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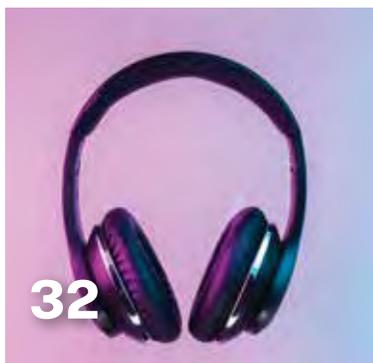
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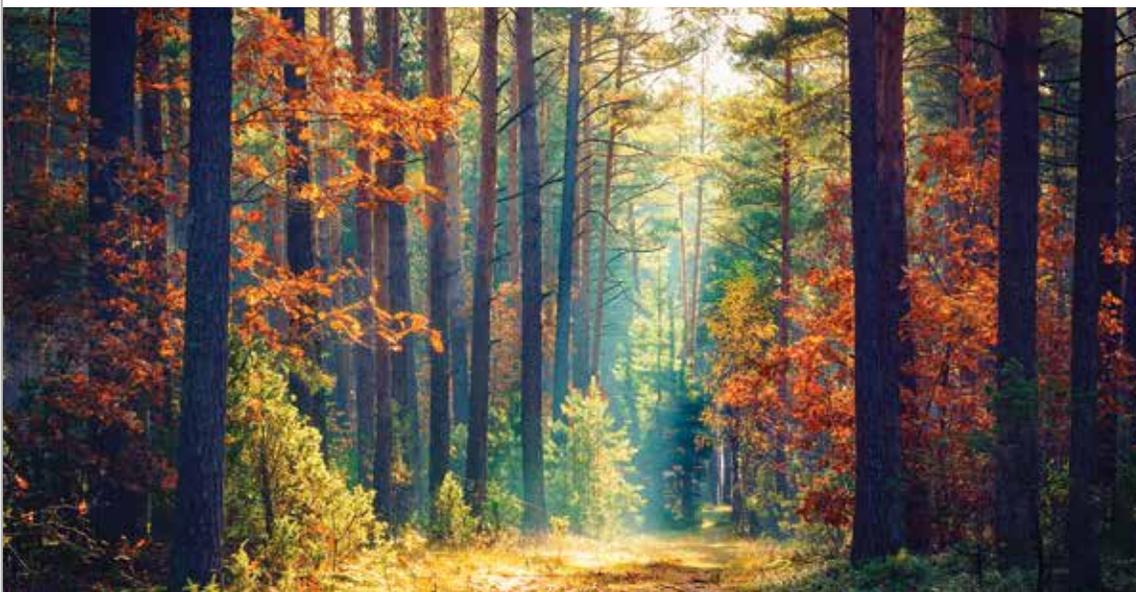
Parents, grandparents, teens, and school-age children all study the same family theme each week.

FAMILY THEME: God Created Everything

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How It All Began

Read Genesis 1:1–2:3



Where did we come from? Written by Moses, the book of Genesis answers this critical question.

- **God is the Master Designer and Creator of all things (Genesis 1:1–25).** The very first page of the Old Testament introduces us to God and reveals His power. He created everything and stamped it with His approval. All of creation was good.
- **Humans have a special place in creation (Genesis 1:26–2:3).** Humans are made in God’s image, an expression used of no other part of the creation. God gave us a perfect environment and meaningful work to do.

Key truths from the Scripture passage are the same for teens and adults, though the applications are nuanced.

DAILY DEVOTIONS: Sept. 5-7, 2020

Our minds cannot get a grip on the power and extensiveness of God’s creation—it truly is too much for us to consider!

But we can know that our great God, who created it all and sustains it all, is still in charge of it all. Our response must be praise!

God is great! You’ve heard that before. Chances are, you’ve said that before. But, have you ever really just sat and thought about what that means? We are more likely to go and do than we are to sit and think. While going and doing is good, sitting and thinking is also good because it often changes where we go and what we do.

How It Fits locates this Scripture in the big picture of the Bible story.



This is where it all started! This was the beginning of time, space, and matter as the eternal God spoke everything into existence.

MON

Read Genesis 9:1-17

A covenant is similar to a contract, but more binding. In a covenant, one party perpetually promises to do something for another party, to benefit or serve in a specific way. Throughout the Bible, God made covenants with humanity. In these covenants God promised He would do something. God, who spoke the world into existence and created human life, made binding promises to do something for the people He created.

We hear plenty of promises in an election year, but God’s promises are not like political promises for two reasons. First, God doesn’t need our vote to be God. Second, God always keeps His promises. What covenant did God make in Noah’s day (verse 11)? What was the sign of this covenant (verses 12-13)? How does the consistency of this promise strengthen our confidence in God’s other promises? Our great God makes great promises to His people.

Teens and Adults study the same devotional Scripture each day, leading to natural conversations about God’s Word.

The daily devotions provide brief nuggets of truth from the Scripture. They include a question or two for readers to answer each day (even if they don't write down their responses).

TUE Read Exodus 20:8-11

The promise of rest is used often in Scripture to point to our eternal home. But God designed rest into the rhythms of our lives from the very beginning. Though He is never weary, though He never sleeps, God modeled rest for us in the same way He modeled work in the perfect world He created.

So what does a day of rest look like for you? Your rest may not be a nap; it may be some change of pace from the normal, some opportunity to do something different. Rest allows us to rejuvenate both physically and mentally, to strengthen our reserve for whatever is ahead.

In God's ultimate wisdom, He designed the rhythm of the sun and moon and stars and tides and seasons, as well as the need for rest and refreshment for human beings. We honor Him in our work, but we also honor Him in our rest.

 **How does seeing God's creation help you to know God?**

Journal prompts allow you to dive deeper for journaling on your own.

WED Read Psalm 8:5-9

One of my favorite songs is "Majesty," written by Jack Hayford. The song reportedly came about as Pastor Hayford traveled in Great Britain and reflected on many of the symbols of royalty there. After a visit to Blenheim Palace, Hayford thought about the sense of loyalty, love, and devotion we should give to Jesus because He is with us in the good times and the bad times. The one word that seemed to come to the forefront of Hayford's mind was *majesty*. He said this word seemed to represent the glory, excellence, grace, and power of Jesus.

What are some ways the psalmist described God's majesty in Psalm 8? God's majesty motivates us to worship Him. Spend some time praising God for His glory, grace, and excellence.

DAILY DEVOTIONS: Sept. 8-11, 2020

THU Read Psalm 136:3-9

What prompts you to thank someone? Do you say “thank you” often? Is expressing gratitude just a habit, something we’ve learned to say without really meaning it? And do you ever thank God? I mean more than just, “Thank God, it’s Friday,” or “Thank God, that’s over”? We have more reasons than we can count to thank God! What are some of the reasons the psalmist listed in this passage? God does mind-blowing things no one else can do, like designing the laws of the universe that keep galaxies aligned and keeping us alive on this planet. He sustains life in what seems to us a precarious biosphere. The oxygen level on earth is 21% of the atmosphere. If it were 25%, we would flame up spontaneously. At 15% we would suffocate. God’s astounding design and providential care are big-ticket items that ever prompt us to offer deep thanks.

FRI Read Ephesians 4:17-32

In a sense, our new birth is a re-creation. Since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, human beings have been stained by sin, bearing its mark in our soul, psyche, and body. But when we come to faith in Christ we are made new creations in Him. In today’s Bible reading, Paul called those who are “in Christ” (believers) to live out their new creation status. He pointed out that those who are “in Christ” think differently (verses 17-21) and live differently (verses 22-32) from those who are apart from Christ. What makes the difference?

A great truth: God always empowers us to do whatever He wants us to do. List at least three commands God has given us in today’s Bible reading. In what way does being “in Christ” enable us to obey these commands? Those who are in Christ grow to become like Christ.

 **How does knowing that people reflect the image of God help you to build relationships with others?**