

Week One
July 31, 2022

BEGINNING

DIAKONOS SOLUTIONS

FRAMING

New beginnings happen all the time. Sometimes they are big, like the start of a new school year or a new job. Other times they are small, like changing a routine or habit. Our scripture reminds us that God was— that God existed— before everything else.

The Apostle Paul says this about new beginnings, “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!” (2Cor 5:17)

Beginnings are exciting and they can be a little scary. Remembering that God is with us gives us courage for our new beginnings!

SCRIPTURE

"In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it."
John 1:1-5

PRAYER

Gracious God, Before anything else, you were there. Be with us now, in our new beginning. Amen.

GET CURIOUS

What are you excited about for a new beginning coming up? Are you afraid of anything about this new beginning? Imagine God holding your hand in both situations. What does that look like? What does it feel like to have God hold your hand?

PRACTICE

This week, share about a new beginning. It could be around the dinner table, or on a white board, or in a journal or in a text group with a friend.

- Was it a “little” new beginning (like changing a habit or routine) or a “big” new beginning (like the start of the school year or a new job)?
- What was exciting about it? Was anything scary about it?
- How did you feel about doing this new thing?
- Did you imagine God being with you in the midst of this beginning?

