



# BRING IT HOME

Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel.  
Our desire is to see families use this resource  
as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19.

# UNIT 1: GOD RULES OVER CREATION

God created the universe out of nothing. The eternal God rules over His creation. Everything was created to give glory to God the Father through His Son, Jesus, but people chose to reject God's good plan. The whole Bible reveals how Jesus came to restore the relationship between God and humanity.

## BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who is God?

God is our Creator and the King of everything.

## KEY PASSAGE:

Psalm 104:24

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.



## AT HOME RESOURCES

# August 25 | Session 1

## GOD CREATES THE WORLD | GENESIS 1-2



**STORY POINT:**  
God created everything for His glory.

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

By faith, we believe that God created the whole world by His word. (Hebrews 11:3) Jesus, the Word of God, is Lord over all of creation. Everything was created by Him and for Him. The Son has always existed, and He holds everything together. (Colossians 1:16-17)

### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

How are humans unique from the rest of creation?

Which of God's characteristics do we see in creation?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

#### FOR FUN :

Download an app to help your family study the stars and planets. As you learn about galaxies, constellations, and planets, take time to worship God for this display of His glory. Talk about how Jesus is an even greater display of God's glory because He shows us exactly what God is like.

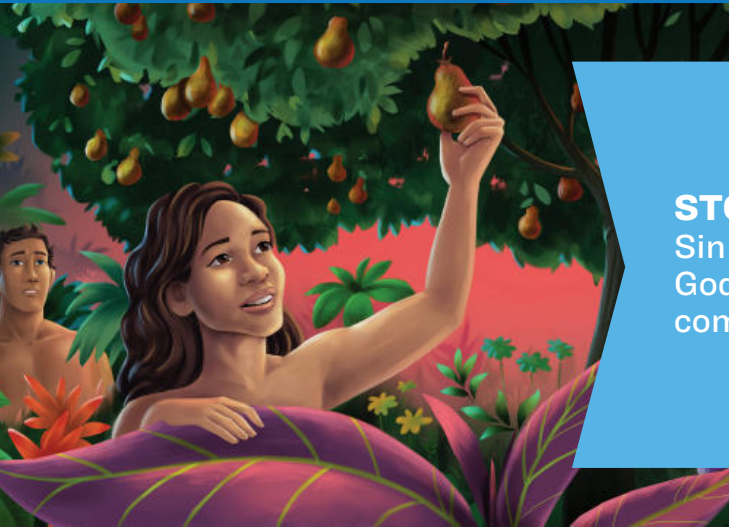
#### TO SERVE :

Plan a neighborhood "night-out party" with s'mores and popcorn. Provide binoculars or telescopes, or help others locate and install a constellation guide app to enjoy the glory of God on display.

Supplies: party food, constellation guides for your region, binoculars or telescope.

# September 1 | Session 2

## SIN ENTERED THE WORLD | GENESIS 2-3



**STORY POINT:**  
Sin is disobeying  
God and His  
commands.

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

Adam and Eve sinned when they rejected God's good plan and disobeyed His command. Sin separates people from God, but God didn't leave them without hope. God sent His Son, Jesus, to live as Adam didn't – perfectly sinless. God the Son came to earth as a man to rescue people from sin.

### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

How did the serpent tempt Eve to eat the fruit?

How did God show mercy to Adam and Eve?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

#### FOR FUN :

Make one small bowl of ice cream, but instead of sprinkles and chocolate syrup, top the bowl of ice cream with dirt and dish detergent. Discuss how the ruined ice cream reminds us that God's perfect creation was broken by sin. Even in the garden, God had a plan to make His creation new again through Jesus Christ! Prepare new bowls of ice cream and enjoy it with your family!

#### TO SERVE :

Choose a friend or family member in need of prayer. Send an encouraging card or gift to let her know your family is praying for her. Remind kids that we live in a world broken by sin, which is why we see pain, sickness, and even death all around us, but God has provided hope in Jesus as the promised Savior.

# September 8 | Session 3

## THE FIRST FAMILY | GENESIS 4



**STORY POINT:**  
Sin separates us  
from God.

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

God had promised that one of Eve's descendants would put an end to sin and death. Cain was not that descendant. He was sinful like his parents, Adam and Eve. As families grew and sin spread, people waited for God to keep His promise. At just the right time, God would send His Son, Jesus, to save sinners.

### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What was the difference between the two offerings?

Why did God have to punish Cain for his sin? How was God merciful, even in punishment?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

#### FOR FUN :

Compare baby pictures of each family member. Talk about the way kids may resemble their parents or the ways siblings may resemble each other. Remind kids that the sin of Adam and Eve has been passed on to every generation—including your family, but Jesus' death and resurrection have made eternal life available to anyone who believes in Him!

#### TO SERVE :

Explain the concept of tithes and offerings to your kids. Allow them to participate in however your family gives to your church and invite them to also give. Talk about the offerings of Cain and Abel. Remind kids that God wants us to give with a cheerful and grateful heart as an act of worship.

# September 15 | Session 4

## THE GREAT FLOOD | GENESIS 6-9



**STORY POINT:**  
God is right to judge sin.

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

God rescued Noah and his family from the flood. The story of Noah points to an even greater rescue. God's Son, Jesus, came to take the punishment for our sin. By trusting in Him, we are saved from the power of sin and death.

### **FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

Why did God send the flood?

How has God rescued us from sin?

### **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

#### **FOR FUN :**

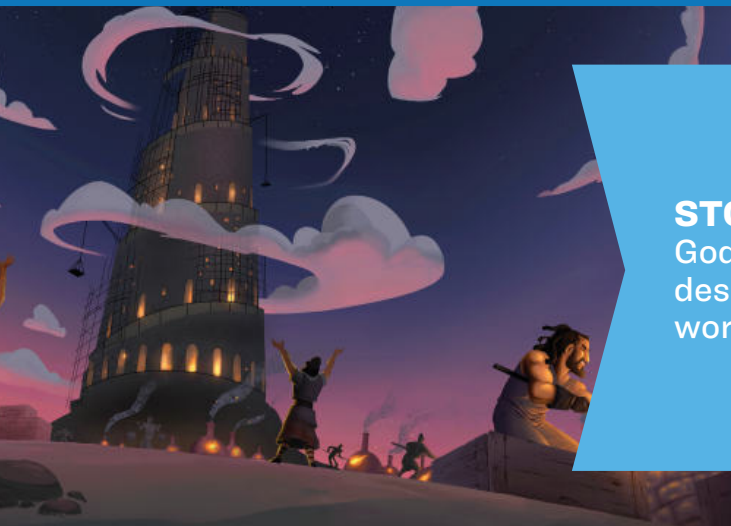
Make an origami boat or a boat from other craft supplies. Test the boat's ability to float in a pond or your bathtub. Review the story of Noah. Help kids understand why God punishes sin and how He has lovingly made a way — like the ark for Noah — through Jesus for us to be saved.

#### **TO SERVE :**

Volunteer to help at your local animal shelter. Feed animals, clean cages, or take the animals for walks. Talk about everything Noah and his family would have experienced on the ark. God used the ark to rescue Noah's family and the animals from the flood. There is an even greater rescue through Jesus!

# September 22 | Session 5

## THE TOWER OF BABEL | GENESIS 11



**STORY POINT:**  
God is great and  
deserves all  
worship.

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

People ignored God's plan and tried to make a name for themselves, so God confused their language and scattered the people all over the earth. One day, Jesus will gather together all of God's people – people from every tribe and people who speak all kinds of languages – and they will worship Him. (Revelation 7:9-10)

### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

How does it make you feel to think about a place with no crying, no pain, and no death?

Why is being with Jesus the best news about the new heaven and earth?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

#### FOR FUN :

Use a language translation app to help your family practice different languages. Have some fun saying common phrases in English and allowing the app to translate into other languages. Talk about how this story from Genesis 11 is the account for how the world received so many people groups and languages. Discuss how this division came as a result of sin, but how God's plan still includes a time when every tribe and language will worship Jesus as Lord.

#### TO SERVE :

Use the translation app to learn the phrase "Jesus is Lord" in other languages. Make signs to place in your window or yard to declare this truth in multiple languages. If you know of a family that speaks another language, consider sending them a postcard with the phrase in their language and a summary of what kids are learning. End the conversation by thanking Jesus that He is Lord of all people and will one day have every language confess that He is Lord!



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