

Unit 1 at a Glance

In the Beginning

Unit Overview

This unit unveils the exciting beginnings of our world and God's family. The lessons travel from the creation to the flood, and from spiritual perfection to painful disobedience. God's love and care for his people are powerful and constant in the book of Genesis. The children will be encouraged to think of ways that they can please God with their lives.

Unit Goals

- The children will learn about God's creation of the world and mankind.
- The children will understand that sin hurts God and people.
- The children will believe that living to please God is the most important thing they can do.

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Lesson 1 Creation of the World

Scripture Memory Verse **Genesis 1:31**
God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

The world comes to life as God's creation unfolds before the children's eyes. They will learn the unique and special order of creation as they consider the many gifts God has given them. The children's own expressions and prayers of thanks will play an important part in this week's lesson.

Lesson 2 Creation of Man

Scripture Memory Verse **Genesis 2:18**
The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

The garden takes on a new and wonder-filled look when Adam and Eve arrive. The children will explore the many special ways that God blessed Adam and Eve through creation as they consider how their own lives are blessed by God today.

Lesson 3 Adam and Eve

Scripture Memory Verse **1 John 5:3**
This is love for God: to obey his commands.

Temptations and the steps that lead to Adam and Eve's fall are the central focus of this lesson. The children will carefully consider God's faithful care of Adam and Eve and their painfully disobedient response. The children will think of how they can overcome temptation and please God in their own lives.

Lesson 4 Cain and Abel

Scripture Memory Verse **Isaiah 1:16-17**
Stop doing wrong, learn to do right!

The effects of sin continue to be felt in the first family as the children learn the story of Cain and Abel. The children will express their thoughts about Cain's response to God as they carefully look for ways that they can respond to correction in a way that pleases God.

Lesson 5 Noah

Scripture Memory Verse **Genesis 6:22**
Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

God brings about a watery world as the Bible Story of Noah and the ark unfolds. The children will think about the ways in which God was hurt by the sins of men, and describe ways that Noah alone pleased God. They will consider God's goodness and faithfulness in their own lives as they describe ways that he takes care of them today.





Dear Parent,

In this unit, your child will make exciting discoveries about the beginnings of our world and God's family. From the creation to the flood, these lessons explore not only the amazing physical world that God created, but also the wonder of a spiritual relationship with his sons and daughters. Your child will consider the consequences of Adam and Eve's disobedience, as well as the effects that were passed down to Cain and Abel and eventually to the wicked generation of Noah's day. In these lessons, your child will learn about God's perfect and unfailing love for all of his creation and his unwavering devotion to his children. They will see the love in his heart for people and the pain in his heart from their sin. Ultimately, your child will be inspired by the example of Noah—the man who walked with God—as they are guided to think of the ways they can please God every day.

The lessons of Genesis are both timeless and timely. We can never be reminded enough of the danger and damage of sin, or of the passion and patience of God. Pray that you and your child will deepen your convictions and commitment to a daily walk with God.

On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Declare a Creation Day or Creation Week in your home. Talk at mealtime, in the car and on the go about things that you notice about God's creation. Take a nature walk, or a trip to a museum or library to learn more about the fascinating ways that God created our world and us!
- Have a family devotional on Psalm 139 entitled "Wonderfully Made." Share with your child about the day of their birth and the feelings you had as they entered the world. Let every family member share something wonderful about each other and close with a prayer to thank God for the gift of life.
- Look carefully through the newspaper with your child to see that people today, as in Noah's day, are still doing things that do not please God. Compare this with your church bulletin, KNN or Kingdom web page to show your child that disciples can walk with God today just as Noah did. Encourage your child to live in a way that pleases God even if others don't understand. Remind them of the consequence of Noah's good life—he saved himself and his family—and the consequences of everyone else's ungodliness.

We look forward to being partners with you as together we help plant Seeds of Faith in the heart and mind of your child.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers

