

Parent Letter

In the kindergarten Bible program, *Exploring God's Word*, students will examine God's Word from Genesis to Revelation and discover what God is doing to redeem His fallen creation. Students will hear about God's perfect creation and the Fall of Adam and Eve into sin. They will see that since the Fall, people have proven over and over that they cannot save themselves. But students will also see that a loving God provided the only way of redemption. He promised to send His only Son, Jesus Christ, who would pay the price for people's sin. And God kept His promise. Jesus Christ, God's Son, became a man and died to pay for people's sin. Because of this, God will forgive anyone who repents of sin and trusts Jesus. And some day God will redeem and make His whole creation new again.



Creation



Fall



Redemption

The message of the entire Bible shows us how the holy, loving God sent His only Son, Jesus, to redeem His fallen creation.

As students learn about God's working in the lives of men and women in the Bible, they will realize that they need this promised Savior, Jesus, just as these men and women did. As they hear about God's love and faithfulness in keeping His promise, they will be encouraged to accept this promise of redemption for themselves.

In addition to teaching students facts about God and what He has done, *Exploring God's Word* should also produce in students a desire to know God and give them an understanding that God is working today in their lives.

Through this careful study of God's Word, the Bible, students will learn to live out the four biblical worldview shaping themes of glory, law, kingdom, and forgiveness.

Biblical Worldview Shaping Themes

GLORY: *What is most important in the world?*

Creation: God is the Creator of the world. He is the most important one in the world. The world and everything in it were made by God. They show God's greatness and goodness. God made people to praise Him. God made people to thank Him. They do this because He is most important. God's greatness and goodness make up His glory. People declare God's glory when they thank and praise Him.

Fall: People have fallen into sin. Sin is doing wrong. So, people no longer think God is most important in the world. They try to make themselves most important in the world. People want others to think that they are great and good. They don't think about God's greatness and goodness. They think about their own greatness and goodness.

Redemption: Creation and the Bible tell everyone that God is the greatest. They also tell everyone that God is the only, truly good person. When people understand that God is the greatest, they stop thinking about themselves. Instead, they thank God for His greatness and goodness. They begin to make God most important in their lives. They tell others about God's greatness and goodness.



LAW: *Who makes the rules, and what are they?*

Creation: God makes the rules. God tells people His rules in the Bible. God also shows people His rules in the world around them. God's world and God's rules are good. People are happy if they listen to and obey His rules.

Fall: Because of sin, people want to make their own rules. Adam and Eve did not trust God to make good rules. So, they disobeyed God and followed their own rules. As a result, sin, pain, and death entered the world and continue today.

Redemption: God has not left people without instruction. God keeps speaking. He speaks in history and in the Bible. He keeps speaking to people about His rules. People who listen and obey God's rules are happy. They live the way God planned. Instead of choosing what is right in their own eyes, they now live according to God's instruction with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit can help people know and keep God's rules.

KINGDOM: *How is the world supposed to be ruled?*

Creation: God is the maker and owner of the world. God is in charge of everything. God is in charge of people. God made people in charge of the earth under His own control. People are supposed to be in charge of God's world in God's way.

Fall: Satan rebelled against God. Then he tempted Adam and Eve to rebel against God. Now, people try to be in charge of the world their own way. They don't rule the world God's way. They want to live by their own rules. They don't want to let God be in charge of their lives.

Redemption: God promised that He would send a King. The King will be in charge, and He will be good. This King would be a descendant of Abraham and of King David. Jesus is the King. Unlike Adam, Jesus obeyed God perfectly. Through Jesus, people can again rule under God's greater control. God is in charge of the hearts and lives of those who turn to Jesus. One day, Jesus will rule perfectly and universally. All those who repent and trust in Jesus will rule with Him forever.



FORGIVENESS: *How can I be made right with God?*

Creation: God created people so that they could know God and enjoy being with Him. God spent time with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. People are happiest when they are close to their Creator.

Fall: When Adam sinned, all people became sinners. People choose to enjoy their sin instead of enjoying God. Because of their sin, they cannot enjoy God. God is perfect. God hates sin. God will punish sinners for their sin. Sinners cannot be made right with God without God's help. Sinners try to be made right with God their own way. They try to be good enough to be made right with God. They try to give to poor people to be made right with God. They say their sin is okay with God. But people cannot be made right with God their own way.

Redemption: God made a way for sinners to be made right with Him. Jesus' death on the cross paid for all sins. Jesus' resurrection showed that Jesus conquered death and sin. Those who repent and believe the gospel, trusting in Jesus, are made right with God by having their sins forgiven. Those who are forgiven can know and be with Him in this life and the next. Those who are forgiven by God are also able to forgive those who sin against them.

Creation Days 1-3

Draw something God made on the third day of Creation.
Color the picture.



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Day 1

Light



Day 2

Seas and sky



Day 3

Land, trees, and plants



Day 4

Sun, moon, and stars



Day 5

Fish and birds



Day 6

Animals and people

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Week 1: Creation

Scripture: Genesis 1–2

Memory Verse: Genesis 1:1

- God made everything so that everything would show how great and good He is.
- God made people to rule His world under His greater rule.

God created the heavens and the earth in six days.

Day 1: God created light and separated it from the darkness.

Day 2: God separated the seas and the sky filled with clouds.

Day 3: God created dry land and trees and plants with fruit and flowers.

Day 4: God created the sun, moon, and stars.

Day 5: God created the fish and birds.

Day 6: God created all the land animals and the first man and woman.

Day 7: God rested.

God, the Creator, made and loves us. In the Bible, He tells us about Himself and how we can know Him and be made right with Him.

Everything God made was good and perfect. There was no sin, sickness, sadness, pain, or death. All creation was made to show God's glory. God's special creation was man and woman. They were made in God's image. The man and woman were made to love and glorify

God. God told them to rule over the world He made and fill it with people.

God showed His glory in creation, but He also speaks to us through His Word, the Bible. As we learn about God in the Bible, we learn to know Him, love Him, obey Him, and give Him all the glory. We learn that the only way we can be made right with God is by trusting in Jesus.

Week 2: Adam and Eve

Scripture: Genesis 2–3

Memory Verse: Romans 3:23

- God makes the rules because He is the only God and the Creator.
- Adam and Eve disobeyed God's rule.
- God made a way for people to be made right with Him.

In God's perfect world, Adam and Eve were special because God made them like Himself. Because they were perfect, they were never sick or sad. They were made to live forever like God.

God gave Adam and Eve one rule. God's enemy, Satan, tempted Eve to disobey. She and Adam chose to disobey God's law. They sinned. Sin is saying, thinking, or doing anything that breaks God's law. God's perfect world was no longer perfect. Death came into the world and brought sadness and pain. Adam and Eve could not pay the price for sin. They needed someone

to pay the price to redeem them—someone to save them. God, who loved Adam and Eve so much, promised to send a Savior. Adam and Eve did not know the promised Savior would be Jesus who would die on a cross to pay for people's sins. But they believed God's promise.

Adam and Eve's children and grandchildren were all sinners. We are all part of Adam and Eve's family. We have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory. Every person needs God's promised Savior, just like Adam and Eve.