

The Passage: Genesis 1:1-31

Recommended passages to read about the Creation story: Hebrews 11:1-3; 2 Peter 3:5; Psalm 24:1-2; Job 38:8-11; Psalm 102:25; Isaiah 40:26

1. The Creation Story:

- a. First Day- Genesis 1:3-5 "Light"
- b. Second Day- Genesis 1:6-8 "Separation of waters and sky"
- c. Third Day- Genesis 1:9-13 "Dry ground and vegetation"
- d. Fourth Day- Genesis 1:14-19 "Sun, Moon, and Stars"
- e. Fifth Day- Genesis 1:20-23 "Sea creatures and Flying creatures"
- f. Sixth Day- Genesis 1:24-31 "Land creatures and Mankind"

2. Creation Lesson Outline: Genesis 1:1

- a. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
 - i. God created everything out of nothing in 6 days by His Words.
 1. The Physical realm
 2. The Spiritual realm.
 - a. Nehemiah 9:6
 3. Because God created everything, He is worthy of (honor, power, glory) and everything moves and has its being from Him.
 - a. God keeps our lives going and is involved in our lives.
 - i. Revelation 4:11
 - ii. God created the heavens and the earth, so He is completely separate from creation.
 - iii. Two important truths from Genesis 1:1
 1. God is Creator and everything else is created.
 2. God is involved in His creation and in His creatures lives.
 - a. Do you believe these truths yourself?
 - iv. Popular but Wrong views of God and creation:
 1. Materialism
 - a. Everything exists, this is our lives, and when you die then you just cease to exist.
 - i. Example: YOLO, "You only live once".
 1. You follow this religion when you make your life revolve around money/stuff as the most important things in your life.
 - a. WALL-E people in the ship
 2. Pantheism
 - a. God is nature and God is the universe.

- i. Everything around you is God.
 - 1. Example: Pocahontas or Te Fiti in the movie Moana.
 - a. Notice how God is a part of creation.
 - b. Here's the problem with this view.
 - i. If something is evil in the world, then it must mean that God is evil.
 - ii. We can't really know God.

3. Evolution

- a. Everything exists today because of the Big Bang and over Billions of years of evolution...here you are.
 - i. The problem with this view.
 - 1. I'm just an animal brought here by time and by chance and I really don't have any meaning in my life.
 - a. Life has no purpose...which is very dangerous to believe this.
 - i. Example: The Good Dinosaur
- b. *Why is the bible's story of creation better than believing evolution?*

4. Dualism

- a. Both God and the universe have always existed.
 - i. There's an on-going competition between God and the universe.
 - 1. Good and evil are equally matched and there's a 50/50 chance of who will win.
 - a. Example: Star Wars.
 - i. The Good side and the Dark side.

5. Deism

- a. God created the universe and then left it alone.
 - i. It causes us to live lives that are centered around us and not God.
 - 1. "God doesn't really care about us because He has left us."
 - a. Example: Hercules

6. *Do you know someone who thinks like one of these wrong views?*

7. *What could you say to them now? Discuss in your group.*

- v. The truth is that God created you and He is involved in every detail of your life.
- vi. God made you. AND God values you. Next Wednesday, we'll find out why God values us so much.