

WELCOME

This tutorial is designed to help you understand and navigate through your Adventure Club Teacher Book. We recommend reading through this tutorial before proceeding to the rest of the book.

LESSON TITLE

This is the lesson number and topic that you will be teaching in this week's lesson.

● LESSON 1:

GOD SPECIALLY CREATED MANKIND

TEXT: GENESIS 1-2 ●

LESSON TEXT

This is the main biblical text that accompanies the lesson you will teach.



MEMORY VERSE

This is the weekly memory verse that AC kids should memorize for this lesson—it complements the topic. Trackers memorize only the emphasized portion of the verse, while Scouts and Trailblazers memorize the entire verse.

CENTRAL TRUTH

This is the main point that you want the AC kids to walk away understanding and being able to explain.

CENTRAL TRUTH:

GOD PERSONALLY AND SPECIALLY CREATED MANKIND

MEMORY VERSE: *Genesis 1:26* – Then God said, “*Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.* And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”



BONUS VERSES:

Job 33:4 – The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Psalms 119:73 – Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

BONUS VERSES

Trailblazers typically will also memorize one of these bonus verses each week. These verses can also be used for any age group that needs an additional challenge or is particularly good at memorizing verses.



NEXT WEEK:

GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS IMAGE

LESSON PREVIEW

This helps you keep your sense of place in the progression of lessons. It's important to maintain the perspective of teaching the Bible and its theological themes as cohesive and connected.

TUTORIAL LESSON CONT.

SUGGESTED ILLUSTRATIONS & INTRODUCTIONS

Match the title with its highlighted counterpart in the text for a suggestion of where best to insert the illustration or introduction of different concepts or themes. These will help to explain difficult concepts to the AC kids throughout your lesson.



SUMMARY

A brief encapsulation of the week's lesson.

LESSON 1 SUMMARY & COMMENTARY

SUMMARY:

God showed His eternal, powerful, and good character when He spoke all of creation into existence in just six days. God created all that is not alive as well as all plants and creatures, big and small, that live in every place of the earth. God then finished the sixth day of creation by specially creating man. Unlike with anything else, man was formed from the dust—God personally fashioned and breathing life into him. Mankind is specially created by God.

COMMENTARY

Beginnings are uniquely exciting. The start of a book, the birth of a new baby, and the beginning of summer all bring special delight to most people. Beginnings are also uniquely intriguing. For countless years, people have wondered about the beginning of mankind. What was the world like at the beginning? Where did man come from? Has the world always looked as it does now? The Bible tells the true story of the beginning of mankind and the world. It reveals that God personally created all things, and that He made man His special and most important creation.

1. God SHOWED HIS CHARACTER (Gen 1:1)

Genesis is the first book of the Bible, and its name means "beginnings." The Bible is the right place for mankind to learn about the beginning, since only God was present then—He is the only one qualified to explain how creation happened. Genesis' record of the beginning repeatedly puts God and His character on display.

The **creation** story reveals foundational truths about who God is and what He is like.

a. He Is Eternal

Genesis 1:1 starts with the words, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." The first revelation from the creation story is that God existed before creation (John 1:1-3; 17:5, 24). "The beginning" refers to the start of creation's history, or the first moments of the universe's existence. Before the beginning, God already existed because He is eternal (2 Tim 1:9; Titus 1:2). Genesis does not attempt to prove this reality. It simply states the fact of God's eternal existence. God existed before the world ever did.

b. He Is Powerful

A second wonderful truth the creation account teaches about God is that God is powerful. The God who always existed created the whole entire world. God made the heavens, which includes the sky and outer space (Gen 1:6-8, 14-19; Ps 8:3; 19:1-6), as well as the earth (Gen 1:9-13,

KEYWORDS

Each week's lesson outline emphasizes key words by presenting them in all caps.

CREATION:

Ask several students to make various objects (flowers, a dog, etc.) from Play-Doh. Then ask other volunteers to make the same, but don't give them any Play-Doh. Explain that unlike God, we cannot create objects out of nothing; we can only make or shape objects from material that already exists.

LESSON HIGHLIGHTS

Find this icon to quickly identify where the lesson highlights are located in the commentary text.



OUTLINE & HIGHLIGHTS

This portion of the lesson prep summarizes all the outline points and highlight text from the commentary. Use this to help prepare for your lesson.

QUESTIONS

Lesson questions span all three age groups. All questions have multiple-choice and discussion answers, so the small group leader can decide how many of which kind to ask their group of AC kids.

LESSON 1 QUESTIONS

LESSON QUESTIONS:

Use multiple choice for younger age groups and discussion answers for older age groups.

1. How long did God take to create the heavens and the earth?
 - a. Six months
 - b. Billions of years
 - c. Six years
 - d. Six days

LESSON 1 OUTLINE & HIGHLIGHTS

LESSON OUTLINE & HIGHLIGHTS:

1. **God SHOWED HIS CHARACTER (Gen 1:1)**
 - The creation story reveals foundational truths about who God is and what He is like.
 - a. He Is Eternal
 - b. He Is Powerful
 - c. He Is Good
 - God is the standard for good and bad, and He authoritatively revealed that He is good and His creation was good.
2. **God SPOKE CREATION into Existence (Gen 1:2-25)**
 - With just His will, God made everything that lives as well as everything that does not.
 - a. Everything That's Not Alive
 - b. Every That Is Alive
 - God Himself made all living things by speaking, including plants and animals, sea-dwellers and those that live on land.
3. **God SPECIALLY CREATED MANKIND (Gen 2:7, 21-22)**
 - Unlike with the rest of creation, God made man and woman uniquely.
 - a. God Formed Man from Dust
 - b. God Formed Woman from Man
 - As God's creation, mankind should worship and respect the one who created them.

NOTES:

SPOTLIGHT ON THE GOSPEL:

Adam and Eve were God's special creation, but they sinned and subjected all mankind to sin and death. So God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who lived as the perfect man. Believe in Jesus and His accomplishment so you can live in perfect relationship with God forever, as He intended.

LESSON PREPARATION

Use this section to compile your notes, from reading through the commentary and any other prep, to teach your lesson.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE GOSPEL

We recommend always ending your lesson with the gospel. To help with that, we include a direct tie-in of the gospel to each lesson's content.