

Week One – God is Creator - Overview

| Passage | Big Idea |
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| SS) Genesis 1-2 | God is creator |
| FBT1) 2 Corinthians 4:4-6 | God can shine light in our hearts |
| FBT2) Isaiah 40:26; Job 38:4-11 | Creation shows God’s power |
| FBT3) Job 40:15 – 41:34 | Creation shows God is different to us |
| FBT4) Psalm 139:13-15 | God made me |
| FBT5) Revelation 4:11 | God is worthy of praise because he created all things |

Family Bible Time (Day 1) – 2 Corinthians 4:4-6

| BIG IDEA | God can shine light in our hearts |
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| Bible Passage | 2 Corinthians 4:4-6 |
| Getting Started | <p>If I asked you to walk to the door and back – could you do it? <i>(If appropriate, get them to demonstrate)</i>. What if I asked you to close your eyes and keep them closed (no peeking!). Now could you walk to the door and back? <i>(If possible, get them to try)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: Was it more difficult with your eyes open or closed? Why?</i> <p>Sometimes we don’t like to be in the dark, because we can’t see what’s there. Have you ever got up in the middle of the night, maybe to go to the bathroom? It can be hard to find your way, because you can’t see where you are going. You have to put your hands out in front of you and feel where to go. And sometimes you run into things, and kick your toe on the door – which really hurts! That’s because you can’t see what’s there.</p> |
| <p>Finding Out</p> <p>1. We are all in darkness (v.4)</p> <p>2. God can bring light (v.6)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: When God created the world, what was the first thing he made? (light)</i> <p>That must have been amazing to see – God spoke and the darkness turned into bright light! But God has done something even more amazing then create light out of darkness...</p> <p>Read 2 Corinthians 4:4</p> <p>God says that everyone in the world starts off in darkness. The bible describes this as having minds that are blind. Our eyes can see things, but our minds are blind. That means that even though we can see with our eyes, there is something really important that we can’t <i>understand</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What does verse 4 say that we can’t see?</i> <p>We can’t see “the light of the gospel”, which means we can’t see that there is something wrong with us, and we really need God to fix it. This is bad news! It’s like we are stumbling around in the dark and don’t know what to do about it.</p> <p>But, God is very kind. He sees that we are in darkness, and he does something about it. Read 2 Corinthians 4:6.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: When did God say this? (when he made the world)</i> <p>When God first made the world, he said “Let there be light” – and the darkness turned into light! Now He does that for us too, in a different way.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: Where does God shine light for us now? (in our hearts)</i> Just like when he made the world and the darkness turned into bright light, now God shines light in our hearts. When he does that, the darkness in our hearts goes away and we can see and understand! We can see and understand the things that we couldn't see before, when we were still in darkness. • <i>Q: What does verse 6 say that we can see when God shines light in our hearts?</i> We can see God's glory. That means we can see what God is like and how amazing he is. When we see what God is like, we also realise that we do not live the way we should, the way God made us to live. We have a problem and we need God to fix it. |
| So what? | Without God, we are all in big trouble. Our minds are in darkness because we don't understand the most important thing in the whole world. Do you understand that you do things you shouldn't do, and you need Jesus to fix this for you? If you do, that's because God has shone light in your heart to help you understand. You can thank God that he has done this for you. If you don't yet understand why you need Jesus, then pray that God will shine light in your heart to show you. |
| Memory Verse | PSALM 145:1 <i>I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.</i> |

Family Bible Time (Day 2) – Isaiah 40:26, Job 38:4-11

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| BIG IDEA | Creation shows God's power |
| Bible Passage | Is 40:26; Job 38:4-11 |
| Getting Started | <p>If possible - go out and look at the sky. You could try and count the stars (if it is night time), or just note how big the sky is. Or else get the children to describe a time when they have been out at night and seen all the stars – what was it like?</p> <p>This week we have been learning about how God created the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: Do you remember what God made first? (light)</i> • <i>Q: What did he make after the light? (the rest of the world - the sky, and then the oceans and the land)</i> |
| Finding Out | <p>Imagine if you had been there when God made the world. He spoke and suddenly the whole of the sky appeared. Let's read a verse from the bible, from the book of Isaiah which talks about God making the sky.</p> <p>1. God made the sky and everything in it (Is 40:26)</p> <p>Read Isaiah 40:26 First, Isaiah tells us to do something</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: (older) What does he tell us to do at the start of the verse? (Look up at the sky.)</i> • <i>Q: (younger) What do you see if you go out at night time and look at the sky?</i> Isaiah tells us that God created the whole of the sky, and everything in it. • <i>Q: What's the biggest thing you have ever made?</i> <p>Well, God has made something much, much, much bigger! He made the whole sky! Not only that, he even made the sun and the moon and all the stars. The verse we just read tells us that God made and knows every single star in the sky. He spoke to each star and told each star to appear. He even knows all their names!</p> |

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| <p>2. God made the land (Job 38:4-5)</p> <p>3. God made the seas (Job 38:8-11)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Q: (older)</i> Look at the end of the verse – how was he able to do all this? God was able to make the sky, and all the stars in the sky because of his great power and mighty strength! <p>There is another part of the bible which tells us about when God made the land and the oceans.</p> <p>Read Job 38:4-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Q: Have you ever seen a house being built? What do you need to build a house?</i> To build a house, normally you have to measure everything carefully, lay down the foundations, and then build the walls and finally the roof. This verse tells us that when God made all the land in the whole world, for him it was as easy as building a house! God is very powerful! <p>It was the same when he made the oceans and the seas.</p> <p>Read Job 38:8-11</p> <p>God decided where the oceans were going to be, and then he spoke, and that is exactly where they went. God can even tell the ocean where to stop!</p> <p>Read v 11 again</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Q: Who is speaking here?</i> God spoke to the ocean. As the ocean came nearer, he held up his hands and said “Stop! This is as far as you are going!” Only someone very powerful can speak to the ocean and tell it where to go – and it obeys! |
| So What | <p>God made the sky and the land and the oceans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Q: What does that tell you about God?</i> God is very powerful! When we look around us, and especially when we look at the stars in the sky, or the huge oceans, we should remember how powerful God is. |
| Memory Verse | <p>PSALM 145:1 <i>I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.</i></p> |

Family Bible Time (Day 3) – Job 40:9

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| BIG IDEA | Creation shows God is different to us |
| Bible Passage | Job 40:9 (Job 38:39 – 41:34) |
| Getting Started | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Q: What's your favourite animal? Can you make the sound that animal makes? What's special about that animal? Why do you like it?</i> <i>Q: What have we been learning about this week? (How God made the world)</i> Remember he made everything out of nothing – just by speaking. First he made light. <i>Q: What did he make after that? (the world – land, sea and sky)</i> So God had made a beautiful world, but it was empty. It needed things to live there, so next God made all the animals. Animals to live in the seas, animals to live in the sky and animals to live on the land. <i>Q: (younger)</i> Ask them to list some animals that live in each of the three different environments |
| Finding Out | In the bible, in the book of Job, God tells Job all about the different animals he has made, and what they are like. |

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| <p>1. God made all the animals (Job 38-40)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>(older) Can you could find the animal names in verses 38:39, 38:41, 39:1, 39:5, 39:9, 39:13, 39:19, 39:26, 39:27? (ask one verse at a time)</i> <p>God made lots of animals, and he made them all to be different. He made lions. Lions are really good at hunting. He also made animals that roam free in the hills, like mountain goats and deer. He made some animals to be very strong, like the ox. And he made some animals to be very beautiful, like the stork. God told Job that when he made the ostrich, he didn't make her very beautiful or very clever – she sometimes even forgets where she puts her chicks! But God did make the ostrich fast! An ostrich can run even faster than you! God made some animals to be brave, like the horse, and some animals to have really good eyesight, like eagles and hawks. God made lots and lots of animals, and he made them all to be different.</p> |
| <p>2. Two special animals (Job 40-41)</p> | <p>But there were two types of animals that were more fierce and strong than any other animals that God had made. They have funny names, and I don't think they are around anymore. They might have even been dinosaurs.</p> <p>Read Job 40:15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What was the name of the first special animal?</i> <p>The first animal was called Behemoth. Behemoth was very strong, and he had a long, thick tail. He had large, strong bones. He lived in the marshes, and ate lots of grass. He was so big and strong, that no one was ever able to capture him.</p> <p>Read Job 41:1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What was the name of the second special animal?</i> <p>The other animal was called Leviathan. Even his name sounds a bit scary doesn't it! Leviathan was covered in scales and had really sharp teeth. He lived in the sea and he was also very strong. God told Job that he even breathed fire! (You might want to get the children to try and draw these creatures)</p> |
| <p>So What? God is different to us (Job 40:9)</p> | <p>There was a reason God told Job all about the animals he had made. He told Job these things, so that Job could understand something.</p> <p>Read Job 40:9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What was the question that God asked Job?</i> <p>God told Job that his voice was so powerful, it was like thunder. His voice made all the animals. Can you do that? Could you make a Behemoth, or a Leviathan, or even an ant?</p> <p>God is not like us. He is not like anyone you know. God is completely different to anyone. He is the only one who can make all these animals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: If you met God face to face, what would you want to say to him?</i> |
| <p>Memory Verse</p> | <p>PSALM 145:1 <i>I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.</i></p> |

Family Bible Time (Day 4) – Psalm 139:13-14

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| <p>BIG IDEA</p> | <p>God made me</p> |
| <p>Bible Passage</p> | <p>Psalm 139:13-14; Genesis 1:27</p> |
| <p>Getting Started</p> | <p>This week we have been learning about how God made the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: After God had made everything else, what was the very last thing he made?</i> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: (younger) What were the names of the first people that God made?</i> <p>When God made people, he made something very special; different to all the other things he had made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What can you do that animals can't do?</i> |
| <p>Finding Out</p> <p>We are wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13-14)</p> <p>Because we are made in God's image (Gen 1:27)</p> | <p>God thought that people were the best part of his creation. King David also understood that God did something special when he made people. He wrote about it in Psalm 139</p> <p>Read Psalm 139:13-14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: In verse 14, how does David describe how God made him?</i> <p>King David praised God because when he made him, like when he made other people, God had made something really special. When God made you he made something special as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: (older) Why are people the best thing God made?</i> <p>We can find out the answer if we go back to the description in the bible of when God made the first people. Let's go back to Genesis and see what God did when he made Adam and Eve.</p> <p>Read Genesis 1:27</p> <p>The reason people were the best thing that God made is because they were made in God's image. This means that people are made to be like God! God used himself as a pattern when he made people. He looked at himself, and he put some of the same things in people as he has in himself.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: (difficult) Can you think of any ways that we are a bit like God (hint: think of how we are different to animals).</i> <p>Here are some ways that God made us to be like him:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He made us to be able to think, and make decisions. - He made us so that we can have friends. - He made us so that a part of us will live forever. Even though our bodies will one day die, our souls will go on living forever. <p>All of these things make us different from the animals. And most importantly, these things make us to be a bit like God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God can think and make decisions. - God can know people and have friends. - God lives forever. <p>So when God put these things in us, he made us to be a bit like him. That doesn't mean we are the same as God. Remember last time we found out that God is not like any of us – he is different to us because he was able to make everything in the world. But in some ways, we are made to be a bit like God.</p> |
| <p>So What?</p> | <p>That's why, when you look at yourself in the mirror, you can say – "I am wonderfully made"! Just like David did. It also means you can look at other people and say "you are wonderfully made", because every person in the world is made to have God's image. That's very good news, because that means we can be know each other and</p> |

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| | be friends with each other. But most importantly, it means it is possible to know God and be friends with God. Praise God that he made you to be able to do that! |
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Family Bible Time (Day 5) – Revelation 4:6-8, 11

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| BIG IDEA | God is worthy of praise because he created all things |
| Bible Passage | Revelation 4:6b – 8a; 11 |
| Getting Started | <p>Imagine your teacher at school has decided your class is going to have a class captain. This person will be responsible for doing special jobs in your class. This is an important role and shows that the teacher trusts them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What sort of person would you want to have the role of class caption? What would they be like? What sorts of things would they have done to show you they are the best person to do this job?</i> <p>Because of what this person is like, and what they have done, this person deserves the honour of being your class captain.</p> <p>We have been learning this week about all the things that God created in the world. There is something else that God created, that we haven't yet learned about. As well as making all the things in the world, God also created the things in heaven.</p> |
| Finding Out Creatures in heaven (Rev 4:6b-8a) | <p>The very last book in the bible is called "Revelation". It was written by a man called John. God gave John a special message. He showed John what heaven is like. Revelation is actually a letter that John wrote to his friends, to tell them about heaven. In his letter, John told them about the creatures God had made for heaven. These creatures are a bit like the ones we know on earth, but not exactly the same. This is what some of the creatures in heaven are like</p> <p>Read Revelation 4:6b-8a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What did the creatures in heaven look like?</i> <p>I've never seen creatures like that before! Have you? They looked a little bit like some of the animals we know – one was like a lion, another like an ox, there was one like an eagle and even one that was a bit like a man! But they also each had six wings! And they were covered all over in eyes! God made these creatures as well. He made them just for heaven.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: Where are the creatures?</i> <p>The creatures are with God in heaven, around his throne.</p> <p>Read Revelation 4:9-10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What are the creatures doing?</i> <p>They are giving glory and honour and thanks to God and worshipping him. There is a particular reason that they worship God.</p> <p>Read Revelation 4:11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What does "worthy" mean?</i> |
| Praising God (Rev 4:11) | |

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| | <p>If someone is worthy, it means they deserve the things that are given to them. Like the person chosen to be class captain. They are worthy of being chosen for this role, because of what they are like and the things they have done. When the bible says that God is worthy of receiving praise, it means he is very great. And it means that he has done very great things. And that he deserves praise and worship because of this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What has God done that the creatures are praising him for?</i> <p>They praise God because he created all things. They know that God is worthy of their praise, because he made everything in the whole world.</p> |
| So What? | <p>The creatures in heaven know that God made everything, and that means he deserves to be praised. We know that God made everything too.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: So what should we be doing?</i> • <i>Q: What do you like best of all the things God has made?</i> <p>Praise God for those things.</p> |
| Memory Verse | <p>PSALM 145:1 <i>I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.</i></p> |

Recap Week 1

God made everything in the whole world, including you and me. We can learn about what God is like by knowing that he made everything and looking at the things he made. Can you remember some of the things we learnt about God this week?