5TH – 6TH GRADE · TEACHING PAGES · GENESIS 1:1-2:3; GENESIS 2:4-23

God Makes Everything

Everything was made through Jesus and for Him, so all of life can be worship.

PRINCIPLE: WORSHIP · We worship God because He made everything, including us, and all He made shows how great and good He is.

Creation **God made it**	Fall We broke it	Redemption Jesus fixes it	Restoration Jesus makes it new

MEMORY VERSE

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Genesis 1:1 BSB

START HERE

Hold up a book (any book). Ask, "Can you tell anything about an author just from the first sentence of their book?" Then read Genesis 1:1 aloud and ask, "If this is the first sentence of the whole Bible, what does God want us to know first?"

Bible story 10 min

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." The Bible doesn't start by arguing that God exists. It starts with God already there, before time, before space, before anything.



DASCH DIGS UP…

The Hebrew word for "create" in Genesis 1:1 is **bara** (bah-RAH). In the Old Testament, it's only ever used for what God does. People make things; only God creates like that. Genesis 1:1

The earth was "formless and void," dark and covered in water, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Then God spoke, and the darkness heard Him: "Let there be light!"

Light burst into being. Day by day, God kept speaking, and everything He spoke came to be. He separated light from darkness, the sky from the seas, and the seas from the dry land. He covered the land with plants that carry their own seeds.

Then He filled what He had made. He hung the sun, moon and stars in the sky, not as gods to be worshiped (as the nations around Israel believed), but as lamps to serve His world.

BIBLE TIMES

Not gods, just lamps

The nations around Israel worshiped the sun and moon as gods. Genesis doesn't even use their names. It calls them "the greater light" and "the lesser light," lamps that God hung in the sky to light the earth and mark the seasons (Genesis 1:14-16). The sun works for God. Only God deserves worship.

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He packed the seas with living creatures and the sky with birds. He filled the land with animals, each "according to its kind."

On the sixth day God did something different. Instead of "Let there be," He said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Male and female, He made them to reflect who He is, to rule over the earth like good stewards, and to know Him.

Genesis 2 zooms in on that moment. God formed the man from dust and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. He planted a garden in Eden, a royal garden, and placed the man there to work it and keep it.

BIBLE TIMES

A garden fit for a king

In Bible times, kings planted beautiful gardens with trees, rivers and fruit. Genesis says God Himself planted a garden in Eden and put the man there "to cultivate and keep it" (Genesis 2:8, 15). Work was part of God's good world from the very start.

Then God said the first "not good" in the Bible: "It is not good for the man to be alone." So God made the woman, and the man burst into the Bible's first poem: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh!"

God saw all that He had made, "and it was very good." On the seventh day He rested. Not because He was tired. The work was finished, and the world was exactly as it should be.

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Here's what most people miss. The Gospel of John starts with the **same three words** as Genesis: "In the beginning" (John 1:1). John is telling us who was there. When God said "Let there be light," Jesus, the eternal **Word**, was already there, and "through Him all things were made" (1:3). He wasn't created in Bethlehem. Then John says, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (1:14). The One through whom the stars were made entered His own world as a baby, not just to visit it, but to save it.

WORDS TO KNOW

Create: To make something new. Only God can make something out of nothing.
Image of God: Made to be like God in special ways, so we can know Him, love Him and show what He is like.
Eden: The beautiful garden God planted for the first people.
Sabbath: A day to stop working and rest. It comes from a word that means 'to stop.'
Worship: Showing God that He is the greatest and best, with our words, songs and lives.
Formless: Without any shape. At first the earth was empty and dark.

CHRIST CONNECTION · GOD'S CHARACTER

Jesus didn't begin in Bethlehem. He is the eternal Word, and everything was made through Him (John 1:3). That same Word entered His own creation as a baby, the Light of the world, not just to visit it but to save it.

John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16; John 8:12

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Talk about it

1. What's different about how God made people compared to everything else?
   Answer help: God said 'Let us make man in our image,' formed the man by hand and breathed life into him (1:26-27; 2:7).
2. Why do you think Genesis calls the sun and moon 'the greater light' and 'the lesser light' instead of using their names?
   Answer help: Other nations worshiped them as gods. Genesis shows they're just lamps God made.
3. Colossians 1:16 says all things were made through Jesus 'and for Him.' What would it look like to do your schoolwork, chores or sports 'for Him'?



Ellie Asks: Think It Through

1. Who is God? Who am I? Answer both questions using only Genesis 1–2.
   Answer help: God is the eternal, powerful, good Creator. I am made in His image, made on purpose, made for relationship with Him and others, and given good work.
2. Some people say humans are just an accident, no more valuable than anything else. How does Genesis 1:27 answer that?
   Answer help: People are made in God's image on purpose. Every person has dignity and worth.

Activities

Two beginnings 15 min

You'll need: Bibles, Pencils, Printed handouts

1. Read Genesis 1:1-5, then John 1:1-5 and 1:14.
2. On the handout, list every word or idea that shows up in both passages (beginning, God, light, darkness, made, life).
3. Answer - According to John, who was there making everything? What did He do later (1:14)?

Worship journal 7 min

You'll need: Pencils, Printed handouts

1. Write down three things God made that amaze you.
2. Next to each, write what it shows about God (Romans 1:20).
3. Finish with a one-sentence prayer of praise.

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Ellie's Lab Science experiment

Hidden colors in the light 8 min

You'll need: A clear glass of water, A flashlight, White paper

1. Fill the clear glass almost to the top with water and set it on a table near a sunny window (or in a dim room).
2. Lay a sheet of white paper on the floor or table beside the glass.
3. Shine the flashlight (or let sunlight shine) through the glass at a low angle. Move the light, the glass or the paper slowly until a small rainbow appears on the paper.
4. Ask, "Where did those colors come from? We didn't add any paint!"

Why it works: Plain white light is really all the colors mixed together. When light passes from air into water and back out, it bends. Each color bends a slightly different amount, so the colors spread apart and you can see them. Raindrops do the same thing in the sky, which is how a rainbow forms.

The point: On the very first day God said, "Let there be light," and His light was full of colors we usually can't see. Creation is packed with wonders hidden in plain sight, and every one shows how wise and creative God is (Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20).

Safety: Never look straight at the sun. Wipe up spills so no one slips.



Real life today with Theo

At school	When a lesson or a classmate says the world is just an accident, you don't have to argue or get angry. You can ask good questions, be kind, and quietly trust that the world has a Maker, because it does.
Online and on screens	Online, you'll see a hundred messages a day about how your body or face should look. God made you in His image and called His work "very good." His opinion is the one that counts.
At home	God gave Adam work before anything went wrong. Chores aren't a punishment; they're a small way to care for the world God made. Do one without being asked this week, as worship.

Sing and move

♪ **Indescribable** Modern worship song
♪ **How Great Is Our God** Modern worship song

Live It
This week, pick one ordinary thing you have to do (homework, practice, a chore) and do it "for Him," on purpose, as worship (Colossians 1:16; 3:23).

Pray together
Lord Jesus, everything was made through You and for You, including me. Thank You for coming into the world You made to rescue us. Help me worship You in everything I do this week. Amen.

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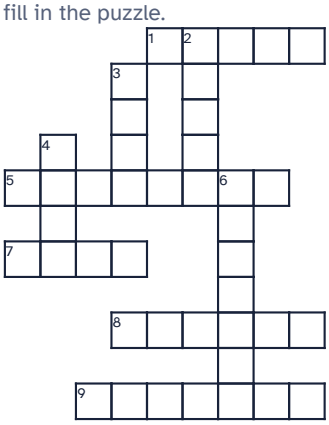
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Genesis 1:1

1 CROSSWORD

Use the clues to fill in the puzzle.



2 CLUES

Across

1. The first thing God spoke into being (5)
5. Without any shape. At first the earth was empty and dark (8)
7. The beautiful garden God planted for the first people (4)
8. To make something new. Only God can make something out of nothing (6)
9. Showing God that He is the greatest and best, with our words, songs and lives (7)

Down

2. People are made in God's ___ (5)
3. His name sounds like the Hebrew word for ground (4)
4. John's name for Jesus (John 1:1) (4)
6. A day to stop working and rest. It comes from a word that means 'to stop.' (7)

3 FILL IN THE VERSE

Use the words in the box.

heavens	created	earth	beginning

In the _____ God _____ the _____ and the _____. (Genesis 1:1)

Challenge: cover it up and say it from memory!

4 DASCH DIGS UP...

Did you know?

★ In Genesis 1, the words **"God said"** appear ten times. God made the world by speaking! Genesis 1:3-29

★ God looked at what He made and called it **"good"** seven times. The seventh time, He called it **"very good."** That was right after He made people. Genesis 1:31



5 TRUE OR FALSE?

Circle T or F.

1. Genesis calls the sun 'the greater light.' **T / F**
2. Jesus began in Bethlehem. **T / F**
3. God called His work very good. **T / F**

6 WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Theo's challenge (at school)

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THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE. (JOHN 1:3)

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TAKE-HOME PAGE · GOD MAKES EVERYTHING

Keep the story going at home

For grown-ups
Today we learned that **God made everything**, and everything He made shows how great and good He is. God made people in His own image, and He made them on purpose.

Ask at dinner: *What's your favorite thing God made? What does it tell you about Him?*

Memory verse: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

Ask your child

1. What's different about how God made people compared to everything else?
2. Why do you think Genesis calls the sun and moon 'the greater light' and 'the lesser light' instead of using their names?
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This week
This week, pick one ordinary thing you have to do (homework, practice, a chore) and do it "for Him," on purpose, as worship (Colossians 1:16; 3:23).
Read John 1:1-14 with your family. Talk about why John started his book with "In the beginning."

✂ Cut out the verse card and put it where you'll see it every day.

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Genesis 1:1

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Two beginnings

Read Genesis 1:1-5 and John 1:1-5, 14. List the words that show up in both. Then answer - Who made everything, according to John? What did He do later?

Word or idea	Where in Genesis 1:1-5	Where in John 1:1-5, 14

1. According to John 1:3, who made everything?

2. What did the Word do later (John 1:14)? Why does that matter?

3. John 1:5 says the light shines in the darkness. What darkness do you think John means?

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Worship journal

Write three things God made that amaze you and what each one shows about Him. Then write a one-sentence prayer of praise.

Something God made that amazes me	What it shows about God (Romans 1:20)

My prayer of praise

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