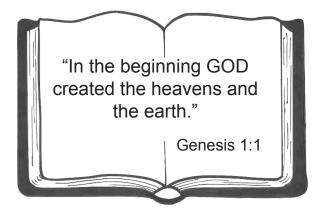
GOD is Creator

Beginning GOD'S BIG STORY





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"Teachable Moments"

OBJECTIVE: To recognize God's Creative power; He is an awesome God. We need to continue encouraging our children to worship Him for **who He is** and praise Him for **what He has done**. As a side note to remember: Creativity is a gift of GOD.

- Making Cookies: Prepare for this lesson by having your child collect the ingredients and follow a recipe to make cookies with you. Later in your discussion, this activity will provide a contrast to GOD creating out of nothing.
- Simple Truths In this lesson, you will discover more about GOD through the Creation Story. Continue the discussion and application of these truths as you sing or do the activities together.
- Activity Pages: These pages are not just something to do; they are intended to be learning opportunities, so enjoy them together. Follow instructions on each page.

#1 - PENTATUCH & GOD Revealed. . .

#2 - Days of Creation

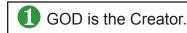
#3 - WORD Search & Star-Gazing

* Enjoy singing & Days of Creation learning together: My God Is So Big

Memorize together, Genesis 1:1 or any of the other selected verses for more challenge.

(Permission granted to make extra copies of coloring or game page for other children in the family as needed.)

Simple Truths



Who is the Creator?

--It doesn't get any clearer than Genesis 1:1:

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

Did all 3 persons possessing the character of GOD participate in CREATION? --- YES

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the <u>Spirit of GOD</u> was hovering over the waters."

(Genesis 1:1-2)

"Then God said, 'Let <u>us</u> make man in <u>our</u> image, in <u>our</u> likeness. . ." (Genesis 1:26 & 27): notice the plurality.

"For by Him (Jesus) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth. . . all things were created by Him and for Him." (Col. 1:16 & 17)

How did God make everything?

--We don't understand this, but the Bible says that God spoke and whatever He wanted. . . appeared. WOW! Read through Genesis chapter one with your child and look for this interesting pattern:

"And God said... And it was so."

- --Our God is amazing! When we make things, we depend on ingredients and a recipe like making cookies, for example. God depends on NO one and NOTHING in order to create. Hard to comprehend, right?
- --At this foundational level it is not important for your child to understand how long each day of creation actually was. There are different opinions. The product and the process of each day are the important things here.

Who would MAN be like?

--It is clear in these verses that it was God's plan to fashion man (Male and Female) similar to His own image. (This will be discussed in more detail in the next lesson.)

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our <u>image</u>, in our <u>likeness</u>...." (Genesis 1:26)



GOD has a Plan.

Are we part of GOD'S plan? -- YES

--GOD'S plan is an ETERNAL PLAN that involves the heavens and the earth, life of all types and even the very events to take place in what we call "Time".

Where can I find GOD'S Plan?

- --Much of His plan remains a mystery to us, but what He does wants us to know, we can find is in His WORD. That is the TRUTH that we SEEK.
- --You will notice attention given to the beginning of GOD'S BIG STORY in the Book of Genesis (beginnings). The PENTATUCH is the first five books, also commonly called the Books of the LAW. Occasionally reveiw this sequence with your child.



GOD has a Purpose.

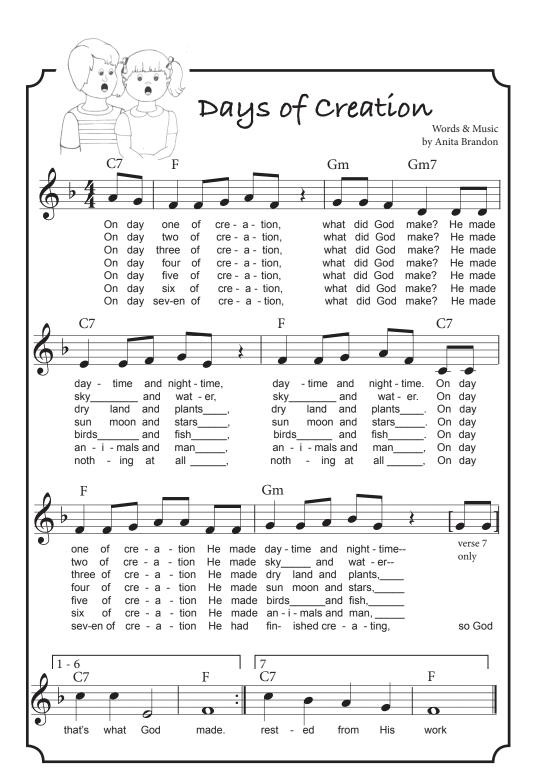
--GOD wants to reveal His glory in all that He created and all the events and experiences: EVERYTHING for His Glory! I would encourage you to read through Ephesians chapter 1 and get excited with your children. If it's there, they'll catch it from you.

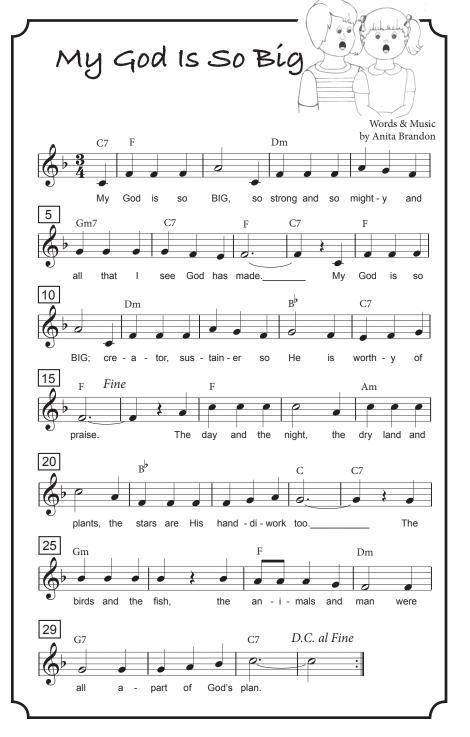
"Praisd be to the LORD God . . . who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory." (Psalm 72:18 & 19)

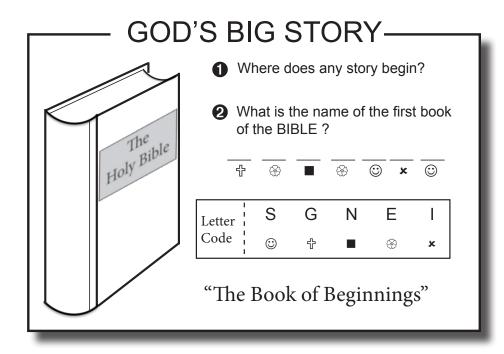


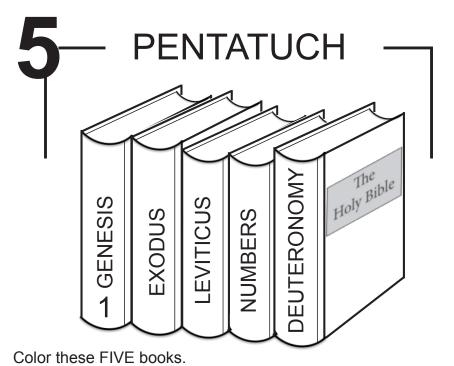
GOD has the Power

"...O great and powerful God, whose name is the LORD Almighty, **great** are your purposes and **mighty** are your deeds." (Jeremiah 32:18)









Say them aloud in order.

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What did GOD reveal about Himself in the CREATION story?

"Ah, LORD God, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and out-stretched arm." (Jeremiah 32:17)

"Great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds." (Jeremiah 32:19)

". . . What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that wlll I do." (Ephesians 1:11)

Circle every-other letter to find your answers.

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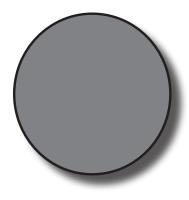
Days of Creation

"Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit of GOD** was hovering over the waters."

(Genesis 1:2)

Day

Day 2



Choices

- A. **Sky & Water** (Gen. 1:6-8)
- B. **Animals & Man** (Gen. 1:24-31)
- C. **God Rested** (Gen. 2: 2-3)
- D. **Day & Night** (Gen. 1:3-5)
- E. Dry Land & Plants (Gen. 1:9-13)
- F. **Sun, Moon & Stars** (Gen. 1:14-19)
- G. **Birds & Fish** (Gen. 1:20-23)

- O For each day of creation, what did God make?
- O Put the LETTER of your answer in the center of each earth picture.











WORD SEARCH

(Read & Write in the Word)

(Find and circle the Word)

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GOD'S BIG STORY, the Bible, reveals (tells us) His for all He created.
"And GOD said" means that GOD
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"For by Him (Jesus) all things were created: things in heaven and on earthall things were created byand for Him." (Colossians 1: 16 & 17)

Star-Gazing

Make more stars, color them and count them. Give them names, just for fun.















"Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these stars. The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, not one of them is missing." Isaiah 40:26

On a clear night, go out and look at the stars.

"In the, theand the (Genesis 1:1)
In Genesis 1: 24-26 we understand that GOD created many different kinds ofon the same day He created man.
"Let us make in our" (Genesis 1:26)
GOD created all things in Six
Why did GOD on day seven? (Discuss your answer with your parent(s).