

JANUARY THEME



SEE **GOD** IN **EVERYTHING**

January Theme:

See God in Everything

Monthly Memory Verse:

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

Monthly Challenge Verse:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.” John 1:1-2

Week of January 23rd

■ **Main Idea:** **Created in the image of God**

■ **Life Application:** **See God in You**



Parents, use the Action Bible as you lead your kids, and also use your own Bible to read through some of the verses that will help them understand. This week, please prepare for discussion by listening to the sermon together and reading **Genesis 1:14-31**. Have your kids turn to **pages 19-20 in The Action Bible** and read **Days 4-6** together.

1. Review: Look at **The Action Bible, pages 17-18**. **What did God create on Days 1, 2, and 3 of Creation?** (Day 1: Light and darkness Day; 2: Sky and water and the heavens between; Day 3: Land, plants, and sea)

Read our challenge verse. **Who was with God, creating everything in the heavens and on earth?** (Jesus was there! Jesus is The Word.) Finally, God created everything that animals and people would need to live, BEFORE He created them in Days 4-6.

2. Read **Genesis 1:14-19** and **Day 4 in The Action Bible**. **What did God create on Day 4 of Creation?** (The sun, moon, and stars) **Why did God create these things?** (To give light, to separate night and day, to mark the days, seasons, and years) **Was God pleased when He created the sun, moon, and stars? How do you know?** (verse **18b**- "And God saw that it was good.")
3. Read **Genesis 1:20-23**, and **Day 5 in The Action Bible**. **What did God create on Day 5?** (The fish in the sea and the birds in the sky) **What did God do in verse 22?** (God blessed the sea creatures and the birds, and told them to multiply!) **What did God think about what He had created on Day 5?** ("God saw that it was good.")
4. Read **Genesis 1:24, 25** and the **first part of Day 6 in The Action Bible**. **What did God create?** (The living creatures of the earth: the beasts, or wild animals; the livestock, farm animals that help people; and the animals that creep on the ground) **And what did God see?** (God saw that it was good.)
5. Finally, read **Genesis 1:26,27** and the **second part of Day 6 in The Action Bible**. **What else did God create on Day 6?** (God created the first man and woman, Adam and Eve.) Look at **verse 26**. **What was special about the people God created?** (They were created in His image, to be like Him.) **In verses 28-30, what did God do?** (He blessed all He had created on Day 6, and told them all He had given them to help them live)

Digging Deeper (For older kids or those who want to know more)

1. **What do you think it means to be “created in the image of God?”** (*God created Adam and Eve with a mind, with a soul, with creativity, with emotions, to work, to have a relationship with Him and each other, and to worship Him.*)
2. Read **Genesis 1:28-30**. **What did God tell the people He created to do?**
 - Be fruitful and multiply (Have children)
 - Subdue the earth- they were put in charge of the earth God created
 - Have dominion over the animals
 - God gave the plants of the earth for people and animals to eat, and the people would take care of everything God gave them that they needed to live
3. As God created each living thing, including plants, fish, birds, and animals- the Bible says He created them according to their own kind, and He told them to be fruitful and multiply. **What do you think this means?** (*He created every living thing to be able to reproduce- for plants, to create new plants with seed and fruit. For animals and people, to have children of their own kind, or species. So, each living thing would produce offspring that would be like them.*)
4. At the end of Day 6, in **verse 31**, God did something different when He looked over all that He had made. **Can you see what is different?** (*“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.” On all of the other days He saw it was good, but on this day, God was very pleased! The world was as He intended it to be! There was no disharmony in the world or between God and man.*)

Pray:

God, Thank You for creating the beautiful world and everything in it! Thank You for supplying us with everything we need to live. Thank You for making us in Your image- we love being Your children, each one created to be just the way You want us to be! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Family Challenge:

Choose one (or more) challenge activity to do together this week! Remember, most kids learn more from doing and creating than from listening!

1. On Day 6, God created the fish, birds, and animals. **Ask each member of your family to talk about their favorites. Which ones are the most beautiful? The**

most unusual? Which would you want for a pet?

2. **Talk about how God created us.** There are many things that are the same, and other things about us that are different from other people. Play a little guessing game with your family and see if they can guess who you are talking about. Name 5 things about one family member- some that are like others, some that are different. For instance, say, The person I am thinking about:

- Has brown hair
- Has ten fingers
- Has a great sense of humor
- Loves chocolate
- Is very musical

Let family members guess, and then let someone else give the clues. **Say: "God created us in His image! What do you think that means?"** (*Discuss*)

3. **Have family members make a list of things that they like about the way God created them.** If they want, they can draw a picture of themselves and write these things beside the picture. Come back together and share. **Ask: "What is something awesome and unique about you?"** You may even want to let family members share what they love about each other- this is a wonderful way to make each person feel valued.
4. During the week, watch Sharefaith: The Creation Story
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jO9IXEF178>