

Parenting with PURPOSE



Unit 1.1: God is Creator

Our powerful God created the world and everything in it in six days. God created all things for His own purposes. God's purpose for us is to have a relationship with Him.

Memory Verse: Revelation 4:11

Lesson Objectives:

- GOD IS CREATOR. View and praise God as a powerful, artistic Creator who only has to speak and things are made.
- GOD CREATED US FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE. Learn that in six days God created the world and everything in it from nothing for His own special reasons.
- GOD WANTS TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH US. Discover that God created humans in His image and with the ability to have a relationship with Him.
- GOD WANTS US TO GET TO KNOW HIM. Understand that the Bible is the place where we find out about God and how to have a relationship with Him.

Talk about it:

- Can anyone be a creator? Why or why not?
- What does it mean to be created in God's image?
- Why did God create us? How do we know why He created us?



Encouragement for you:

Our powerful God created the world and everything in it from absolutely nothing... and He did it in just six days! Revelation 4:11 tells us that it was by God's will, or choice, that all things were created. There was a purpose or reason for everything He created. This week, as you face challenging situations, remember that God put thought and purpose into creating you! You can thank God for being your awesome and powerful Creator.

T&T Announcements

Family Activity: Make Your Own Creation

What You'll Need:

Art supplies for each child (e.g. playdough, paper, crayons, markers, pipe cleaners, sheets of aluminum foil)

STEP 1: Give each child a set of art materials and give them a few minutes to make their own unique creation with the materials (e.g., pipe cleaners shaped into animals, foil hearts, flowers).

STEP 2: Ask them to share about their creations. Then start a discussion asking why they chose to create what they did and what they hope to do with their creation now. Will they give it to a friend? Hang it on a wall?

STEP 3: Take one of creations and say it is yours now and you will use it for some silly purpose other than what the child intended to do with the creation. Continue the discussion by asking how they would feel if you took their creation without asking and used it for your own purpose. Share these important concepts:

- When you create something, you own it. You are in charge of it. You chose what you wanted to make for a certain reason and you decide what you will do with it.
- It's the same way with God. God created the world and each one of us for a very special reason.

Continue the discussion by asking how they think God feels when we do what we want to do instead of what He made us to do. What problems might come if we don't do what God made us to do?

STEP 4: Share these key concepts:

- God created EVERYTHING!
- We should praise God because He is the Creator.
- To praise God is to tell Him how great and powerful and awesome He is!
- God is the only one who could create the world, so He is the only one that deserves our praise.
- God chose what He wanted to create. He created everything for His own special reasons.