

Week of March 24, 2019

Family

DEVOTIONAL SHEET



Lesson
12

God Creates the Universe

Lesson Summary

The information given to us in the early chapters in Genesis is foundational to many important doctrines. Included in these are the Trinity (Genesis 1:26), death (2:17), marriage (2:24), sin (3:6), the gospel (3:15), and clothing (3:21). The book of Genesis is to be taken as literal history, provided by God to give us a glimpse of His majesty, wonder, creativity, and eternal purpose.

When we read Genesis 1 as a historical account of how the universe was created, it answers many questions about how we got here. Unless we rearrange the order of Genesis 1 or claim that it is some type of allegory or myth, there is no way to reconcile it with the evolutionary origin of the universe and life on earth.

God's omnipotence—His absolute power over absolutely everything—is put on display in the description of the Creation Week. By simply speaking, God created the stars, the planets, the sun, the earth, the fish, the birds, the in-

sects—everything. It is all a demonstration of His power and creativity.

Our Creator is all-powerful and worthy of worship and praise. He created everything in six 24-hour days. Martin Luther once said, “When Moses writes that God created heaven and earth and whatever is in them in six days, then let this period continue to have been six days, and do not venture to devise any comment according to which six days were one day. But if you cannot understand how this could have been done in six days, then grant the Holy Spirit the honor of being more learned than you are. For you are to deal with Scripture in such a way that you bear in mind that God Himself says what is written. But since God is speaking, it is not fitting for you wantonly to turn His Word in the direction you wish to go.”

Monday — Read Hebrews 11:3

1. How do we understand that God created the universe?

2. How did He frame (create) it?

Tuesday — Read Psalm 33:6, 33:9, 148:5

1. How do these verses confirm how God created the universe?

2. What does that tell us about God’s Word and His omnipotence?

Wednesday — Read Romans 1:18-23

1. What can be clearly seen from creation?
2. What do men do with this truth (v. 18)?
3. What do men do instead of worship the Creator (v. 23)?

Thursday — Read John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:2

1. What was Jesus' role in the original creation?
2. What is His current role in creation?

Friday — Read Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14-15, 20, 24, 26-27

1. Many people claim that the Bible doesn't tell us how God created; it just tells us that He did create. Is this an accurate statement based on the text of Genesis 1?

2. If we suggest that the account of creation in Genesis is a myth or an allegory, what other doctrines would become mythical or allegorical—what doctrines find their basis in the first few chapters of Genesis?
3. How can understanding that God created the entire universe in six days by simply speaking it into existence help you to trust Him?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family each night.

Psalm 8:3-4 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Prayer - Take time to thank God for His creation. Praise Him for His omnipotence as revealed in creation. Confess that we often do not worship and honor Him as He deserves. Ask Him for faith to believe all of His Word.

Family Prayer Requests: