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Dedicated to my children:

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Using this Teaching Guide

This series of volumes was created to help parents teach the Bible to their children at home. It's a highly interactive study which seeks to promote thought, discussion, and application as you read through the Bible together. By the time you finish all fourteen volumes, your family will investigate the entirety of God's Word.

Each individual lesson is divided up into the following five sections:

Opening

The *Opening* gets the lesson moving with either introductory thought questions, or a reading from the Psalms or Proverbs. This section serves as a "Call to Study."

Drill Time

The *Drill Time* section is an opportunity for you to quiz your children to assess their Bible knowledge. Sometimes the questions will be a review of the previous lesson. Other times the questions will cover essential Bible knowledge that all of our children should learn. Still other times the questions will be from another portion of Scripture which connects to the lesson to be studied.

W.O.W!

The *Word of the Week (W.O.W!)* is designed to build the Christian vocabularies of your children. Each lesson includes a *W.O.W!* that is either a word found in the Bible text or a theological word that is dealt with in the passage. Often times, the *W.O.W!* is found repeatedly in the chosen text, serving as a theme for the lesson. The *Word of the Week* is defined and explained in this section in order for



your children to gain understanding. They will be asked to listen for it in the *Bible Investigation* time.

Bible Investigation

The *Bible Investigation* time is the heart and soul of the lesson. Each passage of Scripture is read to your children a portion at a time, breaking it down for interactive discussion. The discussion sections include questions for your children to answer as well as other commentary on what has just been read. Application sections also appear throughout the *Bible Investigation* in order to put to work what is being studied.

The *Bible Investigation* time is also intended to teach your children how to do methodical Bible study. You will be helping them to observe, interpret, think through, and apply the Scripture.

All sections of Scripture in these volumes are from the *New International Version (NIV)*.

Scripture Memory

At the end of each lesson, a *Scripture Memory text* is given that either comes from the lesson or connects to it in some way. Encourage your children to memorize Scripture each week to commit God's Word to their hearts.

**Enjoy studying God's Word
together as a family!**



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Lesson 1

Genesis 1:1-2:7

Opening

Say: *I have a question for you. Who made you? Allow answers. That's right, God made you! What else did God make? Allow your children to name several things that God has made. God has made everything, hasn't He?*

I am so glad that God made all things, including you and me. We are going to read today about exactly how He created all things. Are you ready to learn?

Drill Time

Now, let's move on to DRILL TIME—our opportunity to review what we have learned in the past. Are you ready?

Show the children your Bible. *Who can tell me what this is? Allow answers. Yes, this is my Bible. Do you have a Bible? The Bible is the most important book ever written in the history of the world.*

Who wrote the Bible? Allow answers. Yes, God wrote the Bible—that's why we also call the Bible "God's Word."

But did you know that God used men to write down the words of His Bible? Yes, God moved on the hearts and minds of men who lived long ago to write these words down. Isn't that amazing?



Have your children stand up.

How would you like to stand up forever? I wouldn't! Guess what? God says that the Bible, His Word, stands forever. Listen to Isaiah 40:8.

Isaiah 40:8 (NIV)

⁸The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God **stands** forever.”

W.O.W!

Have the children sit down.

Say: *Each time we study the Bible together, we will learn a new vocabulary word. Do you like learning new words? I do! God has given us the ability to speak and use wonderful words to learn more about Him.*

*Our W.O.W! (Word of the Week) this week is **BIBLE**.*

You all know what a BIBLE is—I showed you my BIBLE earlier. But I bet you don't know what the word BIBLE really means. It actually comes from an old word which means “BOOKS.”

Show your Bible again. *So, the BIBLE is not just one BOOK, it is a collection of many BOOKS. That's how it got its name!*

*So how many individual BOOKS make up the BIBLE? **Allow answers.** There are actually sixty-six different books in the Bible. Isn't that amazing? And all of them have been given to us by God so that we can learn more about Him.*



Bible Investigation

Introduction: *We begin in the Book of Genesis—the very first book of all of the sixty-six books of the Bible. What do you think the first Book of the Bible is about? Well, the word “Genesis” means BEGINNINGS. So this book will tell us all about our BEGINNINGS!*

Let’s begin. Read Genesis 1:1.

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Discussion: *Who created the heavens and the earth? [God.] When did He create them? [In the beginning.] God is our Creator. He created all things from the very beginning.*

Let’s continue reading. Read verses 2-5.

² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. ³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Discussion: *What was here before God created all things? [Nothing.] Who was hovering over the waters? [The Holy Spirit.] What did God create on this first day? [Light.] How did God create light? [He just spoke, and it came to be.]*

Application: *Can you just speak and create something? Let’s try it. I want to create an elephant. ELEPHANT! Did I make an elephant? [No.] We cannot create anything just by saying a word. But God can! He is the true CREATOR. Only He can speak and create everything out of nothing.*

Let’s go on to the next day of Creation. Read verses 6-8.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters



to separate water from water.”⁷ So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so.⁸ God called the expanse “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

Discussion: *What did God create on the second day? [The sky.] Yes, He created sky which separated the “waters from the waters.” We now have waters under the sky, and waters above the sky.*

Let’s see what God created next. Read verses 9-13.

⁹ And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so.¹⁰ God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.¹¹ Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so.¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

Discussion: *Wow! God created several things on day three. What were they? [Land, seas, vegetation, trees.] Now we have land to live on with plants growing on the land. Is God done creating now? No! There is still much more to be made.*

Let’s continue. Read verses 14-19.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years,¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so.¹⁶ God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.¹⁷ God set them in the expanse



of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

Discussion: *What did God create on the fourth day? [The sun, moon, and stars.] God had already created light, since He is the light of the world. Now, He put the sun and the moon and the stars in their places.*

Application: *Who has ever tried to count the stars in the night sky? It's impossible, isn't it? God is so amazing that only He can create those millions of stars in the sky. And, they are beautiful, aren't they?*

Let's continue. Read verses 20-23.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

Discussion: *What happened on the fifth day? [God created fish and birds.] Aren't you glad God created all of the different kinds of birds and all the different kinds of fish that live in the seas! Can you create a fish or a bird? No! Only God can. He is the CREATOR of all things!*

Let's read on. Read verses 24-25.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to



their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Discussion: *Now what did God create? [Land animals, livestock, wild animals.] What's your favorite animal? Allow answers. Aren't you glad God created animals?*

But day six is not done yet. Read verses 26-31.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." ²⁹Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Discussion: *What was the most important thing God created? [Human beings.] Yes, we are the crown of God's creation. You and I were created in God's image. That means we were created to be a reflection of who God is. Humans are the ONLY creatures made in God's image.*

Let's read more. Read Genesis 2:1-3.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. ²By the seventh day God had finished the work he



had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Discussion: *So God created all things in six days. What did God do on the seventh day? [He rested.] Did He rest because He was tired? [No!] God rested because He was finished with His work of creation. Was God happy with His creation? [Yes!] He saw that it was all very good. Notice also that God blessed the seventh day as a day of rest. This is why we also rest from work one day in seven.*

*Let's finish our reading for today. **Read verses 4-7.***

⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens— ⁵and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground— ⁷the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Conclusion: *Wow, did you hear that? The LORD God made man, but he was still not alive. What did God do? [He breathed the breath of life into him.] God is Creator and He is also the Life Giver! More next time...*

Scripture Memory

Genesis 1:1

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.





Lesson 2

Genesis 2:8-3:24

Opening

Say: *Who can tell me the answer to this question: Who made you? [God.] What else did God make? [God made everything else.]*

*Why do you think God made you and everything else? **Allow answers.** He made you and everything else for HIS OWN GLORY. That means He made you and everything else so that His name would be praised.*

Have you thanked God today that He made all things?

Drill Time

Now, we'll move on to DRILL TIME—our opportunity to review what we have learned in the past. Are you ready?

Today's questions: *How many days did it take for God to create the heavens and the earth? What did God do on the seventh day? What was unique about the creation of man?*

Answers:

1. Six days.
2. He rested from all His work.
3. Man is made in the image of God.

What did God think about His Creation? Did He think it was just okay? Did He think it was horrible? No, He thought it



was good, even very good.

So why isn't God's Creation so good anymore? Sure, it is still very beautiful, but we now have so much disease, sickness, death, pollution and other destruction in our world. What happened?

We will find out the answer to that question when we get to our Bible Lesson today. Our Word of the Week will help us learn the answer as well.

W.O.W!

Say: *Remember that during each lesson we will learn a new word. God has given us the ability to speak and use wonderful words to learn more about Him.*

*Our W.O.W! (Word of the Week) this week is **SIN**.*

*What is SIN? **Allow answers.** SIN is an offense against God. It is a breaking of any of God's laws. It is whatever opposes our holy God.*

SIN has two parts to it: We SIN when we DO something God has told us that we should NOT do. But, we also SIN when we DO NOT do something we are supposed to do!

Who here has ever SINNED before? Yes, we have all SINNED and we SIN every day.

Today, we will learn about where SIN comes from.

