



KICK OFF

The Bible's and Christianity's view of creation is unique.

Discuss.



KEY VERSE

Gen 1: 4,10,12,18,21,25  
'and God saw that it was good.'



BIG IDEA

God created the world in six days by His Word.



INVESTIGATE

1. 'In the beginning God created the .....without form and void.... What is the order God 'created' to give the heavens and the earth substance?
2. What is God's evaluation of each stage of creation? What does it teach us about God?
3. Have you ever been somewhere where you have seen something and your only response it...'this is amazing/gobsmacking. What an amazing God as creator as have?' Share with the group places that you think are gobsmacking.
4. As you read through Genesis 1: 1 – 25, jot down what the verses seem to be saying about God and the creation.  
  
.....about God  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
.....about Creation



DIG DEEPER

If anything is clear from Genesis 1 it is this: the act of

God creating the world forms a basic distinction. There is one who creates and then there is that which is created. According to the verses above you could divide all that is into these two categories. According to the verses of this chapter you could divide all that is into these two categories: On the one side would be God in the persons of the Father, Jesus who was with him from the beginning, and the Holy Spirit and on the other side would be everything else.

Some of the implications of these are: 1) There was once nothing except God. 2) God spoke things into existence. This means that matter is not eternal. 3) God created our of no internal or external compulsion. He was not lonely, he did not need to create. He simply wanted to do it. 4) God relates to all things by his Word. He spoke the world into existence by his word in the beginning. Later on he would redeem the world through His Son—the living Word of God made flesh.



**THINK THROUGH FURTHER**

5. Read Matthew 3: 13 – 17 – the baptism of Jesus.  
What does the voice of the from Father say to Jesus?



What is so significant about this declaration?

Why do you think God could say this of Jesus?

6. How does Genesis 1 equip you to respond to the following situations?

a) A Buddhist who tells you that the spiritual is what really matters and the human body and other material things are of little value.

b) an atheist who believes we are products of ‘time plus chance plus energy’.

c) an astrologer who says our fates are determined by the positioning of the sun, moon and stars.



Praise God for the challenges raised by God’s Word through this study?

**PRAYER**

Praying for others in your group:



Discuss majesty of God’s creation.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION**

God creates everything., large and small. Nothing lies outside his creative scope. God creates in an orderly and purposeful manner. God creates by His Word. He can simply speak the world into existence.

**PRAISE GOD** that He is our creator, that when He speaks, the creation rises up in obedience.

**CONFESS** to God that our lack of appreciation of the goodness and finiteness of creation.

**ASK GOD** that we would appreciate that all of life is lived under Him as our Creator.

**PRAY ALSO** for wisdom in handling questions about creation graciously.



For next week—  
Genesis 1: 26-2:3

**READ AHEAD**