



Creation Glorifies God | Sept 26, 2021 | 3rd - 5th grade

God created everything and everything He created was good. Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve and spread to impact everyone. God shows His goodness that despite our sin He desires a relationship with us.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Psalm 19

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why do we need a rescuer? God created everything and it was good, but sin wrecked the world and separated us from God.

CHRIST'S CONNECTION: All of the creation displays the glory of God—how great He is—although not perfectly. The perfect revelation of God's glory is found in Jesus, who came to show us exactly what God is like. Because Jesus is God, He is the perfect display of God's glory.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

BIBLE PASSAGE CONTEXT

In the first two sessions of this unit, we have seen a common thread of God's glory. God created everything, including people, to display His glory. In this session, we want to make sure that our kids understand what that means. What is God's glory?

God's glory can be thought of as God's greatness. The Bible often uses the picture of a brilliant white light when it comes to God's glory. When Moses came down from Mount Sinai after spending time with God, his face shone. When Jesus was transfigured, He shined like a brilliant white light. And when Paul encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus, he saw a blinding light. Such an intense light helps us understand how pure and powerful God's glory is.

But we don't just see God's glory revealed in bright light. In this session, we will look at a Psalm that King David wrote many years after Adam and Eve. David used creation to speak of God's glory. God David, it was easy to see God's glory—at least its fingerprints— all around him. If you have every looked up into the heavens on a clear, dark night, maybe you have sensed it too as you consider all the stars that cannot be counted and think that each is a giant sun, like ours—only our sun is relatively modest in comparison— and that they stretch over billions and billions and trillions of miles. And that is just what we can see!

Or maybe you have caught a glimpse of God's glory as you looked over a stunning mountain range or walked on a beach. Creation is full of beauty, wonder, and power— all of which hints at the greater beauty, wonder, and power of the Creator who made it all. God is glorious indeed.

But one of the greatest ways we can know of God's glory is that the Creator who made everything not only made us too, but wants to have a friendship with us. That is why He gave us the Bible— so that we might come to know Him, love Him and live for Him.

As you teach, seek to leave your kids in awe of how big and how good and how loving God is.

Terms to Know:

Glory- God's glory is His greatness, love, and perfection. God is worthy of all praise and honor. God's glory is often described in the Bible as a brilliant white light. Though God's glory is more than just light, that picture shows how pure and powerful God's glory really is.

TAKEAWAYS

- Creation tells us things about God.
- He chose to create people so that He could share His goodness with us by showing us His power and love.
- God made everything including you and me and wants to have a friendship with us.
- God doesn't hide who He is from us. He shows us who He is through creation.
- We can see hints of God's glory all throughout creation, but we worship God not His creation - our favorite toys, video games, sports, etc.
- **Bottom Line:** We see God's love and power in the world and people He created.

Small Group Prayer: "Father, thank You for Your good creations. Help us to see Your glory and give You the praise You deserve. Thank You for giving us Your Word. Help us to value it as David did. WE know that life is found only in You. Amen."

SOCIAL ACTIVITY: Lego Challenge

What You Need: Lego sets and Lego Challenge Cards

What You Do

Lay out the legos and pull a challenge card.

Ask kids to work together or independently to create the best thing they can create to represent the challenge on the card you shared with them.

Read the card.

Ask this question: "Have you ever been so amazed by something that you didn't know what to say? What things amaze you most?"

What You Say: As kids are coming in, set up the game and ask kids to join you as you play the game. Games are a great way for kids to engage with each other and you as you get to know each other. Use this time to ask them questions about their week and any other important follow up questions to things you have talked about in the past.

Play a Worship Song or 2 from your Worship DVD/Roku
Play the Bible teaching DVD/Roku

APPLICATION ACTIVITY: Describe it Challenge

What You Need: 2 dry erase boards, 2 expo markers, 2 erasers

What You Do:

- Form 2 teams of kids.
- Call one player from each team to stand at the front of the group.
- Explain that you will name a noun (person, place, thing). You will give the two players a few seconds to write on their dry erase boards one adjective to describe what you named.
- Then both players will show what they wrote. Suggested nouns: sunset, baby, elephant, tree, giraffe, dad, house, refrigerator, car.
- If players wrote different adjectives, award each team a point. If players wrote the same adjective, award a point only to the team who finished writing first.
- Play additional rounds as time allows.

What You Say "Great job! What adjectives would you use to describe God? [Allow kids to respond.] The first story we heard about God created the world. On the sixth day, God created people. People are not like the other things God created. People are special because they are created in God's image. Why did God

create people in His image? For His glory! That's an important big truth of the Bible- not only here, but throughout the rest of Scripture. Today we heard more about glory. Let's look at our discussion questions now to talk about glory and Scripture."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **When was the last time you felt amazed by something in creation?**
- **How has creation helped you understand more about God?** Guide kids to discuss times they have felt awe while looking at something in creation. Be prepared to discuss your own experiences, such as star-gazing or visiting a natural wonder. Point out the specific things you have learned about God as a result of observing creation. Encourage the kids to think about what they have learned about God.
- **If creation shows things about God, why do we need Scripture?** Remind kids that creation can only show us some things about God. Guide them to see that to learn everything we need to know to have a close relationship with God through Jesus, we must know what the Bible teaches. Creation can show us God's power, goodness and beauty, but creation cannot teach us what Jesus did for us or how to begin a relationship with Him.
- **What is something you have learned about God from Scripture?** Discuss things you have taught your group in past weeks. Ask kids to think about what they learned from other stories in the Bible. Be prepared to discuss things God has taught you through your personal Bible study time. Encourage kids to read their Bibles daily, and challenge them to write down or draw pictures to help them remember different things they learn as they read God's Word.
- **How can we bring glory to God?** Lead kids to recall that God created people in His image. We can get to know Him by reading and studying His Word. We can glorify God by reflecting Him to the world around us by how we live and love others. We can praise Him and tell others about Him. Read Matthew 5:16.

TRANSITION TO HOME: Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.