

# Family Worship Guide

## Week 1

### Read: **Genesis 1:1-2:3**

God is the gracious Creator of all things. The heavens and the earth are His (Psalm 89:11). He commands the skies, the wind, and the rain, and they obey Him. In His great power He sustains the stars in the heavens and sets the planets in motion (Heb. 1:3). He paints the flowers by the roadside and displays His artwork in every sunrise. The strong oak trees, the mountain peaks, and the crashing ocean waves all point to a holy, loving, all knowing, awesome God. He is the giver and sustainer of all life. God made possible the created order that we now enjoy (Genesis 1:24). God formed every living thing. It was God's will for the caterpillar to be reshaped into a butterfly. When God created man He revealed Himself 'in' man in even a deeper way. Scripture tells us that God created man, male and female, in His very own image. As the crown of God's craftsmanship, we are marked with the very image of God. When God created man He gave him dominion over all the earth and every living thing that moves on the earth (Genesis 1:26-28). Man is thus set apart from the rest of creation. Also, upon our hearts is written God's moral law (Romans 2:15). As image bearers of the righteous God, we also have a sense of what is righteous.

#### **Meaning:**

God has allowed us to see His character in creation—His power, sovereignty, and goodness. As His image bearers, we are to mirror Him to all people and share the power of the gospel.

#### **Questions:**

- \*Think about the days of creation. What does creation teach us about God? What are some characteristics of God revealed in His creation?
- \*What does it mean to bear the image of God?
- \*In what ways do we bear the Image of God?

## Praise

What has God created that we are thankful for?

- \*For younger children (Draw pictures depicting creation. At the top of the page write, "I praise God for...")
- \*What has God done in our family this week that we can give him praise?

## Pray

Use the ACTS model specifically in regards to creation. (Example below.)

- \*ADORATION – “God we praise you for being the all-powerful Creator of the world.”
- \*CONFESSION – “We are sorry we don’t take care of your world...” (pollution, litter, etc.)
- \*THANKSGIVING – Thank you for... (the things God created).
- \*SUPPLICATION – (Your prayer requests as a family)
- \*Pray to be reminded of God’s power as we see the world he created.
- \*Pray that we can see God in everything!
- \*Pray for your neighbors by name! Pray that God will bless them!

## Memorize

**Genesis 1:1- “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”**

## Digging Deeper

(Optional activities)

### Kids Fun

Help your children increase their wonder at God’s creation. Get a strong magnifying glass. Collect some items from outdoors. You might get a flower, leaf, bark, pebble, or grass, etc. Spread out the objects on a table, and take a few moments to look at each one through the magnifying glass. Talk about the things that surprise you or interest you. Let them look at their own skin. Fingerprints are cool! Talk about how amazing, smart, and powerful God is that He made all these things and more.

### For Teens

Think about the truth of being wonderfully made. In what ways are you uniquely made?

How has God gifted you?

What does it mean to be made in the image of God?