

Back to the Bible

Lesson 1 — Back to the Beginning

Main Text: Genesis 1:1–31 KJV
Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:3 KJV
Main Truth: We believe by faith that God created everything by His spoken Word.

LESSON OVERVIEW

In this first lesson of *Back to the Bible*, Dr. Fiddlefaddle takes the children all the way **back to the beginning**. Before there was a sun, moon, earth, ocean, tree, animal, or human being, **God was already there**. The Bible does not begin by explaining where God came from. It simply declares: **"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."** — Genesis 1:1 KJV

The lesson teaches children that the world around them is not the result of an accident or without purpose. **God created everything deliberately, in an orderly sequence, and for a purpose.**

God prepared the creation for human life step by step.

- Day 1 — Light
- Day 2 — The firmament/atmosphere
- Day 3 — Dry land, seas, grass, herbs, and trees
- Day 4 — Sun, moon, and stars
- Day 5 — Fish and birds
- Day 6 — Land animals and mankind

Each stage prepared the way for what God would create next. **God had a plan. God had a purpose. And God spoke His creation into existence.**

MEMORY VERSE

Hebrews 11:3 KJV "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

Help the Children Understand The Bible tells us something very important: **We were not there when God created the world.** Nobody was standing beside God with a camera. Nobody watched God create the heavens and the earth. So how do we know? **We believe what God has told us by faith.** Faith does not mean believing something without evidence or believing something foolish. Faith means **trusting what God has said because God is trustworthy.** Hebrews 11:3 says: **"Through faith we understand..."** Our understanding begins with what **God has revealed in His Word.**

TEACHER'S OBJECTIVES

By the end of the lesson, the children should understand:

1. **God existed before creation.**
2. **God created the heaven and the earth.**
3. **God created by His spoken Word.**
4. **Creation was orderly, not random.**
5. **God created everything with a purpose.**
6. **Each day of creation prepared for what came next.**
7. **Human life was the special culmination of God's creation.**
8. **God's purpose in creation demonstrates His love and care.**
9. **We understand creation by faith because God's Word tells us what happened.**
10. **If God created us with purpose, our lives also have purpose.**

KEY PHRASE FOR THE LESSON

Have the children repeat: **"GOD SAID IT — AND IT WAS SO!"**
You can make this a recurring part of the lesson.
Teacher:
"What did God do?"
Children:
"God said it!"
Teacher:
"And what happened?"
Children:
"And it was so!"

THE CREATION ACCOUNT — GENESIS 1 KJV

For this lesson, teachers should read the entire chapter of Genesis 1.

SOMETHING IMPORTANT FOR THE TEACHER

As you teach Genesis 1, have the children listen for two repeated ideas.

1. “AND GOD SAID”

The phrase **“And God said”** appears **10 times** in Genesis 1:

- Verse 3
- Verse 6
- Verse 9
- Verse 11
- Verse 14
- Verse 20
- Verse 24
- Verse 26
- Verse 28
- Verse 29

This is an important teaching point. Creation happened because **God spoke**. God did not need human assistance. God did not need someone to tell Him what to do. God did not need creation to tell Him what creation should become.

God spoke.
God commanded.
God created.

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2. “AND IT WAS SO”

The phrase **“and it was so”** appears **6 times** in Genesis 1:

- Verse 7
- Verse 9
- Verse 11
- Verse 15
- Verse 24
- Verse 30

This gives us a wonderful pattern: **GOD SAID → AND IT WAS SO**
God's Word has authority. When God speaks, His Word accomplishes His purpose.

THE SIX DAYS OF CREATION

DAY ONE — GOD CREATED LIGHT

Genesis 1:3 KJV

"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."

God created light and separated light from darkness.

Teaching Point

God began preparing the earth. There is an important principle here: **God started with what was necessary for what would come next.**

DAY TWO — GOD CREATED THE FIRMAMENT

Genesis 1:6–8

God made the firmament and separated the waters. The atmosphere/expanse of the heavens was established.

Teaching Point

Day 2 built upon Day 1. God was preparing the environment for everything that would follow.

DAY THREE — GOD PREPARED THE EARTH

God gathered the waters. Dry land appeared.

Then God created:

- grass
- herbs
- trees
- fruit
- seed-bearing plants

Genesis 1:11 KJV "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind..."

Teaching Point

Now the earth was beginning to look like a place capable of supporting life. **Day 3 built upon Day 2.**

DAY FOUR — GOD CREATED THE LIGHTS IN HEAVEN

God created the sun, moon, and stars.

Genesis 1:14 KJV "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night..."

The lights were given purposes:

- signs
- seasons
- days
- years
- light upon the earth

Teaching Point

God did not simply make the sun and moon. He gave them **functions and purposes.**

DAY FIVE — GOD CREATED FISH AND BIRDS

God filled the waters with living creatures. He created the birds to fly in the heavens.

Genesis 1:20 KJV "And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth..."

Teaching Point

Now the prepared environment was filled with life. **Day 5 built upon everything God had prepared before it.**

DAY SIX — GOD CREATED LAND ANIMALS AND HUMAN LIFE

God created:

- cattle
- creeping things
- beasts of the earth

Then God created something unique. **MAN.**

Genesis 1:26 KJV "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."

And then:

Genesis 1:27 KJV "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

THE CULMINATION OF CREATION

There is something important for the children to see. God did not create mankind first. He prepared everything mankind would need **before He created mankind.**
Think about it:
Light? Already there.
Atmosphere? Already there.
Dry land? Already there.
Plants and food? Already there.
Sun, moon, and stars? Already there.
Birds and fish? Already there.
Animals? Already there.
Then God created human life. This gives us a beautiful picture of God's provision. **God prepared the world before He placed man in it.** That means God's creation was not careless.
It was **ordered.**
It was **intentional.**
It was **purposeful.**

GOD CREATED EVERYTHING WITH PURPOSE

This should be one of the major teaching points of the lesson.
Ask the children: **"Did God just make things for no reason?"** No!
Look at Genesis 1.
The sun has a purpose.
The moon has a purpose.
The stars have a purpose.
Plants have a purpose.
Animals have a purpose.
The earth has a purpose.
And **you have a purpose.**
Genesis 1:31 KJV "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good."
God looked at His completed creation and declared it **"very good."**

CREATION WAS ORDERED

Use this simple illustration on a board:
DAY 1 → DAY 2 → DAY 3 → DAY 4 → DAY 5 → DAY 6
Then explain:

Day 1 prepared for Day 2.
Day 2 prepared for Day 3.
Day 3 prepared for Day 4.
Day 4 prepared for Day 5.
Day 5 prepared for Day 6.
Everything was moving toward God's purpose. You can tell the children:
"God did not create a mess and then try to figure out what to do with it. God had a purpose from the beginning."

THE FOUNDATION OF GOD'S PURPOSE WAS LOVE

This is an important transition from **creation** to **our relationship with God**. God's creation demonstrates His care. He prepared a world capable of sustaining human life before mankind was placed in it.
God gave mankind:

- light
- food
- water
- land
- plants
- animals
- an environment in which to live

God's purpose was not merely to make things. He was preparing a place for life. And ultimately, God's Word reveals that His purpose toward mankind is rooted in His love.
John 3:16 KJV "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
This gives the children a powerful connection:
Creation shows us God's power.
Creation shows us God's order.
Creation shows us God's purpose.
The Bible shows us God's love.

FAITH AND CREATION

Return to the memory verse:
Hebrews 11:3 KJV "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God..."
Ask:
"Were you there when God created the world?" No.

“Was Dr. Fiddlefaddle there?” No!
“Was Vern there?” No!
So how do we know? **Because God told us.**
We receive God's account by **faith.** Our faith is not based on what we personally saw. Our faith is based upon **the testimony of God's Word.**

OBJECT LESSON — BUILDING A HOUSE

You can use blocks or pictures of building materials.
Ask the children:
“If you were going to build a house, would you put the roof on before you built the walls?”
No.
“Would you put the walls up before you had a foundation?” Probably not.
Explain: A good builder works according to a plan. God is the greatest Creator. He created with perfect order and purpose.
God's creation was not accidental.
God's creation was not meaningless.
God's creation had a purpose.

CONNECTING CREATION TO THE CHILD

This is where the lesson becomes personal.
Say: **“If God created everything with purpose, what does that mean about you?”**
It means:**You were created with purpose.**
You are not an accident.
You are not meaningless.
Your life matters.
God created you.
God knows you.
God has a purpose for your life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Younger Children

1. Who created the heaven and the earth?
2. What did God use to create?
3. What happened when God said, “Let there be light”?
4. How many days did God use to complete creation?
5. What did God create on Day 6?
6. Who created you?

7. Does God have a purpose for your life?

Older Children

1. What does Hebrews 11:3 teach us about creation?
2. Why do we believe God created the world even though we weren't there?
3. How many times does Genesis 1 say **"And God said"**?
4. How many times does Genesis 1 say **"and it was so"**?
5. What does the repeated pattern teach us about God's authority?
6. How did each day prepare for what came afterward?
7. What does creation teach us about God's character?
8. If God created you with purpose, how should that affect the way you live?

QUICK CREATION REVIEW

Have the children repeat this together:

DAY 1
LIGHT
DAY 2
FIRMAMENT
DAY 3
LAND, PLANTS AND TREES
DAY 4
SUN, MOON AND STARS
DAY 5
FISH AND BIRDS
DAY 6
ANIMALS AND MAN

Then ask: **"Who made it all?"**
Children:

GOD!

Ask: **"How did He make it?"**
Children:

BY HIS WORD!

Ask: **"Why did He make it?"**
Children:

WITH PURPOSE!

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Hebrews 11:3

Break the verse into sections:
"Through faith we understand" Children repeat. **"that the worlds were framed"** Children repeat. **"by the word of God"** Children repeat. **"so that things**

which are seen" Children repeat. **"were not made of things which do appear."** Children repeat.
Then put the entire verse together.

Memory Verse Challenge

Have the children say the verse while you progressively remove words from the board. Eventually leave only:

THROUGH FAITH
WORD OF GOD
WORLDS WERE FRAMED

See if the children can recite the entire verse.

MAIN LESSON TAKEAWAY

Write these three statements where the children can see them:

GOD CREATED.
GOD CREATED WITH PURPOSE.
GOD CREATED BY HIS WORD.

Then add:

GOD CREATED YOU WITH PURPOSE TOO!

CLOSING APPLICATION

Tell the children:
"When you look at the sky, remember God."
"When you see a tree, remember God."
"When you hear a bird sing, remember God."
"When you see the animals, remember God."
"And when you look in the mirror, remember this: **God created you with purpose.**"
The world around us should remind us that we have a Creator. And because our Creator has spoken, **we should listen to His Word.**

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19:1 KJV "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."
Then return to Hebrews 11:3 **"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God..."**

FINAL TRUTH FOR THE CHILDREN

Have everyone say this together:

"I believe by faith that God created everything by His Word. God created everything with purpose—and God created me with purpose too!"