UKids Recap

November 1st **God Created the World** (Genesis 1–2)



Dear UKids Families,

In Genesis 1–2, we encounter one of Scripture's most well-known passages: the creation story. This account is foundational to recognizing God as Creator and King over everything. Yet, as foundational as this account may be, faith is still a necessary component of understanding this biblical account and in trusting the goodness of the triune God—Father, Son, and Spirit—whose good creation makes known His glory and His purposes.

So, how do we find Jesus within the creation account?

To understand Jesus within the context of Genesis 1–2, we must focus on how God chose to create the heavens and the earth. He did not simply point at the formless void and silently fashion it into existence; rather, He used His voice to speak. Hebrews 11:3 declares, "By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible." In His speaking, out of nothing (*ex nihilo*) came creation.

In the New Testament, Jesus is referred to as "the Word" to specifically demonstrate that God has revealed Himself to us through Jesus. Just as God spoke creation into existence, making His glory and will known through His words, so did He also make Himself known by the Word of God coming to earth. In fact, John 1:1 teaches us that "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Jesus is God in flesh who came to dwell in the very creation He created. Jesus, the

Word, was there at the dawn of creation and present as the Father spoke and the Spirit hovered over the waters (Genesis 1:1-3).

The apostle Paul later wrote in Colossians 1:16-17 that everything was created by Jesus, through Jesus, and for Jesus. He was before creation, and by Him all things are held together; the Word has been present since the beginning.

Pray that God reveals His glory in the person of Jesus Christ to your kids' hearts and minds. Ask for clarity in your words as you proclaim His truths. May God grant faith to the hearers of this story, helping them trust the truth of His Word.

FAMILY TALKING POINTS

STORY POINT

This is the main point to emphasize from today's Bible story.

- God created everything for His glory.

CHRIST CONNECTION

This is the big idea of how this week's Bible story points to Jesus.

- By faith, we believe that God created the whole world by His word. (Hebrews 11:3) Jesus, the Word of God, is Lord over all of creation. Everything was created by Him and for Him. The Son has always existed, and He holds everything together. (Colossians 1:16-17)

BIG PICTURE QUESTION & ANSWER

This is an important biblical truth that your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- Who is God? God is our Creator and the King of everything.

KEY PASSAGE

This is a Bible verse that relates to what your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- How countless are your works, LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Psalm 104:24

** **Next week:** Sin Entered the World (Genesis 2–3)

Be sure to check out our Christmas music videos that we'll be singing (yes, with the motions) at this year's Christmas pageant! They're available in the Media Folder in the UKids Section