

WEEK ONE

Genesis 1:1

*in the beginning, God created
the heavens and the earth*

Day 1: New week, new verse! Read the verse together 3x, then trace it, and copy below.

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

Genesis 1:1

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Day 2: Can you figure out which words are missing? Read the verse together 3x, then trace it and copy below.

In the beginning,
created the heavens and the
earth.

Genesis 1:1

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Day 3: More missing words! Can you recite the verse without help? Say the verse together 3x; then trace and copy below.

In beginning,
created heavens and
earth.

Genesis 1:1

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Day 4: Can you say the verse without help today? Fill in all the missing words, trace, and copy the verse below.

beginning,
created _____ *heavens*
earth.

Genesis 1:1

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In the beginning



GOD

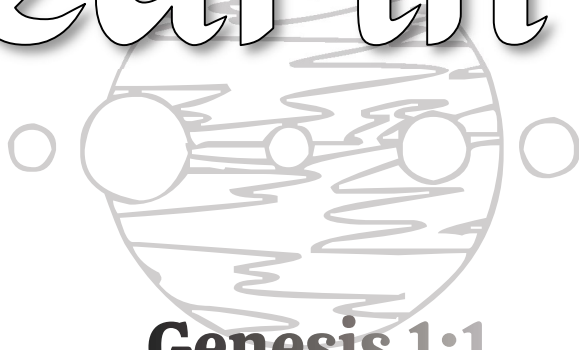


CREATED

the heavens

and

the earth



Genesis 1:1

SECTION TWO:

A call to "Come"

WEEK TWO: Matthew 19:14—*But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them."*

As we begin this year through the scriptures, we want our children to know God's heart for them. Jesus says, "come," sit on my lap as I share with the crowds (Matthew 19:14). Another time he says, "whoever receives [a] child... receives me" (Mark 9:37). In every interaction Jesus has with children, his welcoming call assures them: you are not a bother, you are not a pest, you are not in the way (as some around you may think). His call, his extended hand, the way he stops and receives the interruptions, the way he brings the children alongside, all show our Lord's heart and care for even the youngest ones.

Thoughts for Further Discussion and Study:

- God is calling you to come and get to know him this year through his word. He never wants you to stand far off. He never says, "this is just for adults." When our Lord sees the little children, he extends his hands and says, "Let the little children come."
- God is for you. Even if someone wants to dismiss you, or treat you harshly, or say you don't matter, God is always for you. (And parents, when our actions fail to express this to our children, it is good to go back and say so: "I'm sorry, I wasn't expressing God's heart when I did that.")

WEEK TWO

Matthew 19:14*

*But Jesus said,
"Let the little children come to me
and do not hinder them"*

Day 1: New week, new verse! Read the verse together 3x, then trace it, and copy below.

*But Jesus said, "Let the
little children come to me
and do not hinder them."*

Matthew 19:14

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Day 2: Can you figure out which words are missing? Read the verse together 3x, then trace it and copy below.

But Jesus said, "_____ the
little children come _____
and do _____ hinder them."

Matthew 19:14

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Day 3: More missing words! Can you recite the verse without help? Say the verse together 3x; then trace and copy below.

Jesus said, "the
little children come
and _____ hinder them."
Matthew 19:14

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Day 4: Can you say the verse without help today? Fill in all the missing words, trace, and copy the verse below.

Jesus said, " little children come kinder "

Matthew 19:14

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Day 5

No Copy Work!

Recite Matthew 19:14* for family & friends

Color or highlight the verse picture, then tear it out
and display it somewhere you'll see it often

Write out Matthew 19:14 on a memory card
(or use the free printable cards at
writethewordonmyheart.com)
and add it to your memory stack

Review the cards in your memory pile

but Jesus said:

Let the little

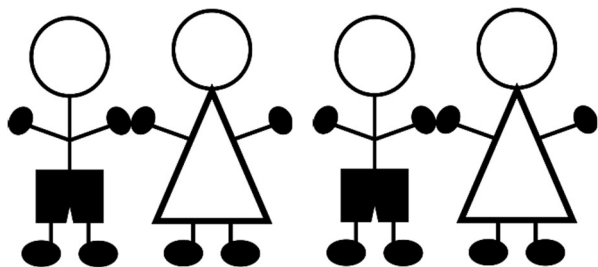
CHILDREN

COME

to me

and do not hinder

them



Matthew 19:14

SECTION THREE:

A call to "Seek"

WEEK THREE: Jeremiah 29:13—*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

WEEK FOUR: Matthew 6:33—*But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

This first year through *Written and Hidden* is meant to be a time of seeking. Together, we are seeking God's heart. If God wants our children to come to him, what does he want to say? Does he have any specific words for the problems that they will run into as a 6- or 7- or 8-year-old? What does he say about being afraid? Feeling hopeless? What about disobedience, honoring parents, or the way we speak and live? As our children grow, we want to help them develop the habit of seeking the Lord in everything.

Thoughts for Further Discussion and Study:

- We may think or feel one way, but we need to seek God to discover his heart.
- Seeking is never half-hearted. What words does God connect with his command to "seek"? (*first, all your heart*)
- Why does God want us to seek him? Why does he sometimes "hide"?
- Do you like to play hide-and-seek? Do you like being the hider or the seeker? Why? What is your reaction when you are found? (*There is joy in finding, and also joy in being found.*)

