



## Creation Glorifies God | Sept 26, 2021 | 3 year olds and 4 year olds

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: Bean Bag Toss**

**What You Need:** Toss Fold Up, Bean Bags, painter's tape for floor

#### **What You Do:**

Set up the Toss game. Put a taped line on the floor to mark where kids will stand to toss. Younger kids might need to stand closer. Give each kid 3 tries to toss a bean bag in the holes. Celebrate any victory.

**Say:** That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's pray and listen to our story today."

### **Introduce the Story**

King David loved God. He wrote a song about how great God is. He wrote, "When we look up in the sky we can see what God made." King David also wrote, "When we see the sun, we remember how great God is." In the Bible, God tells us how to live. God's words are best. They help us obey God. Everything we say and think should make God happy."

**Play a Worship Song or 2 from DVD or Roku  
Play the Teaching Video on DVD or Roku**

### **APPLICATION ACTIVITY: Create a Day and Night Picture**

**What You Need:** crayons, paper plates, 4 inch of yarn, hole punch

#### **What You Do:**

- Give each kid a paper plate and crayons to color with.
- Encourage kids to draw something they see or do during the day and night. The fronts of the plates can be day scenes and the backs could be night pictures.
- Help kids string the yarn in a hole at the top of the plate to hang at home.
- Talk about their pictures.
- Remind them we can learn about God each day and night.

**What You Say** "Tell me about your pictures you have made. Tell me more about your favorite things to do during the day and night. God made the day and night. He made the world and everything in it. Everything He made shows how great He is. We can learn more about God in the Bible. His words in the Bible tell us how to live and help us to obey God."

### **TRANSITION ACTIVITY: Walk on Different Creations**

**What You Need:** no supplies needed

**What You Do:**

- Ask kids to join you in an open area of your room.
- Tell them we are going to try walking on different things that God created by pretending how we walk on them.
- Let's try this one first, how would you walk on a cloud? Show me.
- Try different things like the sun, moon, stars, water, lava. Are there other things in the sky you could try to walk on? Take suggestions.

**What You Say:** "Which one do you think would be easier to walk on, clouds or the sun? In our Bible Story, King David wrote a song about how great God is. He said we can learn about God when we look to the sky every day and night. We learn about God in the Bible. God's words in the Bible tell us how to live. They help us obey God. Everything we think and way should make God happy."

**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.