

Middle School Discussion Guide

God's Creation Was Good: For the week of April 11 - 17, 2021

Open the Bible and read Genesis 1 together, switching every five verses.

GOD IS CREATIVE

- Talk about the last time you were amazed by something in nature—maybe a stunning sunset, or a beautiful bird, or a rushing river.
- How do beautiful things in nature point you to God's creativity?
- How do we as humans reflect God's creativity?

Think about God's creativity. God created everything out of nothing. He created some amazing things and saw that it was good. We create things, and sometimes it turns out good, and sometimes it doesn't. But God looked at his work and was pleased with how it came out. It was good!

GOD'S CREATION IS GOOD

- How would you define the word good? How do you determine if something is good?
- What was it about God's creation that made it good?
- Look at verse 31—why is it significant that God didn't call His creation "very good" until after he created humans?

Psalm 148:5 says, "Let every created thing give praise to the Lord, for he issued his command, and they came into being." God's creation is so good that it's praiseworthy. Throughout the process of creation, God stopped and commented on how good it was. That statement shows joy and celebration in what God brought into existence. God was pleased with the world He had formed and the good things in it. Before humans, God described things as "good." After His creation of humans, He said it was "very good."

YOU WERE CREATED BY A GOD WHO CREATES GOOD THINGS

- What does a person's creation reveal about him or her?
- Look at verses 26 and 27—why is it important that we are created in God's image?
- Elsewhere in the Bible, we read that in the beginning, Jesus existed. This means He was at the creation described in Genesis 1. What is Jesus "creating" in your life right now?

Genesis says humans were not spoken into existence like all the rest of creation. From the beginning, God interacted with us differently. God breathed life into us, God formed us with His hands, and God created us in His image. Nothing else in creation has that privilege. You are created by a God who creates good things—and you are one of those good things God has created.

FOR KEEPS [MEMORY VERSE]

"Let every created thing give praise to the Lord, for he issued his command, and they came into being." (Psalm 148:5 NLT)

Close in prayer.