



Lesson 1

Genesis 1

The Creation of the World

Assignment: Read Genesis 1 together

God is the Creator

How do we know where the world came from? The answer is simple—the Bible tells us who created it. Why do we need the Bible to tell us who created the world? Well, you and I were not alive back when the world began so we depend on someone telling us how everything came into existence. Here is what **Genesis 1:1** says, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

Question 1: Who created the heavens and the earth?

1. Bob
2. Filbert
3. God
4. Tiny Tim

Question 2: Where in the Bible does it say that God created the heavens and the earth?

1. Genesis 1:1
2. Genesis 3:14
3. 1 Hesiations 1:1
4. 2 Timothy 3:16

We Could Know That There is a God Even Without Scripture

Without the Bible, we wouldn't know everything about God, but we would still know that he exists. Even scientists who don't believe in God still agree that the universe had a beginning. So where did the universe come from? How could it come to be if something or someone hadn't caused it to be? The fact is that someone had to make it. The universe is HUGE and powerful. That means someone powerful had to make it. The universe is full of order. So, we know that someone orderly and wise had to form it. Animals and plants have instructions written in their DNA. Where do instructions come from? We know that instructions aren't accidentally created. Someone must write them down. Therefore, we know that the Creator of the world had to be very intelligent for DNA instructions to exist.

Just by thinking about the world we have already figured out that God must be powerful, orderly, wise, and intelligent. We can learn about the attributes of God just by looking at

creation and thinking about where it had to come from. Even Scripture tells us that we can do this. **Romans 1:18-20** says,

[18] For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. [19] *For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.* [20] *For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.* So they are without excuse.

This means that everyone knows that there is a God. No one will be able to say that they did not know that God exists. God has made not only his existence known but also his power and attributes through what was made.

Question 3: Does everyone know that there is a God?

1. Yes
2. No

Question 4: Why does everyone, including non-Christians, know that there is a God?

1. People are just good guessers
2. Everyone's mom tells them about God
3. They learned about God on CNN
4. God has made his existence known

Question 5: In what book and chapter of the Bible are we told that everyone knows that there is a God?

1. Genesis 1
2. Romans 1
3. Galatians 1
4. Revelation 1

Question 6: What kinds of things can we know about God just by looking at creation?

1. That God is powerful
2. That God is wise
3. That God is orderly
4. All of the above

Everything God Does is Good

In all of Genesis chapters 1 and 2 we see that everything God does is good. It won't be until Genesis 3 that we see something bad happening. This tells us that evil and sin do not come from God. Notice below how many times the Bible calls God's word "good."

Genesis 1:10 – "God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. *And God saw that it was good.*"

Genesis 1:11–12 – "[11] And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. [12] The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. *And God saw that it was good.*

Genesis 1:17 – And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. *And God saw that it was good.*

Genesis 1:21 – So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. *And God saw that it was good.*

Genesis 1:25 – And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. *And God saw that it was good.*

Genesis 1:31 – And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, *it was very good.*

One of the things the Bible constantly talks about is the goodness of God. God always does good and never bad. **Deuteronomy 32:4** says this about God, "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he." Not only that, God can't be tempted by evil. **James 1:13** says this about God, "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one." God is always good, and he can never do wrong.

Question 7: How many times does Genesis 1 say that the work of God was good?

1. Two times
2. Four times
3. Six times
4. Eight times

Question 8: Where does the Bible say about God that “his work is perfect”?

1. Genesis 32
2. Deuteronomy 32
3. James 32
4. Revelation 32

Question 9: Can God be tempted to do what is evil?

1. Yes
2. No

Question 10: Can we blame God for the evil that is in the world?

1. Yes
2. No

Jesus Was the Creator

Jesus is the Creator of everything, but nowhere in Genesis 1 and 2 is Jesus mentioned. So, how do we know that Jesus was there? First, Genesis 1 is not the only place in the Bible that talks about creation. **Colossians 1:15-17** says this about Christ,

[15] He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. [16] *For by him all things were created*, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—*all things were created through him and for him*. [17] And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Jesus created everything and everything was created for him. That last part is important—all things were created *for* him. How often do you look at the created world and think that it should be for you? But it’s not. It’s for Christ. It is true that the world was created for us to enjoy, but it is ultimately for us to know Christ and praise him.

Question 11: What was Jesus doing in the beginning?

1. He was creating everything
2. He didn’t yet exist
3. He was distracted talking with the angels
4. He was doing nothing

Question 12: Who was the world ultimately made for?

1. Us
2. Angels
3. Abraham
4. Jesus

Jesus is God

One more point before we are done with this lesson. The fact that Jesus created everything means that he is God. This is the point **John 1:1-3** tells us,

[1] In the beginning was the Word [Jesus], and the Word was with God, *and the Word was God*. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Now that we know that Jesus is the Creator, how should we respond to this news? The good news is that the Bible tells us how we should respond. **Revelation 4:11** says, “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” This means that we are to see Jesus, who is God, as worthy to receive glory, honor, and power. In short, our response to this news is that we should obey Jesus and give him praise.

Question 13: In which of these places does the Bible say that Jesus is God?

1. Genesis 1:1
2. John 1:1
3. Bob 1:1
4. Romans 1:1

Question 14: According to Revelation 4:11, what is God the Creator worthy to receive?

1. Glory
2. Honor
3. Power
4. All of the above