

# WEEK 1

## GOD IS KING OVER EVERYTHING CREATION IS FOR HIS GLORY ELEMENTARY LESSON GUIDE

### THE FOUR KEYS . . .

## KEY VERSE

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. Colossians 1:16

## KEY IDEAS

1. God is glorious.
2. All creation exists to bring Him glory.
3. Through Jesus, our lives can bring God glory.

## KEY PASSAGE

Genesis 2:1-7, John 9:1-12

## KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .  
that all creation exists to bring God glory.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .  
special to be created and loved by God who deserves  
all glory and praise.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .  
praise God for all that He has made and done.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .  
to bring glory to God by repenting and believing in  
Jesus.

# INTRODUCTION

When God made all of creation, He declared it good. It was exactly as He intended and designed it to be, and He delighted in it. God Himself is glorious, worthy of praise, and everything God creates is made for His glory and purposes to reflect His nature and character to the world.

## OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin the lesson by providing each child with a blank piece of paper and crayons or colored pencils. Tell them that they have 5 minutes to draw anything they want. After 5 minutes, allow each child to show their picture and share what they drew. Explain that our artwork and the things we create reveal something about us. They reflect our personalities and creativity that is unique to us and given to us by God. We are creative because God is creative. In the same way our work reflects something about us, God's creation reflects something about Him, too.

## KEY IDEAS

Read Genesis chapter 2:1-7 and John 9:1-12 and use the following points for guided discussion.

- God is glorious.
  - What does it mean that God is glorious? He is worthy of praise and admiration.
  - What is God's glory brighter than? God's glory is brighter than the sun. Read Rev. 21:23. God's glory shines so bright that we will not need the sun to brighten the day in heaven.
- All creation exists to bring Him glory. (Psalm 97:5-6)
  - Why does creation exist? To declare the glory of God. When we look at creation, we can see how powerful God is.
  - How does creation bring God glory? Through revealing His power and glory to us. (Psalm 19:1-4)
- Through Jesus, our lives can bring God glory. (John 13:31)
  - How did the blind man's life bring God glory? In verse 3 of the story in John, Jesus said the man was not born blind because of his sin as the disciples had thought. Instead, he was born blind so that God's glory could be revealed through His life when Jesus healed him because it showed the world God's power and love. God had a purpose in his blindness from the very beginning, and it was only after His encounter with Jesus that he was able to bring God glory in it by praising Him.
  - What can we learn about our purpose in reading this story? God has a purpose for all of our lives and that is to first repent of our sins and trust in Jesus for our salvation and second to bring Him glory by the way we live our lives. In everything we do in life as followers of Jesus, we should seek to bring God glory, even when we do not understand His purpose because we can trust that His purpose is always for good because He is good. (1 Cor. 10:31)

## Activity

Have the children close their eyes or cover them with blindfolds. Instruct them to wander around the room until they find their seat and then sit back down. As they wander, help them find their way back. Once they have all been seated, talk about how we cannot bring God glory on our own because of our sin. It is only once we have repented and trusted in Jesus for forgiveness that we can know God and fulfill His purpose for our lives.

## Prayer

Thank God that He is glorious and that He delights in all His creation. Thank Him that because He delights in us, He has given us a purpose through His son Jesus. Ask God to help us better understand how we can live our lives to bring Him glory.

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

## ACTIVITY

Memorize the key verse Colossians 1:16 and 1 Corinthians 10:31.

Spent time reflecting on the story of the blind man with your child. Use the discussion questions below to facilitate conversation about how God's glory is revealed in us when we live out our purpose for Him.

Share with your child what it means for you to glorify God. Share a time when you had a choice to not glorify God Him. Talk about how our purpose in life is to bring God glory through the things we say and do. We can only do this once we have repented of our sin and trusted in Jesus for our salvation and He has changed our hearts to want the things that He wants.

## DISCUSSION

- **How can our lives bring glory to God?**  
By repenting of our sins and trusting in Jesus, we bring glory to God because He delights in having Relationship with us. When we trust in Jesus who died for us, we can know God and have relationships with Him. When we know God, we praise Him because we understand that He is powerful, wonderful, loving, glorious, and worthy to be praised.
- **How did the blind man bring glory to God with his life?**  
He believed in Jesus for his salvation and told others about Him.
- **What are some ways that you can choose to glorify God with your words and actions this week?**

## PRAYER

Thank God for allowing us to have a relationship with Him through Jesus and for giving us purpose. Thank Him that He is glorious and deserving of all praise. Ask Him to help you live your life for Him this week.