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The Light of Creation

*“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
And God saw the light, that it was good.”*

Genesis 1:3-4a

DRAW NEAR

Read the story of Creation in Genesis 1:1-31.

List the things God created on each day:

Day 1: _____

Day 2: _____

Day 3: _____

Day 4: _____

Day 5: _____

Day 6: _____

The above verses show us that God is our Creator. Look back over the list you made of God’s creations. The devotion “Meet Your Maker” in the *Revolve Devotional Bible* (Thomas Nelson Publishing) says, “[God] didn’t just throw together some life forms... He created digestive systems, reproductive processes, and everything else that goes with life. He didn’t just make the sea. He fashioned a system for underwater breathing, created coral reefs, and separated salt water from fresh. And on top of the planets spinning in space, He created boatloads of other universes!”

God is worthy of our praise, just because He is God. But if you ever needed a reason to praise Him, listing the intense thought and love He poured into each of His creations is a good place to start. Listen to the song “Glory to God Forever” by Fee and take a few minutes to praise God for His creativity.

GO DEEP

Look back at the story of creation in Genesis 1:1-31. Each day, God spoke things into creation. All He had to do was say, “Let there be light,” and there was. But on the sixth day, when God created man, He took the time to physically form Adam. Genesis 2:7 says, “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”

God could have just spoken man into being, but instead He lovingly sculpted man in His own image (Genesis 1:27). People are still that important to God. He still takes the time to form each of us—He gives us unique features, our own special purpose, and a soul that He hopes will want a relationship with Him someday.

Look up Psalm 139:14 and write it below:

We are made in God's image. But who is God? We already know from the story in Genesis that He is our Creator, but He is so much more than that. He is the Breath of Life, our Sustainer, our Protector, and our Provider. He's also true and just. He can not lie, and He can not tolerate sin.

When God created the world, one of the first things He made was light (Genesis 1:3). Because God is just and good, He loves light. All things that He does are honorable and good. Darkness and sin flee from the presence of God.

After Adam and Eve sinned, God could not live on earth among sinful people anymore. He banished Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden and as He watched the people that He had so lovingly created retreat into the darkness of sin, He formed a plan to bring light back to the world He had made. God would send Jesus to be our Light – to show us the truth and guide us out of the darkness of our sins.

GET REAL

Attention Group Leaders: This is the life application portion of the study. If you are leading a group, you will need one small taper candle for each girl.

When God created us, He formed us in His own image. Being a creative God, He gave us creative minds and the ability to think and reason. How can we use the gift of creativity to let God's light shine through us?

John said that Jesus "was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." (John 1:9) That means that Jesus came for ALL people. He didn't come just for a few chosen ones, He came to share God's truth with every person on earth. As Christians, it is our duty to help spread God's Light all over the earth.

If you're in a group, pass out small candles to each girl. Form a circle, turn off the lights, and let an adult help you light one candle. How far does the light reach in the dark room? One at a time, light the other candles from the light of the first one. Notice how much the light increases with each candle that is lit.

Does the first candle lose any light by sharing with others? _____

What do we have to lose if we tell people about Jesus? _____

What do we have to gain? _____

God wants us to share our light with the whole world. Talk with your group about some ways that you can reach out and spread the Light of the World. Make a list of some things your group wants to do in the upcoming year below:



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