

Unit 1

The God Who Created Us

“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.”

Genesis 1:31a

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidccook.org/bible-in-life/resources> to watch “The God Who Created Us” before doing the devotion together. This devotion works best in September.

The video shows children sharing about some of the things God made. They share examples of His creativity in the world.

- What are some of your favorite parts of God’s creation?

The Bible stories this month all taught us something about our God as the creator. In the first story, God creating the heavens and earth, along with day, night, sun, moon, and stars (Genesis 1:1–5, 14–19; Jeremiah 10:12). The next story taught us that God created water, clouds, land, and plants (Genesis 1:6–13; Psalm 104:24). We later saw God creating animal and marine life (Genesis 1:20–2:3). Finally, the last story showed God creating Adam and Eve (Genesis 1:26; 2:25). These stories all teach us that God is the creator of the heavens and earth, plants and animals, and humanity.

Through our stories in this unit, we learn how we can trust God’s plan for creation.

- God is a good creator who doesn’t make mistakes! What are some ways that God created you uniquely?
- Memorize Genesis 1:31a. As a family, talk about different examples of things that God made very good: your family, a beautiful sunset, the family pet, etc.
- Spend time at a family meal talking about how God made each person in your family as part of His perfect creation. Give each person the opportunity to share specific examples of how God created the other people in the family. (Examples: God made my sister really smart, He made my brother really kind, He made my mom patient, etc.)

End with a short prayer. God, help us to remember that we can trust your plan for creation. Thank you for Your perfect plan for the world. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Unit 2

The God Who Corrects Us

“Never tire of doing what is good.”
2 Thessalonians 3:13

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In this video, we learn that God corrects us because He loves us. While it’s not usually fun to be corrected, God’s correction helps us to grow and become more like Him. In this video, the children share ideas for how God helps them learn from their mistakes.

• What are some things you’ve been corrected for by God, a parent, or a teacher? How did that correction feel?

Our Bible stories this month showed us how God corrects us because He loves us. In our first story, we saw God correcting Adam and Eve’s sin (Genesis 3; Romans 5:19). In another story, we learned how Cain refused to face his wrongdoing in the death of Abel (Genesis 4:1–16). Then we heard about God saved Noah and his family from the flood (Genesis 6:5; 7:24). Finally, we learned how God promised Noah not to flood the earth again (Genesis 8:1; 9:17).

From our stories in this unit, we see that God helps us to grow and reflect His image in the world.

- What are some ways you can show love for your family this week?
- Memorize 2 Thessalonians 3:13. Have each family member take turns saying, “I can keep doing what is good by [insert a way to honor God] because God will help me!” The other family members can respond by saying, “We won’t tire from doing what is good!”
- Set aside a family prayer time each day this week. Each day pray for each person in your family to choose to follow God’s correction. Lift up specific requests each member may have. Let family members take turns being the prayer leader each day.

End with a short prayer. God, thank You for your loving correction! Help us to never grow tired of doing what is good. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Unit 3

The God Who Calls Us

“Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.”

Psalm 25:5

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidcook.org/bible-in-life/resources> to watch “The God Who Calls Us” before doing the devotion together. This devotion works best in November.

Throughout the video, we see children talking about the different ways God speaks to them. They also share examples of what kinds of things God calls them to do. God speaks to us and calls us to live in ways that honor Him!

- What are some things God might call you to do?

This unit’s Bible stories showed us how God speaks to people and calls them into action. In the first lesson, we talked about Abraham being called by God to begin a new nation (Genesis 11:31–32; 12:1–5; 13:1–4; 17:1–8). In another lesson, we learned how God called Abraham to help his nephew, Lot (Genesis 13:11–12; 18:1–5, 16–33; 19:1–29). The next week, we talked about God calling Abraham to make a big sacrifice (15:1–6; 17:1–8; 18:1–15; 21:1–3; 22:1–18; Hebrews 11:17–19). In the next lesson, we discovered that God led Abraham’s servant to Rebekah (Genesis 24). In the final lesson of our unit, God promises the land to Isaac and provides for His people’s needs (Genesis 26:1–6, 12–33; Philippians 4:9).

Through all these stories, we learn that God speaks to us and leads us!

- How does God speak to and lead the people in your family?
- Memorize Psalm 25:5. As a family, discuss ways that each family member can be guided and taught by God’s truth. How can each person be led by God this week? Thank God for the hope we can find in Him!
- As a family, talk about different ways God might speak to us. (Examples: through His word, through other people, through prayer, etc.). As a family, decide to regularly listen for ways that God might be speaking.

Upper Elementary



End with a short prayer. God, help us to listen to Your voice and direction! Thank You for Your wisdom and guidance. In Jesus' name. Amen.