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life on another level

Student Workbook

YEAR 1

The Big Story
Creation

Bible Readings

Genesis 1

Genesis 2

Job 38

Job 39



Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Locate the theme of Creation in the Bible
- Express the meaning of the story
- Apply your learning from the story to your own life

Notes from Bible Reading

Scripture A word or phrase that stood out to me:

Observation What is happening in this Bible reading?

Application Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

Prayer What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

Key Question What does the story of Creation tell us?

Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met :

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable ?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful ?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking ?

Describe an experience that you have had where you felt a sense of awe. It may be an experience of nature, of a relationship, of a creative moment, of something man-made. Something that took your breath away.

Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

Read together: Genesis 1

The word genesis literally means 'beginnings'. The book of Genesis is about the beginnings of the human race, and the very start of the book goes right back to where it all began at the creation of the world.

The fact that we are human means that we ask questions about who we are, why we are here, where we came from and what our life is all about.

Practically every culture has a 'creation story' or a story of beginnings that provide a starting point for tackling these questions.

There were a lot of creation stories around when Genesis was written (probably around 1500BC), but this one departs radically from the world that many others describe.

This creation story speaks of a definite beginning, one almighty God who stands apart from the created world, a 'good' world, loving relationships, of responsibility being given to people, of men and women equally created in God's image.

When we think about who we are and why we are here in the light of this story, it really does start to effect everything.

You may wish to explore the background and meaning of the book of Genesis and the creation story with your coach.

Explore – Express

As a group, draw a cartoon of the seven days of creation. Write a caption at the bottom of each frame that says in three or four words what happened.

• *What does this tell us about our relationship to the world?*

• *What does this story tell us about our relationship to living things?*

• *What does this story tell us about our relationship to other people?*

• *What does this story tell us about our relationship to God?*

Explore – Integrate

- What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
- If you are created “in the image of God” how should you view and treat yourself?
- If others are created “in the image of God” how should we view and treat them?
- What is one thing that you can do this week as a result of what you have learned?

Extend

Discuss with your group the challenges you are tackling. Use the time to ask for any help you might need.

Questions that may be helpful include:

- What challenges are you working on at the moment?
- Do you need any support or assistance?
- Are there any challenges that you have completed that we need to recognise and celebrate?
- Are there any new challenges that you want to work on?

Encourage

Tell another student in your group something you value or appreciate about them.

Share one thing you would like to pray for and pray for one another.

Finish with the Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in Heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven,
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us,
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
Amen*