Week One:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

Day 1: Read the verse to your student 2 or 3 times. Say the verse together. Have your student repeat the verse back to you.

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Day 5

No Copy Work!

Recite Genesis 1:1 for family & friends

Find the Genesis 1:1 Coloring sheet in the back of the book.
Color or highlight the verse, then hang it up somewhere in your home!

Find and cut out the Genesis 1:1 memory card Cut it out and add it to your memory pile

Congratulations!
You've begun a wonderful new habit

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FROM THE BACK OF THE BOOK, "TEACHING TIPS"

The Beginning

1. GENESIS 1:1 "IN THE BEGINNING, GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH"

This first verse in the Bible seemed like a good place to start. It is short, easy to memorize, and the foundation of our faith. In the beginning...God. Before everything...God. As you memorize this week, try to point out aspects of God's creation. The stars at night. The sun that warms the earth. The little budding flower and the buried seed are all reminders from the Lord of Creation, pointing us to himself. Whether you are a seasoned Christian or a young child, it is assuring to remember: the same God who created the heavens and the earth, also created and cares for *you*.

Thoughts for Further Discussion and Study:

God's creation. "The heavens declare the glory of God" the Psalmist writes, (Psalm 19:1) and "his powers have been seen through what has been made" Paul tells us (Romans 1:20). Children are often fascinated with flowers, bugs, seeds, and dirt. Take a moment to ponder how God speaks, even through these smallest details of creation. Have you ever taken a moment to ponder the life cycle of a seed? How it falls into the earth and dies, bringing forth much fruit? Does this not remind us of another seed, our Lord Jesus, who fell into the earth and died, in order to bring forth much fruit? Have we ever stopped to ponder that the glorious gospel is written into every aspect of creation? The Creator knew, from the foundation of the world, that he would come and die. And he wrote his story into every flower and tree, into animals and plants. The more our hearts ponder the creation, the more wonderful our Creator becomes. So, pause this week. Explore the outdoors. God tells us there is glory in his creation, so go out and observe. Where do you see him? Even if your child doesn't catch the gospel connection, let them just be in awe of His creation, reminding them in the still moments that it was all created by Him.

IN THE BEGINNING, GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. GENESIS 1:1