

THE ONE CREATOR GOD



THEOLOGICAL QUESTION

Did God create everything, and why does it matter?

BIG IDEA

Our mighty, Triune God created everything in the universe, yet He desires an intimate, personal, loving relationship with each of us.

SCRIPTURE USED

Genesis 1:1-2: *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.*

Psalms 19:1-4: *The heavens proclaim the glory of God.*

*The skies display his craftsmanship.
Day after day they continue to speak;
night after night they make him known.
They speak without a sound or word;
their voice is never heard.
Yet their message has gone throughout the earth,
and their words to all the world.*

Matthew 6:25-26: *That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are?*

John 1:3-5: *God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.*

PREP FOR TEACHING TIME

Leader's Note: Apologetics can be a "hot topic" for students and adults alike, and ultimately that's a very good thing. However, the goal of this lesson is not to *convince* students that God is the one and only Creator of all things. Rather the aim is to *remind* students why this is true, extremely important, and impacts

their daily lives. Feel free to prepare a list of resources for those who really want to know more and investigate this further.

OPENER

For the opener you will need:

- Video footage from the *Planet Earth* series. You can rent or borrow a copy of this breathtaking multiple discs series. Prior to your lesson time, scan and select a few clips for your group (try to avoid any animal savagery). Limit your selection to less than 5 minutes in length.

Open in prayer and show your video selection.

ASK

- Has anyone seen all or part of this series before?
- Why do you think it was so popular?
- What stands out to you about what you have seen?
- How does it make you feel?
- This series is the most expensive nature series ever made. It took five years (with more than 2,000 days of actual footage) to produce, using 40 cameramen filming in more than 200 locations. Why on earth would filmmakers spend the money, time and effort to do this? What is the point?

TRANSITION

EXPLAIN

This series is breathtakingly astonishing. Ironically though, the video footage in the series is just an image—a representative copy. What is truly amazing is that this is life, going on in our planet right now! God told us right in the very beginning of our Bible that He was the maker of all of it. He was the one who was there at the beginning imagining and executing the entire project earth! Still, some people do not believe that God is the Creator. There are endless examples of complexity on this planet: the human cell, the intricate biology of animals and their survival instincts and the functioning of human body parts at a level so complex and intelligently designed that computers still cannot match it—to name just a few. These types of amazing examples of complexity and intricacy point to someone outside of us who made it all happen—the original cause that gave everything life.