

PRESCHOOL

2. The Beginning: A Perfect Home

Jesus is the beginning and the end, so let's start at the beginning of the story.

Memory Verse

"God created everything through him [Jesus]" John 1:3

An idea to help you remember:

- Use the puzzle game in your box to help you remember the verse.

Story Time

Read 'The beginning: a perfect home' (pages 18-27 in the Jesus Storybook Bible) or watch the video on our website.

Understanding the Story

Talk this through with your kids:

Q: Do you know the name of the first book in the bible? Genesis!

Genesis is a Greek word that means 'beginnings'. The story of Genesis is one of a loving God who wants to be with His creation. God made us in His image, to be His kids! He loves us and created us to know him and be His friend.

Questions to get you talking:

- What are you thankful for from Creation?
(You could pray together and thank God for these things)

Activities in your box

- **Colouring Sheet.**

- **Salt Dough** – you'll need the flour and salt mix from your box and some water. Instructions are with the ziplock.

- **Outdoor Scavenger Hunt** – you'll need the Scavenger Hunt bag from your box.

Activities using things around the house:

- Create a collage picture using leaves, petals, sticks and other things you find outside. You could use the items you collected on your scavenger hunt!
- Draw or paint a self portrait. You're created in God's image and He loves you!

ELEMENTARY (K-3)

2. The Beginning: A Perfect Home

Jesus is the Alpha and Omega. The beginning and the end, so let's start at the beginning.

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"God created everything through him [Jesus], and nothing was created except through him." John 1:3 NLT

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The word 'God' appears 30 times in the first chapter – nothing happens unless He makes it happen, we hear His name over and over and over and everything He makes is good (pleasing, joy producing, wholesome) The world is rich, teeming with life.

Q: *Can you see any patterns in this story?*

There was evening and morning, not just once, but regularly, faithfully, continually. The world is made in a very purposeful way. God purposefully created people. Why? For relationship! The story of Genesis is one of a loving God who wants to be with His creation. Notice too that only humans are described as 'made in the image of God' and 'very good'. We were made by God to be in a relationship with Him.

Questions to get you talking:

- What are you thankful for from Creation? (You could pray together and thank God for these things)
- What do you think 'made in God's image' means? Does that impact the way you see yourself and others?

- What can we learn about God from looking at His creation?

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Digging a little deeper:

Read Psalm 19.

Creation declares God's love and goodness. All of creation acts like a beacon pointing us toward Him. The world around us is full of clues about who God is and His love for us.

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