



## THE BIBLE:

Genesis 1: 1-25

## BIG IDEA:

God is an amazing creator

### Verse of the Series

“What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?”  
-Psalm 8:4

## AT HOME GUIDE

### BEFORE YOU START

1. Visit [www.resonatemovement.org/reskidsonline](http://www.resonatemovement.org/reskidsonline)
2. Set aside a time and place to go through this guide with your child(ren) and let your child(ren) know when and where that is so that you can make it an important part of your day.
3. Watch together or have your child(ren) watch the teaching video on the website.

### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

1. Use the prompts to guide you: **PRAY** together, **READ** together, **SAY** to your child(ren) and **ASK** your child(ren).
2. When asking questions, allow time for them to think about their answers before explaining the answers to them.
3. This is only a guide. Parents, because you know your child best, feel free to use it in a way that works for you and your child(ren).

### DO TOGETHER

***We are revisiting the story of creation from our lesson on May 17. We felt that it is a significant story to retell again to emphasize with our RESkids that EVERYTHING God created was good.***

**PRAY:** God, you are our Creator and our King. We praise you because you are good and you made everything good. Thank you for creating this amazing world that we get to live in. Help us to know you more and live for you. Amen.

**SAY:** God created everything and everything He makes is beautiful and good. He is the only One who created something from nothing. He made the world beautiful and good so that people could enjoy Him through it.

**Bible Story (5 minutes)**

**NOTE TO PARENTS:**

This week, the bible story is from Genesis 1:1-25 - we use the ESV version at Resonate. You can read the story straight from the bible and/or download a children’s version on our website. Use this guide to review the lesson from the teaching video.

**Discussion (5 minutes)**

Use the following questions to help prompt your child in their thinking and answers:

**ASK:** What did God create in the beginning?

**ANSWER:** God created the Heavens and the Earth.

**ASK:** What were God’s first words in Genesis?

**ANSWER:** “Let there be light”

**ASK:** God said that everything He created was good. What does that tell us about God?

**ANSWER:** *Parents steer discussion toward the idea that God’s creation being good shows that God is good.*

**ASK:** How do we know when something is good?

**ANSWER:** *Parents guide discussion toward the idea that God decides what is good. Remind kids that God is our amazing Creator and King and He is the one that defines what is good.*

**ASK:** What is your favorite thing that God has created? How do you feel about God when you think about wonderful things He made?

**ANSWER:** *Parents encourage each kid to name a different thing that God created. Steer the discussion toward the idea that only God deserves our worship because He created everything. Only God is powerful, amazing and good enough to be worthy of our worship.*

**Key Passage (5 minutes)**

**SAY:** Knowing God’s word and learning it helps us to know what God wants to tell us. Let’s find this week’s verse in the Bible together.

**READ:** Psalm 8:4 “what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?”

**PARENT EXPLAIN:** *God is so big and yet He cares about us. As the Creator of everything, God chooses to be with us and think about us even while He is working on everything else in the world. But when we understand that He created us in His image, and that He could love us and even love our children more than us, we will see God as so amazing and worthy of our worship.*

**GOING DEEPER WITH YOUR 3RD - 5TH GRADER (10 minutes)**

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Here are some verses and a few questions that you can go through with your 3rd-5th grader to help them find a personal application of this week’s lesson.

**ASK:** When God spoke, things happened? What does this tell you about His power?

**ANSWER:** *Parents, help kids recognize God’s authority over all of creation. You may read Psalm 42:2 to help affirm this.*

**ASK:** What makes something good? Who decides what is good?

**ANSWER:** *Parents, help kids define good as anything that is acceptable to God. As creator, God sets the standard for what is good. You may read Romans 12:2 to affirm this*

**ASK:** As you think about the parts of creation that you enjoy, why do you think it’s important to stop, reflect and be amazed by God’s creation?

**ANSWER:** *Parents help kids recognize that when we stop to look at all that God has done and created, it leads us directly to Him and we can't help to be amazed and be in awe by His majesty and beauty.*

**PARENTS SHARE THE GOOD NEWS! :** God made the world beautiful and good and wants us to enjoy Him and know Him through His creation. Whatever God makes is beyond amazing, but the world is broken because of sin. The only way to recreate the world that He originally created is through Jesus who came from a perfect place in heaven down to our broken world and be the fix for it.

**Pray together**

God, You created everything and everything you created is good. We are thankful that you would even think of us when you created everything. When we pray, You hear us. Draw our hearts to You. We want to give you glory because you are amazing and because you are our Creator. Amen.

**OPTIONAL JOURNAL ACTIVITY (10-30 minutes)**

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Journaling is one way to take something newly learned, reinforce it and make it your own. This can be something that you have your child(ren) do on another day as a reflection activity or something to do by themselves so they can process their ideas and thoughts more. Some questions to think about when journaling:

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel
- What does the story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

Have them write out the verse of the week or draw pictures that the words in the verse bring to their mind. Allow the Holy Spirit to work in this space.

For younger kids, you can give them some guidance and tell them to draw or write down ideas about how they can put God first in their life.