

LESSON 2: GOD TELLS JOB ABOUT HIS CREATION

Classroom: Online

 Job 38–39; Psalm 8

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OPENING

Welcome

[5 min]

Introduce the Lesson

Say: **We're spending a few months finding out the answer to this question: Who is God? Today we'll discover that God is the Creator.**

Share

- Tell kids *your* favorite thing about nature, such as hiking in the mountains and smelling the crisp air or relaxing on the beach and watching the waves crash.
- Ask kids to tell *their* favorite thing about nature.

Summarize

Open a Bible to Job 38, and say: **There are so many neat things about the way God made the world. Today we'll find out what God himself said about things he created. Let's explore the Bible to see what God said. The Bible is God's special book, written by God and about God so we can get to know our Creator. How cool is that! Let's talk with him right now.**

Pray, thanking God for all he create



TALK-ABOUT VIDEO

Big and Small

[10 min]

Supplies

- “Big and Small” teaching video (watch or download [here](#))

Tip

- Don’t have internet in your classroom? That’s okay! You can download the videos before class using the “download” button at the link provided, or just purchase this quarter’s DVD [here](#).

Discuss and Watch “Big and Small”

Say: **We’re learning that God is the Creator.**

Ask: • **What’s your favorite thing God created?**

Say: **Those are all amazing things God made! Let’s watch a video with a lot of things God created...maybe you’ll see your favorite thing!**

Watch “Big and Small.”

Ask: • **Which part of creation in the video was most amazing to see?**

• **What can the *big* parts of creation show you about God? What about the small things?**

Say: **Big and small, God made it all! From the tallest mountain to the tiniest microorganism, God is the Creator of our universe...including you!**

CORE BIBLE DISCOVERY

[20 min]



God Tells Job About His Creation (Job 38–39; Psalm 8)

Supplies

- **Adapted Option (for video chat, pre-recorded video, or parent-led lessons)**
 - Bibles
- **In-Class Option (for meeting at church)**
 - Bibles
 - sticky notes
 - pencils
 - construction paper
 - scissors
 - transparent tape
 - washable markers
 - random craft supplies such as pompoms, paper clips, chenille wires, beads, or anything else you have
 - 6 paper lunch bags

Strike a Pose

Say: **We're learning today that God is the Creator. There was a man in the Bible named Job who was going through some really hard times. He wanted to ask God some questions about why things were so hard for him.**

God's answer didn't really explain *why* Job was going through hard times, but it did show how awesome and amazing God is as a Creator! Let's see what God showed Job about all that he made—and why we can trust him.

I'm going to read some verses. After I finish reading each set of verses, you'll have 10 seconds to strike a pose that represents the creation I read! Use your creativity and any supplies you can find nearby! Here's the catch: you *have* to use at least one item from your home. (Children's Ministry Directors: If you're leading this over video, count down from 10 seconds to guide families on the time limit for their poses!)

- Read Job 38:8-11, about the sea. In 10 seconds, everyone must strike a pose. Then say: **Oceans are *huge*. If you took the tallest mountain, Mount Everest, and turned it upside down to put it in the ocean, it would still be far, far away from the bottom! Not only are the oceans *huge*, but we've only just begun to understand them. We've explored only 5-10% of the ocean, and scientists think there are thousands of species in the ocean that we don't even know about!**

- Read Job 38:12-15, about daylight. In 10 seconds, everyone must strike a pose. Then say: **Fun fact: It takes about 8 minutes and 20 seconds for the light from the sun to reach the earth.**
- Read Job 38:31-33, about the stars. In 10 seconds, everyone must strike a pose. Then say: **God created a *lot* of stars. Scientists estimate there are one septillion stars (that's a one with 24 zeros after it!) in the universe...and some scientists think that's probably a low guess.**
- Read Job 38:34-38, about rain and lightning. In 10 seconds, everyone must strike a pose. Then say: **Lightning is big and powerful! Most lightning strikes are 2-3 miles long and have 100 million volts of power. That's a lot!**
- Read Job 39:19-21, about horses. In 10 seconds, everyone must strike a pose. Then say: **Horses run fast, around 27 miles per hour on average. The fastest horse ever could run 55 miles per hour! That's really fast! And here's another surprising fact: horses can't vomit.**
- Read Job 39:26-28, about hawks/eagles. In 10 seconds, everyone must strike a pose. Then say: **Eagles' wings are huge and heavy, so it takes a lot of energy to flap their wings. Instead, they catch air currents to soar and glide upon. One eagle was observed to flap her wings for only two minutes total in a whole hour of flying!**

Say: **God made all of these impressive, powerful things.**

Ask: • **What does that show you about God?**

• **What's something God made that really impresses you?**

• **What's one thing *you* would create if you could make anything?**

Say: **God is the Creator. He made our whole world and everything in it. Even the things people make are made out of things God created. No one but God can create something out of nothing.**

You used creativity as you figured out how to use household items and your own bodies to show what God made. You did an awesome job! But God's creation is more incredible than anything we could make or think of. After Job heard all that God had to say, he was amazed by God. He couldn't think of anything else to say to God because he was so amazed by how God created everything and cares for his creation.

Take Care of Creation

Say: **We may not be able to create as well as God, but here's something amazing about the role God gave us when it comes to creation.**

Read Psalm 8:3-8.

Ask: • **What does it mean to you that we're in charge of God's creation?**

Say: **God is the Creator**. He made you and me, and he wants to partner with us to take care of his creation!

Ask: • **What's one thing you can do to take care of God's creation?**

Say: **God is the Creator**, unmatched by anyone else. We can make things out of craft supplies or other things God made, but we can't make something out of nothing. What we *can* do is honor God's creation by taking good care of it!



LIFE APPLICATION WRAP-UP

[5 min]

Nature Collage

Supplies

- index cards
- washable markers*
- transparent tape*

Draw and Thank

- Give each child an index card, and set out markers to share.

- Tell kids they have two minutes to draw something God created on their card. It could be a tiger, a leaf, a flower, a cloud, or anything else that comes to mind.
 - After two minutes, have kids hang all their index cards together in one big group collage on the wall.
 - Stand with kids facing the collage, and tell kids to shout out some of the things they see on the collage when you pause your prayer.
 - Pray: **God, thank you that you are the Creator. Thank you for making everyone in this room. And thank you for making...** Pause and let kids finish the prayer. When kids stop calling things out, conclude the prayer with: **In Jesus' name, amen.**
 - Thank kids for coming, and encourage them to come back next week.
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