

Let's Talk: Day 1-One Story

Eternity Past – God's Plan from Before Time Began

Today's Reading: Genesis 1:1-5; John 1:1-18; Colossians 1:15-19

If you could create your “dream room” what would it look like? Pretend you had unlimited resources. Who would you invite to live in your room?

Questions:

1. “In the beginning” is mentioned twice in today's reading. What do we learn from each time it is mentioned? Who is “the Word?”
2. What other similarities do you find between our reading in Genesis 1 and John 1? (You might want to get two bibles to look at both passages at once)
3. Can you find references to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit at creation?
4. For whom was everything created? What is your favorite thing God created?

Let's Talk: Day 2

The Creation – God Creates the Universe

Today's Reading: Genesis 1; Hebrew 11:1-3; Hebrews 1:10-12

If you could invent something what would it be? Watch Shark Tank or Phineas and Ferb as a family then discuss their inventions. Consider this: Everything God does is creative. When we have new ideas, we reflect His very nature.

Questions:

1. Name some of the textures, colors, and sounds that God created in Genesis 1. Can you imagine a perfect world with no trash or decay?
2. Who is God talking to when He says, “Let Us make man in OUR image...?” Imagine what that conversation looked like.

3. What did God say of His creation? What instructions did God give man?
4. According to Hebrews 11, how is our faith and creation connected? Do you struggle with this at all? How could you grow in this area?

Let's Talk: Day 3

The Garden – God's Plan for Marriage

Today's Reading: Genesis 2; Matthew 19:3-6; Ephesians 5:28-33

Choosing a spouse is one of the most important decisions we make in life. What do you think are some important traits for your spouse to have? It is never too young to start praying for God to bring you the spouse that He wants for you. Pray as a family today.

Questions:

1. What did God do on the seventh day? Do you think God needed to do that? Do you and your family have a regular time for this? If not, how could you create a time?
2. Describe Eden. Would you want to live there? Why or why not?
3. Why was Eve created? How was she created? Why do you think God chose this method rather than just making her out of the dust of the earth as well?
4. What do we learn about God's plan for the relationship between a husband and wife in Matthew and Ephesians?

Let's Talk: Day 4

The Fall – Eve's Deception, Adam's Sin, & Mankind's Curse

Today's Reading: Genesis 3; 2 Corinthians 11:2-3; Romans 5:12-21

When we get caught doing something wrong we don't like to admit it.

Watch this video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9Y69p1Lx48>.

Why do we make excuses or lie? Do we really think we are fooling anyone?

Questions:

1. God walked in the garden with Adam and Eve. Before they sinned, what do you imagine they might have talked about together?

2. What was the one instruction given to Adam and Eve? Does it say what kind of fruit it was? What fruit do most people think it was? What can that teach us about the importance of studying the words of the Bible?
3. When God confronted Adam and then Eve after they ate the fruit, did they confess or make excuses? Why do you think they did that? Can you think of a time you made an excuse rather than just admit the wrong?
4. Sin entered mankind through one man, Adam. What man conquered sin for all of mankind? How is sin powerful? How is grace more powerful?

Let's Talk: Day 5

Cain & Abel – Abel's Faith & Sacrifice vs. Cain's Jealousy & Hatred
Today's Reading: Genesis 4; Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 3:10-15

Pick a person to "do" the angry face of someone else in the family and you have to guess who it is. Have each person share what they do when they get angry.

Questions:

1. What did Cain do with his anger? Was he acting obediently? How can you still be obedient and deal with your anger?
2. When God asked Cain a question, did Cain answer honestly? Why do you think he answered the way he did? What would have been a better answer?
3. What do you imagine Adam and Eve told their son, Seth, about God and the Garden of Eden?
4. God called Abel's sacrifice better and called his works called righteous, but He called Cain's unrighteous. Why is Abel's sacrifice a better picture of what Jesus did for us on the cross than Cain's sacrifice?

Let's Talk: Day 6

Enoch – Enoch's Faith in God & Message to the World
Today's Reading: Genesis 5:18-24; Hebrews 11:5-6; Jude 14-19

Enoch had one recorded message he gave to the world. If you could say one thing and have the entire world hear, what would you say? If

you could show your message to the world in just one picture, what would you draw?

Questions:

1. What did God say about the life of Enoch in Genesis? Do you think he lived an obedient life? A perfect life? What's the difference?
2. Elijah and Enoch are the only two people listed in the Bible that didn't do what? How do you imagine God "took him?"
3. Enoch didn't have a Bible but he had faith. How do you think he knew about God? How does this relate to the people of the world that haven't heard about Jesus yet?
4. Isn't the unity of the Bible amazing? Enoch is mentioned just once in Genesis but then twice in the New Testament! How does the message of the great great-great-great-great grandson of Adam apply to the world today? Wow.

Let's Talk: Day 7

Today's Reading: Weekly Day OFF

Weekly Review: Think back on this week's reading. What story stands out to you and why? As a family, pick a verse on which to meditate or memorize (suggestions: Genesis 1:1, John 1:1 or Hebrews 11:1). Post it in a prominent place like your refrigerator.

Preview Family Activity: As parents, we try to build certain qualities into our children. The Grace@Home model lists particular blocks to develop during various ages of our children (see graceathome.net). Each week we will offer a building-block specific activity related to the upcoming week's reading. LET'S TALK...obedience. For younger children: play a game of "Simon Says." For older children: Blindfold one family member and give them verbal instructions such as, "Take three steps forward, sit down, and eat what is in front of you." Is it easy or hard to obey? Why should you obey? As you read this week, identify who was obedient and who wasn't and what were the results.