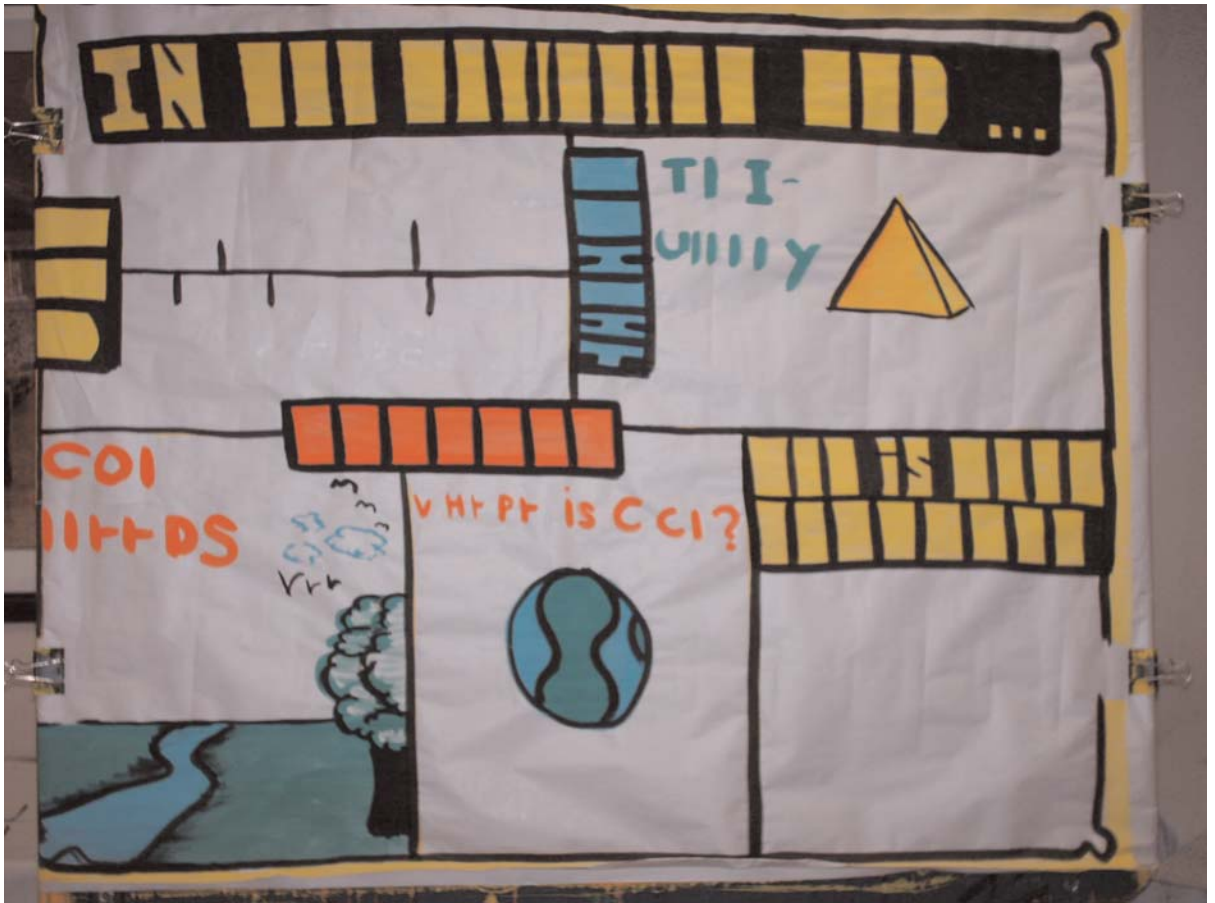


GOD ALONE

BEFORE



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The Creation Series

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Day 1: Who is God?

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A.

Introduction: Hello, everyone. Have you ever wondered who God is, where He came from and what He is like? Well, today we are going to find out. Where do we look to find the answers? Some people say, “A history book.” (Hold up a history book if you have one). No, not a history book. Some people say, “A science book.” (Hold up a science book if you have one). No, not a science book. All these books were written by people and have man’s words in them. Because they have man’s words in them, many times they make mistakes and the books have to be changed and updated. Is there a book that contains God’s words, not man’s words? The answer is yes! (Hold up a Bible). The word Holy can mean perfect, and the word Bible means books. So, what do I have in my hand? A perfect book. Why? Because it contains the very words of God. And in the Bible we learn all about who God is.

When I read a book, do I start at the end or the beginning? Yes, the beginning. So, when I open up the Bible, God’s perfect book, I should open to the very first book of the Bible called Genesis. Genesis means beginning.

Here are the very first words in the Bible:

1. Draw in the title: “In the beginning God...” (Genesis 1:1)

The whole verse actually says, “In the beginning God created the heavens and earth” (Genesis 1:1). And then it goes on to say that God created everything in the whole universe in six days.

Who can tell me who is the only person who was there in the beginning? (Wait for an answer). Yes, that’s right. The only person, according to the Bible was God...

Upper Left Box

2. Draw in the word God in the box to the left.

B.

So, let me ask you some questions. Was God here before?
(All these words are in candle to go over with your black paint brush)

3. Paint over the word Satan (change it to be the word: angels).

Was God here before angels? The answer is yes, because God created the angels. God had to be there before everything to create everything we see.

So, was God here before...?

4. Paint over the word, universe

Yes, God was here before the universe, because someone had to create the universe. The Bible says God created the heavens, meaning the universe.

So, was God here before...?

5. Paint over the word, earth.

Yes, God was here before the earth, because the Bible says God created the heavens and the earth.

So, was God here before...?

6. Paint over the word, dinosaur.

Yes, God was here before dinosaurs because dinosaurs did not appear on earth all by themselves. Someone created all the animals, including dinosaurs. We will find out more about how God created tomorrow on Day 2.

So, was God here before...?

7. Paint over the word, plants.

Yes, God was here before the plants, because God created the plants and flowers.

Was God here before...?

8. Paint over the word parents.

Yes, of course God was here before parents. Tomorrow we are going to find out who the first parents were, the first Daddy and Mommy.

Lastly, was God here before...?

9. Paint over the word, You.

Yes, God was here a long time before we were born. It says in the Bible that it was God who was actually creating us in our mother's womb (Psalm 139).

Now here are some interesting questions. Many people have wondered, "Since God created everything, who created God?" And "Where did God come from?" These are good questions; does anyone here know the answers? (Wait for a response).

Where would we look for an answer? (Wait for a response)

Yes, that's right, the Bible. For in the Bible it says: "From everlasting to everlasting you are God." Psalm 90:2

So, what does God say about Himself to answer the question. God says He is...

10. Draw in the word eternal.

Eternal is a big word. The word eternal means God never had a beginning and will never have an end. So, if you go all the way back before there ever was the sun, the moon, and the earth, God was there. And, if you go way, way into the future, God will always be there as well. No one can create God, and no one can destroy God. God is eternal.

Another way of putting it is like this: How many of you had a birthday? (You can ask kids when their birthday was). When was God's birthday? (Wait for a response) The answer is God never had a birthday, because to have a birthday you have to have parents and a beginning. I was born in _____. That's when my life started or had a beginning. But with God, His life never, "just started," He was always here. I know that is hard for us to understand because we are creations of God who have a beginning. Also, this is why God is God, and we are not.

Upper Right Hand Box

Who can tell me what color God is? (Wait for a response)

F.

Some people care a great deal about the color of people's skin and what color God is. Well, the Bible gives the answer. In John 4:24 it says, "...God is spirit..."

11. Draw in the word Spirit.

Does a Spirit have a body? No. We are human beings and we have a body. We have skin, bones, blood, eyes, ears, etc. Because God does not have a body, does God have skin? (Wait for an answer) No, because God is Spirit, He does not have skin, which means God has no color. And, because God is Spirit, this means we cannot see God. Many people would like to see God, but God is shapeless.

Here is another similar question. Is God male or female? (Wait for answer) Because God is Spirit, He is neither a male nor female. One of the reasons why the Bible refers to God as a He, is because God is not a “force”, a “thing” or an “it” God is a person that we can talk to, and he understands. God is a person, and we are persons too. If someone has a personality it means they can think, make decisions, and even have emotions like sadness and anger.

Here are some amazing things about God...

D.

Did you know that God is very great, so great that He is more complicated than us? According to the title of this message, how many God's are there? (Wait for an answer). There is only one God... (Deuteronomy 6:4).

12. Draw in the letter “1” and the word God.

But what is amazing about God is this; like this triangle (point to the triangle), there is only one triangle on this picture much like there is only one God.

13. Draw in the word, “God” in the triangle.

However, God consists of three persons who are one God ...

14. Draw in the number “3” and the word “persons”.

This is amazing to us and hard for us to understand. But He is different from us in that there is One God or Creator, and that God is three distinct persons. The names God gives himself are...

15. Paint over the word Father. (Say Father)

16. Paint over the word Son. (Say Son)

17. Paint over the word Holy Spirit. (Say Holy Spirit)

These are the names God gives Himself:

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28: 19). No one is greater than the other, all are God equally. The name

Christians give God to explain Him is the name Trinity. Tri means three and unity means one. God is three in one.

One option would be to illustrate this using marriage. Two people who are married are one flesh. That is two persons yet one. Both are equal as persons yet are different in their roles.

A Special Note Here: Understanding the Trinity is very difficult to explain. In this lesson, you are simply proclaiming what God says about Himself, not teaching a seminary class on the doctrine of the Trinity. Say to the children that if they have more questions about who God is, they can see you afterward.

E.

Lower Left Hand Box

To change the mood from a heavy concept of the Trinity to something more light, say, “How many of you were hungry when you woke up this morning?” Did God wake up this morning? (Wait for an answer). No. Do you know why? (Wait for an answer) Because God is Spirit, he doesn’t have muscles that get tired and eyeballs that get sleepy. The Bible says that God does not sleep (Psalm 121:4).

Here’s something else interesting... does God need anything?

18.Draw in the partial letters, “God Needs...”.

What do we need? We need food to eat.

19.Draw in apples on the tree.

How long will we last if we had no water? (Wait for an answer and point to the water). Not very long. Does God need food to eat and water to drink? (Wait for an answer) Why? Does anyone know? The answer is on the board. (Wait for an answer) The answer is because God is Spirit, God doesn’t have a stomach. So, God doesn’t need food or water.

Does God ever get cold?

20.Draw in the sun.

No, God doesn’t get cold or get goose bumps. Again, because God is Spirit. So, what does God really need? The answer is God needs...

21.Paint over the wax candle word: Nothing.

God needs nothing! God is eternal and has no need of anything. This is amazing because this means God does not need anyone to satisfy Him,

help Him, or keep Him company. God has Himself, and that is all He needs. What do we need? We need food, water, air, sun, friends, family, and we have to learn. God never had to learn and no one has ever taught God (Isaiah 40:13, 14). God is truly great (Psalm 145:3).

Middle Lower Box

G. Here is another fascinating question. What would happen if someone in America...

22. Draw red "X's" for every place that you mention.

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Brazil, France and Japan all prayed at the same time? How could God hear them all and answer them all? I can only be in America, not America and Japan at the same time. So, another question to you is...

23. Fill in the partial letters: Where is God?

How can God hear, know and see everything in the whole earth? Not just the whole earth, but the whole universe? (Wait for a response) The answer is because God is Spirit; He is not in one place at one time. We can only be in one place at one time because we have a body. I can't be eating dinner in my house and be outside playing at the same time. But because God does not have a body, He can be...

24. Paint over the word "Everywhere" in candle.

Because God is everywhere, He knows everything, sees everything, and hears everything! (Psalm 139)

H.

The last aspect of God we are going to talk about today is this....

25. Is anyone greater than God? Can anyone overtake Him? Can anyone do something and God have no control over it?

26. Paint over the word: "Satan".

Is this fallen, evil angel called the Devil or Satan more powerful than God? (Wait for an answer) Satan is not more powerful than God because God is the creator of everything; even angels. In the beginning, all angels were good, but many disobeyed God and became evil. This is what happened to Satan... Satan was once a good angel that God made, but Satan chose to rebel against God and is now His enemy.

27. Paint over the word: "Police".

Who has the authority to tell the police or the government what to do? God does. Because God made all people, even policeman, they all have to answer to God.

28. Paint over the word: Parents.

Even our parents have to submit to God. We have to submit to our parents, but even parents have someone to submit to, that person is God.

29. Paint over the word: You.

One of the last questions I have for you today is this: Does God have the right to tell you what to do? (Wait for a response) God does have the right to tell us what to do because God is our Creator and we are His creation. We will find out more about how God created everything tomorrow.

The word that describes how God is in control of everything is the word sovereignty. God is sovereign over everything because He is the Creator.

Tomorrow, children, we will find out in detail how the sun, moon, stars, earth and people were created. Come back tomorrow.

Close in prayer:

Dear God, you are awesome! There is no like you. Thank you for teaching us who you are through your Holy Word, the Bible. Help these children this week understand more about you, and how to know you personally. Thank You. Amen.

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