



UNIT 1 | SESSION 3

CREATION GLORIFIES GOD

PSALM 19

KEY PASSAGE:

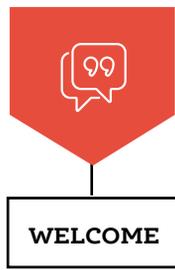
Psalm 19:1

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Why did God create everything? God created everything for His glory and our good.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

All of 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.



WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Ask kids about their week, and help new kids connect to your group.

SAY “ Have you ever been so amazed by something that you didn’t know what to say? What things amaze you most? ”

1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete the “The Heavens Declare” activity page.

SAY “ The Bible teaches that all of creation shows us things about God. When we study creation, it helps us understand that God exists and is all-powerful. ”

2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: BIGGER AND STRONGER



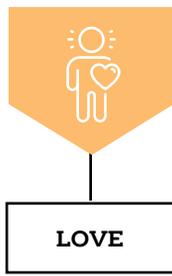
Direct the kids to sit in a circle. Start the game by saying the name of a small, weak animal, such as a kind of insect. Select a kid who will name an animal that is a little bigger and a little stronger. The kid to his left will name an animal that is a bit bigger and stronger than that. Repeat this process until no one can think of a larger or stronger animal.

For added challenge, you may use a stopwatch or timer to limit how long kids have to think of an animal on their turns.

SAY “ No matter how big or strong the animal you named might be, God is bigger and stronger still. God is the biggest and strongest of all! God created everything. Nothing and no one is more powerful than God. Today, we will learn more about the ways creation helps us understand God’s power. ”

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God by Applying the Story

1 BIBLE SKILLS & REVIEW (10 minutes)

Distribute Bibles. Guide boys and girls to open their Bibles to Psalm 19. Review with the kids how to use the table of contents, large chapter numbers, and small verse numbers to find specific passages. Consider reading the whole Psalm for the kids.

Explain that Psalms is part of the Poetry and Wisdom division of the Old Testament, along with Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs. Ask the kids who wrote Psalm 19. (King David) David wrote many of the Psalms, but not all of them.

SAY “ King David was a good king. He loved God and wanted to glorify God with his life. When he looked out at the sky, he saw the way creation glorifies God. He understood that God’s power and goodness were on display in things like the stars, the sun, and the moon.

David went on to write about God’s goodness in giving us His Word. God’s commands and instructions, found in His Word, are sweet and valuable, and they bring us joy when we obey them. God’s creation is good to help us know some things about Him, and His Word helps us fill in the details we need to have a relationship with Him. ”

2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the kids to discuss their answers.

| **SAY** “ 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.

| **SAY** “ 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 in order to have a 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.

| **SAY** “ 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.

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**

