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# Primary

DEVOTIONAL

FOR AGES 7-9



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# Note to Parents

This devotional is designed to help your child develop the habit of spending time in God’s Word each day. Each week’s devotions are written to encourage individual application and response to the verses read that day. Some features are even designed to be interactive for the whole family. It is our prayer that you and your child will enjoy exploring the Bible and growing together in the Lord.

## Guiding Light

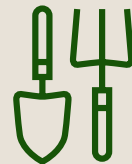
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**This quarter begins with God’s account of Creation. We will study and learn how the Bible says the world began and the order in which God created it.** We will discover how choices affect our lives as well as the lives of others. We will also be reminded that God loves us in spite of our wrong choices.

The beginning of a quarter (and calendar year) is a great time to have a “quiet time” check-up. Evaluate yourself quickly . . . how often do you spend quality time with God? When you are spending time with God, are you often distracted? Think about ways to focus on developing your relationship with God this month and plan out realistic ways to put them into action!



Week 1 • January 6-12, 2024

## God Created Everything

Family Theme:

A Purposeful Creation

Learn Colossians 1:16 (ICB)

### MONDAY

Read Genesis 1:1-8 (ICB)

What did God create  
on the first day?

What did God create  
on the second day?

### TUESDAY

Read Genesis 1:9-13 (ICB)

God called the dry  
land seas and the water  
earth. **True / False**

God created the earth  
and seas *before*  
He made the plants  
and trees. **True / False**

### WEDNESDAY

Read Genesis 1:14-19 (ICB)

The brighter light that rules the day is  
the **sun / moon**. The light that rules the night is the **sun**  
**/ moon**. God saw that His creation was **good / bad**.

Discuss some of the amazing things God has created.



## THURSDAY

Read Genesis 1:20–23 (ICB)

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day, God created \_\_\_\_\_ and put them in the \_\_\_\_\_. Then He created \_\_\_\_\_ and put them in the \_\_\_\_\_.

### WORD BANK

Birds  
Fifth  
Fish  
Sea  
Sky

## FRIDAY

Read Genesis 1:24–31 (ICB)

God created animals and people on the sixth day.

**True / False**

God made the first people in His image. **True / False**

God put the animals in charge of the humans. **True / False**

Discuss your child's favorite animals. Talk about why your child likes those animals.

## EXPLORE MORE

**How do you feel after playing outside or swimming all day?** You probably feel really tired. You may even be so tired that you want to take a nap or go to bed!

Your body needs rest so you can have more energy. The Bible says that after working on Creation for six days, God rested on the seventh day. But guess what . . . God wasn't tired! God didn't need to rest. He took a day of rest so we would know that we need a day of rest, too. God also wants us to spend some time praising Him on that day.

Week 2 • January 13-19, 2024

## God Created People

**Family Theme:**

Relationships Matter

Learn Colossians 1:16 (ICB)

## MONDAY

Read Genesis 2:4-7 (ICB)

God made the first man, Adam, out of water. **True / False**

God breathed life into Adam. **True / False**

## TUESDAY

Read Genesis 2:8-9 (ICB)

God planted many \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

Two of those trees were the Tree of \_\_\_\_\_ and the Tree of the Knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### WORD BANK

Eden  
Evil  
Garden  
Good  
Life  
Trees

## WEDNESDAY

Read Genesis 2:15-17 (ICB)

Where did God put the first man, Adam?

What tree did God tell Adam not to eat from?

- A. The garden of Eden
- B. The moon
- C. On an island

- A. The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil
- B. The apple tree
- C. The Tree of Life



## THURSDAY Read Genesis 2:18-20 (ICB)

It was **good / not good** that Adam was alone.

God **made / found** a helper for Adam.

Adam **named / fed** all the animals.

What does it feel like to be lonely?

## FRIDAY Read Genesis 2:21-23 (ICB)

What did God take from Adam's body?

What did God make with it?

## EXPLORE MORE

**Would you rather make something with Play-Doh® or Lego® bricks?** Would you rather draw with crayons or markers? Creating things and making art is a lot of fun! You probably feel really proud of your creations. Your mom or dad might even hang your art on the fridge! God also liked to create things. God made the entire world and everything in it—all the trees, flowers, and animals. God even made all the stars in the sky. But, do you know what God's favorite creation was? People! God carefully made Adam out of dust and breathed life into him. Then, out of one of Adam's ribs, God carefully made Eve. Wow! This is just one of the ways God shows us how much He loves us.

Week 3 • January 20-26, 2024

## The First Sin

**Family Theme:**

How Things Went Wrong

Learn Colossians 1:16 (ICB)



## MONDAY Read Genesis 3:1-3 (ICB)

The snake was kind and nice.

**True / False**

The snake did not talk to the first woman, Eve.

**True / False**

Eve told the snake that she would die if she ate the fruit God told her not to eat.

**True / False**

## TUESDAY Read Genesis 3:4-5 (ICB)

What did the serpent tell Eve would happen if she ate the fruit?

What did the serpent say Eve would know?



## WEDNESDAY

Read Genesis 3:6-7 (ICB)

Eve thought that the tree was **pretty / ugly**.

Adam and Eve both **ate / threw away** the fruit.

Adam and Eve made clothes for themselves out of **leaves / animal skins**.

## THURSDAY

Read Genesis 3:8-10 (ICB)

What did Adam and Eve do when they heard God walking through the garden?

Why did Adam say he was afraid?

## FRIDAY

Read Genesis 3:11-13 (ICB)

God asked \_\_\_\_\_ if he had eaten the \_\_\_\_\_.

Adam said \_\_\_\_\_ gave him the fruit. Eve said that the \_\_\_\_\_ tricked her into \_\_\_\_\_ the fruit.

Talk about personal responsibility with your child.

### WORD BANK

Adam

Eating

Eve

Fruit

Snake

## EXPLORE MORE

Imagine that your mom made an ooey-gooey batch of chocolate chip cookies . . . but they weren't for you. They were for a bake sale at your church, and she told you not to eat any of the cookies. Now imagine that plate of ooey-gooey cookies was sitting on your dining room table. You might be tempted to eat one! It would be wrong if you ate a cookie, though. You would be breaking the rule. That's kind of like what Adam and Eve did when they ate the fruit from the tree in the garden that God told them not to eat from. They knew they weren't supposed to eat it, but they did anyway. Because of that, they had to leave the garden. Thankfully, God forgave them for breaking His rule. God forgives us, too, when we sin.

Week 4 • Jan 27-Feb 2, 2024

## The First Death

### Family Theme:

Embracing Grace in a  
Wounded World

Learn Colossians 1:16 (ICB)

## TUESDAY Read Genesis 4:3-7 (ICB)

What gift did Cain bring to the Lord?

What gift did Abel bring to the Lord?

Whose gift did the Lord accept?

## MONDAY Read Genesis 4:1-2 (ICB)

Cain was older than Abel.

**True / False**

Cain raised sheep and Abel raised cows.

**True / False**

## WEDNESDAY

Read Genesis 4:8-10 (ICB)

Cain and Abel were  
in a **field / forest**.

Cain **hugged / killed**  
his brother, Abel.

**God / Adam** asked  
Cain where his brother was.

God knew Cain was  
**innocent / guilty**.



## THURSDAY

Read Genesis 4:11-12 (ICB)

The \_\_\_\_\_ told \_\_\_\_\_ that he would have a hard time \_\_\_\_\_ crops. Cain would have to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

### WORD BANK

Cain  
Growing  
Earth  
Lord  
Wander

## FRIDAY

Read Genesis 4:13-16 (ICB)

Cain was not worried about anyone attacking or hurting him.

### True / False

The Lord put a mark on Cain so no one would attack him.

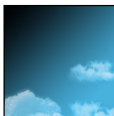
### True / False

## EXPLORE MORE

**Pretend that it's your birthday and you have a giant cupcake in your favorite flavor, with your favorite frosting, covered in lots and lots of sprinkles.** It's the perfect cupcake! Now, pretend that your perfect cupcake gets thrown on the ground. Now it's covered in grass, and dirt, and bugs. Your perfect cupcake isn't so perfect anymore. It's not the same as it was before. When sin came into God's perfect world, it changed things. Because of sin, Adam and Eve had to leave the garden of Eden. Because of sin, Cain grew jealous of his brother Abel. Thankfully, even in a world full of sin and the bad things that happen because of sin, God still loves us, and God gave us a way to have forgiveness for our sin.

This month, we learned about all the wonderful things God created. God is the ultimate designer—God created our whole universe in just six days! Can you draw a line from the picture of God's creation to the day on which it was created?

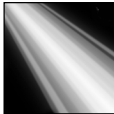
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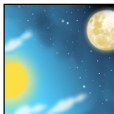
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DAY 3



DAY 4



DAY 5



DAY 6



Because **God**  
is the creator  
of the **whole world**,  
He should have  
**first place** in  
our lives!

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