



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

GOD CREATED THE WORLD



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Genesis 1:1–2:7, 18-25 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

There are so many amazing creatures in our world! One of the most interesting animals is the chameleon. A chameleon is best known for its ability to change color. But did you know that the chameleon can change color for a lot of different reasons? The chameleon's color might change to hide from predators, to control body temperature, or even to communicate their emotions to other chameleons. What an amazing creature!

In our Bible story this week, we learned that God created everything, and everything brings Him glory. The chameleon is a good example of just how amazing and creative God is. As interesting as chameleons might be, God put even more detail and attention into creating you. He created you in His image to be a reflection of His glory here on the earth.

In Genesis 1 we see that God created everything out of nothing and He created everything just by speaking it into existence. So God said "tree," and there was a tree! God said "bird," and there was a bird. God said "chameleon," and there was a color-changing chameleon. That's amazing, isn't it?

But do you know what is most amazing of all? Everything God created was good. God made everything just as He wanted it to be. Every part of creation exists to bring glory to God! The trees, the birds, the chameleons—everything.

**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)**

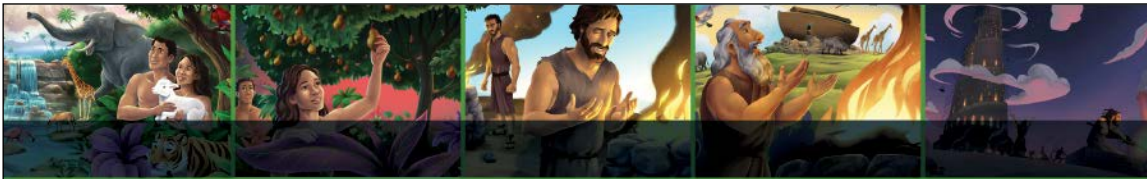
***Pray:** God, thank You for creating everything. You made everything good so that we can see how wonderful You are. Help us to see Your glory all around us so that we love You more and reflect your glory on the earth. Amen.*



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**How countless are your works,
LORD! In wisdom you have
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Psalm 104:24



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SING SCRIPTURE

Finish your family worship experience by playing the Key Passage song to worship and as a further way to memorize Scripture.



Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask God to help you show His glory wherever you go and in whatever you do today. Who do you know who needs to know God? How can you show God's love?

Evenings

Thank God for specific things He has created like the stars, plants, food, and pets. Why are you thankful for that part of creation? How can we see God's glory through it?



Family Activities

For Fun

Grab a camera and take a nature walk. Allow each family member to take photos of created things that remind them of God's power and goodness. Return home and look through the photos together. Discuss how all of creation exists to bring God glory.

To Serve

Go to a park, playground, or some other area where you can pick up trash. Collect trash while you talk about how and why God wants us to take care of His creation.



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SIN ENTERED THE WORLD



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Genesis 2:8-17; 3:1-24 from the Bible.



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- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Did you know that it is against the law for anyone to use a fork to eat fried chicken in Gainesville, Georgia? There is also a law in Arkansas that says alligators cannot be kept in your bathtub! These are real laws, but they're obviously very silly rules that aren't necessary. When God gave Adam and Eve the rule to not eat the fruit of one tree, it wasn't just a silly rule. God gave that rule so that Adam and Eve could continue to enjoy an amazing relationship with Him. This was all part of His good plan.

Even though God had provided everything they needed, Adam and Eve believed the lie that maybe there was something better. So, they ate the fruit and disobeyed God. Instead of finding something better, Adam and Eve lost the perfect world God had created for them. They were cast out of the garden and forced to live in a world broken by sin.

When Adam and Eve broke that rule, sin broke their relationship with God. From that moment on, all people became sinners who are separated from God. Like Adam and Eve, we are guilty of choosing our own way instead of God's way. The good news is, God still loves us! The whole Bible points us to Jesus as the promised Savior who would save sinners. Through faith in Jesus, we can once again have an amazing relationship with God that will last forever.

Adam and Eve sinned when they rejected God's good plan and disobeyed His command. Sin separates people from God, but God didn't leave them without hope. God sent His Son, Jesus, to live as Adam didn't—perfectly sinless. God the Son came to earth as a man to rescue people from sin.

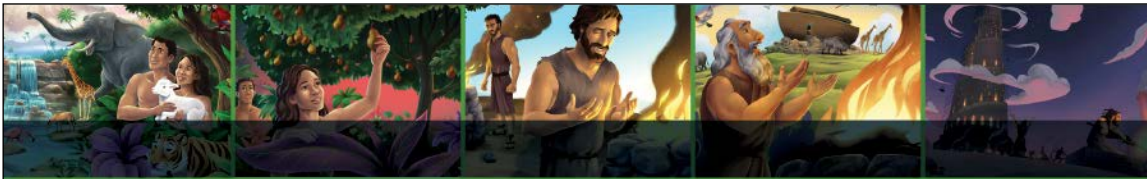
***Pray:** God, help us to see that Your rules are perfect and for our good. Sin has broken our relationship with You, but we thank You for sending Jesus as the Savior we need. Help us to trust in Him so that we can experience the relationship we were created to have with You. Amen.*



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Ask God for help to obey His Word today. Why are His rules for your good? How does obedience help you enjoy Him more?

Evenings

Confess the sins of your day. Be specific and ask God to forgive the ways you've disobeyed Him. How has Jesus provided forgiveness for sin? How can confessing our sins help us grow?



Family Activities

For Fun

Make one small bowl of ice cream, but instead of sprinkles and chocolate syrup, top the bowl of ice cream with dirt and dish detergent. Discuss how the ruined ice cream reminds us that God's perfect creation was broken by sin. Even in the garden, God had a plan to make His creation new again through Jesus Christ! Prepare new bowls of ice cream and enjoy it with your family!

To Serve

Choose a friend or family member in need of prayer. Send an encouraging card or gift to let her know your family is praying for her. Remind kids that we live in a world broken by sin, which is why we see pain, sickness, and even death all around us, but God has provided hope in Jesus as the promised Savior.



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THE FIRST FAMILY



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Genesis 4:1-16,25-26 from the Bible.



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Before you were born, your parents gave you the gift of genes. But not the kind of jeans you wear. Genes are the parts of our DNA that determine things like hair color, eye color, height, or whether we'll be allergic to cats! You got half of your 20,000 genes from your mother and the other half from your father, and that's why you look a lot like them.

When Adam and Eve had children, they passed down more than just looks. Adam and Eve passed down their sin and all the consequences to their children. It didn't take long for the effect of sin to be seen in the lives of their sons, Cain and Abel.

As the two boys gave offerings to God, God showed favor to Abel's sacrifice. The sin in Cain caused him to become furious. God had not responded the way Cain thought or wanted God to respond. God warned Cain to not let the power of sin rule over him, but sin continued to have power over Cain. Just as sin had caused his parents to blame one another in the garden, Cain became jealous of Abel and turned his anger towards his brother. The anger grew until Cain attacked and killed Abel.

Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." When sin rules, as it did in Cain, the consequence is death. But God has provided salvation through Jesus. The power of sin has been broken for all who believe in His death and resurrection. When Christ rules, the gift is eternal life!

God had promised that one of Eve's descendants would put an end to sin and death. Cain was not that descendant. He was sinful like his parents, Adam and Eve. As families grew and sin spread, people waited for God to keep His promise. At just the right time, God would send His Son, Jesus, to save sinners.

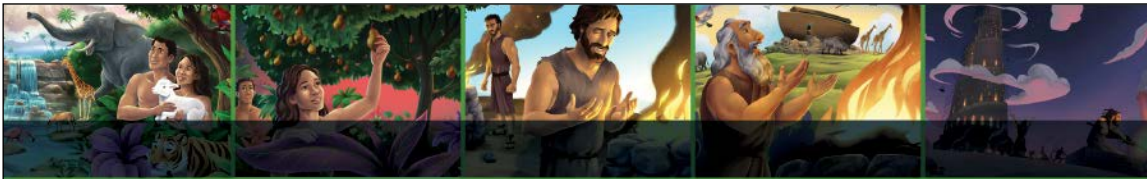
Pray: God, thank You for remembering Your promise to send a Savior. Give us strength to live in a world broken by sin, and help us to believe in Jesus so that we can experience eternal life with You. Amen.



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Mornings

Thank God for your family—parents and siblings. How can things in your home tempt you to sin? How is Jesus the rescuer you need?

Evenings

Ask God to help you battle the sin of jealousy or comparing yourself to others. How can comparison lead us to sin? How are we loved and accepted by Jesus' work instead of our own?



Family Activities

For Fun

Compare baby pictures of each family member. Talk about the way kids may resemble their parents or the ways siblings may resemble each other. Remind kids that the sin of Adam and Eve has been passed on to every generation—including your family, but Jesus' death and resurrection have made eternal life available to anyone who believes in Him!

To Serve

Explain the concept of tithes and offerings to your kids. Allow them to participate in however your family gives to your church and invite them to also give. Talk about the offerings of Cain and Abel. Remind kids that God wants us to give with a cheerful and grateful heart as an act of worship.



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THE GREAT FLOOD



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Genesis 6–9 from the Bible.