

Lesson 1—Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth”

Additional verses to consider:

- John 1:1 “in the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God”
- Hebrews 11:3 “we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God”
- Psalm 19:1 “the heavens declare the glory of God”
- Proverbs 8:22-30 “in the beginning, I was there”
- Matthew 8:8 “just say the word”

Read & Discuss the Word:

- Read Gen 1:1—Who created? GOD
- Read John 1:1—Who was there (the Word—Jesus (see John 1:14))
- Read Proverbs 8:22-30—What’s happening here? Who’s there? (Jesus, at creation)
- Read John 1:1—How did he create? He spoke.

Apply the Word:

For youngers: The God who made the heavens, made you! Take the class outside and look at a starry night or a cloud-filled sky. There really is something about pondering creation. Who created all those stars out of nothing?

As you get older, people may challenge you. They might tell you God’s not real or all this got here by accident. Do you think all these stars got here by accident? Do you think all the beauty of these fields and sunsets and oceans and lakes happened by accident? Genesis 1:14 tells us he gave us these things for “signs and seasons. Romans 1:20 tells us creation is one way that reminds us that God is really real. Psalm 19:1 says the testify of his glory.

Craft the Word: “God created”

What did God create? The heavens and the earth. In our class we let each student pick one celestial body to create. We used this technique ([here](#))

Before class: Cut out cardboard in a variety of planet/galaxy/and star shapes. Then using the technique above, create your celestial creations. These could be assembled together afterwards to decorate a class wall. You also could focus on the earth (mountains, trees, flowers, etc)

Supplies: Cardboard in a variety of shapes (stars, circles) or Paper Bowls/Plates, Glue/Gluesticks, Tissue Paper in a variety of colors, pencils

Watch or Sing the Word:

Louie Giglio: The Star Maker. An 8-minute message with pictures, comparing earth to the sun and the largest known stars in the universe.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRilWL04po8>

