



The Beginning of Life

The Story — Lesson 1

Scripture: Genesis 1:1—3:24

Key Verse: “So God created man in his own likeness. He created him in the likeness of God. He created them as male and female.” —Genesis 1:27

Bible Truth: God made everything there is. He made me to know him.

Age 2—2nd grade: Read *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 1: “In the Beginning”

3rd—6th grades: Read *The Story for Kids*, Chapter 1: “The Beginning of Life as We Know It”

STEP 1: Come Together

Gather the family and tell them you are going to spend a few minutes studying God’s word together. Pray and thank God for giving you time together, for creating the world and everything in it, and for making us in His image.

Ask your younger kids about their favorite animals. How are these animals different from each other? How are they different from us? Say, **“God made everything. In our Bible story today, we’re going to hear about how He did that.”**

Ask your older kids what they know about the size of the universe. How do they feel when they think about how huge and amazing the universe is? Say, **“We are such a small part of the universe God created, but we are the part He cares about the most. He created us to know Him and be like Him.”**

STEP 2: Hear the Story

Read today’s story from your copy of *The Story*.

STEP 3: Explore More

Learn these catechism questions and answers to follow up on today’s story. Read the questions and answers, then repeat each one, having your child repeat back the answer.

Question 1: Who made you? (God!)

Question 2: What else did God make? (God made all things.)

Question 3: Why did God make you and all things? (For his own glory.)

STEP 4: Dig Deeper

Read (or have your older children read) Colossians 1:15—17 in your Bible. Explain to your child that the “He” in this verse is Jesus. He was in the beginning with God before the world was made. And “in Him all things hold together.” The stars continue to shine and the plants continue to grow because Jesus holds everything together. Pray and thank God for making us, and for sending His Son Jesus to rescue us and hold everything together.



MONDAY

Read Genesis 1:1-5

Ask What are the first words spoken by God in verse 3?

Read John 8:12

Pray and thank God for creating us, and for creating all things, and ask Him to help you follow Jesus.

TUESDAY

Read Genesis 1:26-31

Ask In whose image did God create men and women? What did He say about everything He had made in verse 31?

Read 1 Timothy 4:4

Pray and thank God for making us in His image and ask Him to help you love and care for others as fellow image-bearers.

WEDNESDAY

Read Genesis 2: 1-3

Ask What did God do on the seventh day?

Read Hebrews 4:9-10

Pray and thank God for sending His Son Jesus to finish the work of taking the punishment for our sin so that we can rest in Him.

THURSDAY

Read Genesis 2:15-17

Ask What job did God give Adam? What rule did God give Adam?

Read Romans 6:23

Pray and confess your sin to God, knowing that He is faithful to forgive you! Then thank Him for sending His Son Jesus so that we can have eternal life when we trust in Him.

FRIDAY

Read Genesis 3:6

Ask What did Adam and Eve do that God had told them not to do? (Look back at yesterday's reading for help with this.)

Read 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Pray and thank God that even though Adam sinned and brought death into the world, Jesus lived a sinless life and made a way for us to be part of His forever family and have eternal life. Ask God to help you to trust in Him!