

LESSON 2

THE CREATION OF THE WORLD

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Newton's Friend

Many scientists are interested in finding out where we came from and how. Although the Bible declares that God is the Creator of all things, some people find it hard to believe. Since some scientists do not believe that God created the universe with the power of His words, they have come up with their own explanation—evolution. Yet, some scientists become Christians after their search for the origin of all things.

One story tells about two scientists and their view on creation.

The respected Sir Isaac Newton was a Christian, and he had a scientist friend who did not believe in God. Finding no other way to convince his friend that God was the Creator of the universe, Newton planned to play a trick on his friend.

One day, Newton invited his friend to his house for a visit. Thinking that they were going to discuss one of his new discoveries, the friend walked straight to Newton's library where they had many good talks. "What is this?" The friend had found a beautiful model of the solar system sitting in the middle of the library. Newton came over calmly and turned on a switch. Suddenly, the model came alive. "Wow!" the friend exclaimed when he saw each of the "planets" rotating about its axis and around the "sun." He walked around the model trying to figure out how the mechanism propelled the system. The friend admired the work thinking how much planning it must have taken Newton to make it.

"I must congratulate you! What a marvelous work you have done with this model!" The friend could not hide his excitement at seeing Newton's model.

"Oh, I do not deserve your congratulations. I did not make this thing." Newton looked at the model as if seeing it for the first time.

"What do you mean? Surely, only someone with the knowledge and skill you possess could produce something as magnificent as this." The friend was very positive at his conclusion. "Besides, who else would put something as grand as this in YOUR room."

"I don't know who did it or how it got here. All I know is that I had nothing to do with it. I came into the room and here it was. I suppose this thing just decided to appear on its own," Newton said very seriously.

"Ha! You are very funny, my friend." Newton's friend laughed. "Do you want me to believe that nobody did this and that it simply popped up on its own from nowhere?"

"It seems to be the only logical answer. I believe that was precisely what happened." Newton nodded his head.

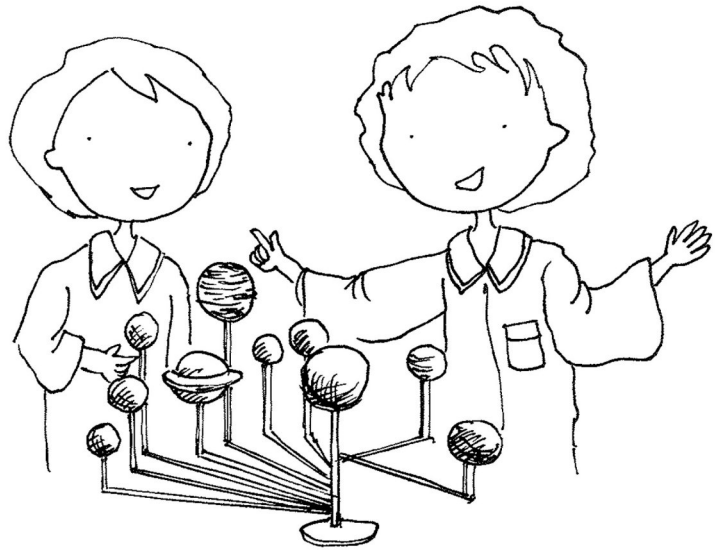
The friend shook his head as he put his right arm on Newton's shoulder. "You are going crazy, Sir Newton. Even if I believe you, nobody else in his right mind will believe what you said is possible. It's like a fairy tale of some sort."

"But how come you believe in a fairy tale more incredible than this?" Newton suddenly turned to face his friend and looked him in the eyes.

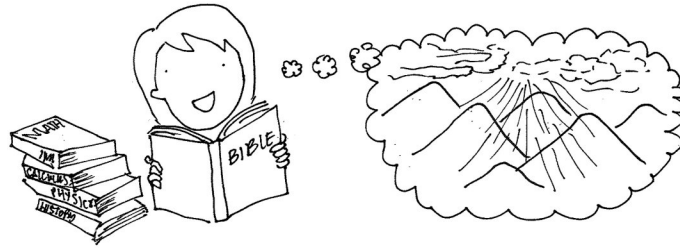
"What do you mean?"

"For all these years, you have been telling me that what we see around us, the sun, the moon, the stars, the trees and all the creatures, came from nowhere, haven't you?" Seeing that his friend was dumbfounded at his question, Newton continued with his speech, "If you are so positive that even this simple model of the solar system has a creator, how much more the real thing? Are you not amazed at how everything in our world works so wonderfully well? How can these well-designed creatures and systems exist without a thoughtful and intelligent mind behind it? You tell me."

"Well..." The friend suddenly could not find anything to say.



The Wonderful World



Fill in the Blank	
Before "the beginning"	Genesis 1:2 "The earth was without form, and void; and _____ was on the face of the deep. And the _____ of God was hovering over the face of the waters."
Day 1	Genesis 1:3 "Then God said, 'Let there be _____; and there was light.' Genesis 1:5 "God called the light Day, and the darkness He called _____. So the evening and the morning were the first day."
Day 2	Genesis 1:7-8 "Thus God made the _____, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament _____. So the evening and the morning were the second day."
Day 3	Genesis 1:9-10a "Then God said, 'Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear'; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas." Genesis 1:11 "Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth _____, the herb that yields seed and the fruit tree that yields _____ according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth'; and it was so."
Day 4	Genesis 1:14 "Then God said, 'Let there be _____ in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;' Genesis 1:16 "Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the _____ also."
Day 5	Genesis 1:21 "So God created great _____ creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every _____ bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good."
Day 6	Genesis 1:24 "Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the living _____ according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind'; and it was so." Genesis 1:26-27 "Then God said, 'Let Us make _____ in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in His own _____; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."
Day 7	Genesis 2:2 "And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He _____ on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God _____ the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."

God's Power, God's Provision, God's Love

The Bible encourages us to reflect on, or think about, how God cares for us when we look at His amazing creation. When we see the magnificent creation of God, we can reflect on God's great love and power. Let's read **Matthew 6:25-26**. These verses encourage us not to worry, but to look at how God takes care of His creation: birds. Birds do not sow or reap, but God feeds them. These verses encourage us not to worry about our life, for we are worth more than birds and God will surely take care of us.

God's amazing creation surrounds us. On our way to school, church, or other places, we can see so much of God's creation. List two or three of God's creations that you see on the way to school. _____
 _____ When you look at God's creation, have you ever thought about how much He loves us, how almighty He is, or how well He provides for us?

The following is an excerpt of a sister's testimony. This sister was going through a very busy time in her life. During a Bible study, the sister came across **Psalms 121:1-2**: "I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." The sister reflected on how she received comfort by thinking about God's wonderful creation.

"As I look with my mind's eye from a high place across an expansive panorama, I see a breathtaking view of God's magnificent creation. Trees which seem tall before me gradually blur into dark green patches which rise and fall with the contour of the land. In the distance, the majestic mountains stand silently, wearing gracefully the distinctive carvings of time...

High in the hills, the noise and the confusion of the world are far removed, and the relative quiet allows us to appreciate the presence of God. Standing in the midst of this scene, I feel very, very small, and my problems likewise diminish dramatically in the face of God's greatness and glory.

If we realize that God Himself is our help—He who made heaven and earth—what do we have to fear?

What more can we ask for?"

"Be Lifted Up", Grace Liang, Higher Ground, Summer 1997, TJC

When God created everything that humans need (light, food, animals, etc.) before creating humans, He provided for all of our needs. When we think about how God formed the world by speaking it into creation from nothing, we can reflect on God's great power. Surely, nothing is too difficult for God! When we think about how God created us in His own image, we can remember how much He loves us. We are sinners, yet God made us in His image! Let us strive to glorify Him.

Life Application Questions

1. What did the sister realize when she saw the creation of God?
2. What can you learn from the sister's testimony?
3. What can you learn from Matthew 6:25-26?



Care for God's Creation

"Everything under heaven is Mine." (Job 41:11b)

"For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land." (Ps 95:3-5)

Psalm 24 states that "the earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein." The Bible teaches us that God owns the creation. He not only values it, but He sustains it. The earth is not ours; it belongs to God. We love and care for creation because of our love for the Creator. As we behold the power and love of God in a mountain range, a sunset, or in the timelessness of the ocean, we can't help but be moved. But creation also includes humans—our families, communities, and created landscapes. Therefore, we need to care for it.

How should we care for the earth and how do I care for my body?

Verse	God's Creation	Ways to Care
Psalm 104:14	Grass and plants	
Psalm 104:16	Trees	
Psalm 104:17-18	Birds and animals	
Psalm 104:25	Ocean and fish	
1 Corinthians 6:20	Me!	

Others ways we can take care of the earth around our community:

1. Plan a community or church clean-up day.
2. Plant trees.
3. Plan an alternative transportation day (have everyone walk, bike, or use public transportation that day).
4. Determine ways that you could use less water (take shorter showers or baths, turn water off when brushing teeth, water grass less, etc.).
5. As a church, adopt a stream, river, or walking path and help clean it up.
6. Clean up a park, empty lot, or roadside.

The Bible says that everything on earth was created for a purpose. We can show our love to God by caring for His earth. We can show our love to God by honoring Him by keeping our bodies healthy, clean, and holy!

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(Psalm 148:5)**

Short Answer

1. List out what was created on each day of creation.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - 6.
 - 7.
2. Read Matthew 6:25-26. What can you learn from these two verses?
3. Read Psalm 121:1-2. What do these verses teach us?
4. Write down at least 4 ways you can care for God's creation.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.