The **Big** Story Of The Bible Finding Jesus In The Old Testament <u>Part 2: Creation: Why Us?</u>

In the beginning God created.... Genesis 1:1 (NLT)

What Does The Story Of Creation Teach Me?

1. God Is ___

* Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day. Genesis 1:3-5 (NLT)

* O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Your glory is higher than the heavens... When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers the moon and the stars you set in place... Psalm 8 (NLT)

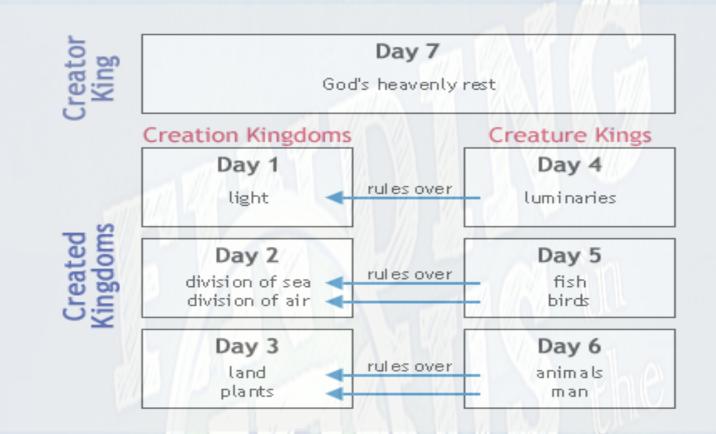
2.

Was There.

* In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Genesis 1:1-3 (NLT)

* In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. John 1:1-5 (NLT) 3. There Is A





* So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground." Genesis 1:27-28 (NLT)

* What are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority- the flocks and the herds and all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and everything that swims the ocean currents. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Psalm 8 (NLT)

* Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth... Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Colossians 1:15-18 (NLT)

Is Connected.

* For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible... everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him. Colossians 1:16 (MES)

4.

* For all creation is waiting patiently... For on that day thorns and thistles, sin, death, and decay—the things that overcame the world against its will... will all disappear, and the world around us will share in the glorious freedom from sin which God's children enjoy. For we know that even the things of nature, like animals and plants, suffer in sickness and death as they await this great event. Romans 8:19-22 (TLB)

- * And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. Ephesians 1:10 (NLT)
- * Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person. Genesis 2:7 (NLT)

* Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! Genesis 1:31 (NLT)

Next Week's Reading:

Genesis Chapter 3 &/or The Jesus Storybook Bible Chapter 3 The Big Lie