

Family Discipleship Resource

August 4-10

(Genesis 1:6-25)



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

You are a God of order and a God who rules and reigns over all. Thank you for creating a world that can sustain life and glorify You in so many awesome ways.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Genesis 1:6-25)

“6 Then God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” 7 God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. 8 God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

9 Then God said, “Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so. 10 God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them”; and it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. 13 There was evening and there was morning, a third day.

14 Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. 16 God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. 17 God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. 19 There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

20 Then God said, “Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens.” 21 God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” 23 There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. 24 Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind”; and it was so. 25 God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.”

O – Observe what God has said

What impresses you most about God's creation?

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Why is God more impressive than all that we see/don't see?

W – Work on Application

In many ways, these verses call us to worship the Creator God and not the creation itself. We cannot fall prey to the tendency of the world that Paul observes in Romans 1:25 when he writes “they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever, Amen.” For the lost, Genesis 1 is a call to trade belief in an inferior god or in themselves for the one who stands head and shoulders above all. For the saved, Genesis 1 is a call to worship the Creator God who ordered the universe and everything in it.

How might we avoid the tendency to worship creation instead of our Creator?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth- does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.”-Isa. 40:28*