everything. Every living being in heaven worships you. - Nehemiah 9:6



Be certain of this: No matter what a person decides to believe about how the world came to be, he is placing his **faith** in *something*. Will you place your faith in the opinion of men, or in the revealed Word of God?