

The Passage: Genesis 1:1-31

Recommended passages about the Creation account: Hebrews 11:1-3; 2 Peter 3:5; Psalm 24:1-2; Job 38:8-11; Psalm 102:25; Isaiah 40:26

1. **The Creation Story Activity:** (Break students up into 5 groups and get each group to act out each day of the story of Creation without speaking.)

- a. First Day- Genesis 1:3-5 "Light"
- b. Second Day- Genesis 1:6-8 "Separation of waters and sky"
- c. Third Day- Genesis 1:9-13 "Dry ground and vegetation"
- d. Fourth Day- Genesis 1:14-19 "Sun, Moon, and Stars"
- e. Fifth Day- Genesis 1:20-23 "Sea creatures and Flying creatures"
- f. Sixth Day- Genesis 1:24-31 "Land creatures and Mankind"

2. **Lesson Title: Our Powerful, Amazing, and Good God**

a. **God's Powerful Words.**

- i. He made everything...That's what is meant by the phrase. "God created the heavens and the earth"...He made the heavens and the earth and everything in between.
- ii. He made everything with His Words.
 1. God's Word is powerful.
 2. God spoke and everything was made.
 - a. Application:
 - i. Do you realize that God's Word is that powerful?
 1. If God's Word is necessary for your existence, how seriously should we take it in our day to day life?
 - a. Whose Word is more important?
 - b. Your words or God's Words?

b. **God's Amazing Creatures.**

- i. God is created and we are creation...Big difference.
- ii. God created life.
 1. So, for example, ending a life is a big deal...particularly a human life because we are created by Him.
 - a. Genesis 9:6
 - i. Abortion/suicide are other issues and examples.
- iii. As His created beings, we cannot question God or His ways.
 - a. Isaiah 45:9-12; Isaiah 40:26

c. **God's Goodness**

- i. God makes a statement that everything He makes is good, and at the end that everything is very good.
 - 1. The only way for God to make something good is to be good Himself.
 - a. So, God is good.
 - b. So, a loving God originally created a loving world.
 - i. This is how God designed creation in a good and loving way.

d. God made everything in 6 days.

- i. Notice how each day ends.
 - 1. This idea will contradict with the views today.
 - a. Evolution (Evolution story=Big Bang...Billions of years...Life Evolving...Billions of years...here you are)
 - i. The biggest problem with Evolution.
 - 1. This view of the world and our lives does not answer life's biggest questions or satisfy our greatest needs.
 - a. Where did life come from? (Not sure)
 - b. How did all of this stuff get here? (We're not sure how it came to exist.)
 - c. Is there a purpose to my life? (No, you're a random animal along the evolutionary timeline.)

- 3. Huge life questions are answered and needs are met in this chapter:
 - a. How did all of this stuff get here? (where did matter come from?)
 - i. God made it.
 - b. How did we get here? (How did all of life begin?)
 - i. God made us.
 - c. Did everything have a beginning?
 - i. Yes, Genesis 1:1.

4. Discussion Questions:

- a. Name one thing you didn't know about the Creation story until now?
- b. How does this story enhance your view of God?
- c. Why is it so important that we live with the mentality that God is Creator and we are created?
 - i. What happens when people live opposite of this view?
- d. Why is the biblical story of Creation a better view than evolution?