



UNIT 1 | SESSION 3

CREATION GLORIFIES GOD

PSALM 19

CHRIST CONNECTION:

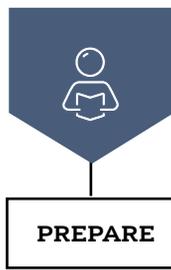
All of creation shows how God is great. Jesus is God. Jesus is the best way we can know how great God is.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Why did God create everything? God created everything to show He is great.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

The heavens show God is great! Psalm 19:1



YOUR HEART TO TEACH

LEADER Bible Study

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. For David, it was easy to see God's glory—at least its fingerprints—all around him.

If you have ever 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 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.

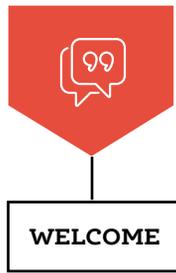
But one of the greatest ways we can know of God's glory is that the Creator who made everything not only made us too, but wants to have a friendship with us. That is why He gave us the Bible—so that we might come to know Him, love Him,

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 and is often described in the Bible as a brilliant white light. That picture is used to show how pure and powerful God's glory really is.



WELCOME

Use the following activity to greet children as they enter the classroom. Talk about the big picture question and answer. After each child completes the welcome activity, encourage him to participate in the activities provided from the Love and Live sections of the leader guide.

LOOK AT GOD'S CREATION

Print and cut the “Different Sky Creations” printable. Then, tape the pictures to the walls around the room at preschoolers’ eye level. Greet each child at the classroom door as he enters the class. Show him the big picture question poster.

SAY I am happy to see you today. In our Bible story, we will hear that King David wrote a song about how great God is. When we look up in the sky, we can see different things God made. Do you know why God created or made everything? He created everything to show He is great! Everything He made in the sky shows God is great. Would you like to use the binoculars (*using your hands to use pretend binoculars*) to look around the room for pictures of different creations you can see when you look at the sky?



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LEARN the Bible Story

1 SORT DAYTIME AND NIGHTTIME ITEMS

Print and cut “Daytime and Nighttime Items” printable. Place the cards in a gift bag. Lay a yellow piece and black piece of paper on the floor in front of the children. Invite a child to select a card from the bag. Ask him what is on his picture. Then, ask him to put it on the yellow piece of paper for day or black piece of paper for night. Some of the items may apply to both daytime and nighttime. Repeat the game, allowing each child to have a turn.

SAY “ You have a picture of a backpack. Do you use your backpack during the day or night? If you use it during the day, place it on the yellow paper. If you use it at night, place it on the black paper. Great job. You placed it on the yellow paper. You use your backpack during the day. The last two weeks we heard stories from the Book of Genesis in the Bible. We learned God created everything to show He is great, including day and night. To help us understand that better, we will hear a story today about a king in the Book of Psalms. Genesis and Psalms are both books in the Old Testament. King David wrote a song about God. Let’s listen to our story and hear about how we can learn about God every day and every night. ”

2 TELL THE BIBLE STORY

Open your Bible to Psalm 19 and tell the following Bible story.

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SAY “ King David loved God. He wrote a song about how great God is. This is what he wrote:

“When we look up in the sky we can see what God made. We can learn about God every day and every night as we look to the sky. Everyone in the world can see what God made.”

Then, David wrote,

“When we see the sun, we remember how great God is. We can feel the sun’s warmth.”

God’s words are in the Bible. David knew God’s words are perfect and right. We can believe them. They are true. God’s words are best. They tell us how to live. The words in the Bible tell us how to make good choices. They help us obey God.

David also said, “We should want everything we say and think to make God happy.” ”

Christ Connection: All of creation shows how God is great. Jesus is God. Jesus is the best way we can know how great God is.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

3 TALK ABOUT DAYTIME

Show the Bible story picture poster to the children. Shine the flashlight on a child's clothing or on the floor in front of him (avoid shining it in a child's eyes.) Instruct the child to tell his favorite thing to do outside when the sun is shining when you shine the light on his clothing. Repeat the process, giving everyone a turn to talk.

SAY “ We can thank God for the warm sun to shine during the daytime. We can learn about God every day and every night as we look to the sky. When you are outside and look to the sky, you can remember how great God is. We can learn more about God when we read the Bible. God's words in the Bible are true and tell us how to live. Everything we say and think should make God happy. ”

4 SING A SONG

Sing the song below to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”

“God saw everything He made, everything He made, everything He made.
God saw everything He made, and it was very good.”

5 SAY THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the key passage phrase marker in the Bible at Psalm 19:1. Open the Bible and say the phrase aloud. Encourage the children to say the phrase together. Lead the children to cup their hands around their eyes to resemble binoculars. Then, say the phrase again as a group. Point to each word on the key passage phrase poster as the children say it.

SAY “ The heavens show God is great. We can look through our binoculars to the sky and see different things God made. He made the sun, the moon, and the stars. He made rainbows and clouds. We can remember everything God made shows how great He is. ”

6 PRAY

Pray, thanking God for everything He has created, acknowledging we can look up in the sky and see what He has made. Recognize all of creation shows how God is great, Jesus is God, and Jesus is the best way we can know how great God is.