

WEEK 2

GOD IS THE CREATOR

GOD IS THE GOOD CREATOR

ELEMENTARY LESSON GUIDE

THE FOUR KEYS . . .

KEY VERSE

For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations. Psalm 100:5

KEY IDEAS

1. God is good.
2. God does good.
3. Nothing God created was bad or broken.

KEY PASSAGE

Genesis 1 (The Creation Account)

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .
that everything God created is good.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .
loved by a God who doesn't make mistakes.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .
acknowledge that God is the Good Creator.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .
to fulfill God's created purpose for them.

INTRODUCTION

God, in His very nature, is good and therefore everything He does is good. He is not only good, but He is perfect. All the world was perfect when God created it because He declared it was, and He never makes mistakes. All God's creation reveals His glory to the world.

OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Using the two mirrors in the teacher's bin, pass them around and ask the children to spot the difference. One mirror is broken and the other is perfect. Ask if they think the company that made them created one perfect and the other broken. Talk about how the company made the mirror perfect, but it was broken by you. Remind them that God made the world perfect, and the sin of man is what broke creation and made it not good.

KEY IDEAS

Read Genesis chapter 1 and use the following ideas for guided discussion.

- God is good.
 - What does it mean that God is good? He is perfect and cannot make mistakes. He is the definition of good.
 - Are we good? God created man perfect and gave him instructions to obey. When man chose to disobey God, sin entered the world and broke God's perfect creation. Now all people are born into a sinful, fallen world where things are not as they should be. Sin separated us from God and apart from God, who is good, nothing can be good. Therefore, we cannot be good without a Savior who can cleanse us from our sin and make us right before God.
- God does good.
 - If God is good by His nature, can He make mistakes? No, God is perfect. (1 Timothy 4:4)
 - How do we know the world was initially created perfect? Because God said it was good. (Genesis 1:31)
- Nothing God creates is bad or broken.
 - If God created the world perfect, why do we have disease, war, famine and hurricanes? Our sin broke God's perfect creation.

Activity

Have the children name different things that God made. Discuss each thing and how God created it good. Is there anything we can see today that shows that these things are not as they should be? How?

Example: Trees lose their leaves in the fall and die only to come back alive in the spring. Death is a result of sin and did not exist in God's perfect creation. How are trees an example of what happens when we trust Jesus with our hearts and what He will do with all creation in the end? Our hearts were once perfect, but when sin entered the world, so did death. When we trust in Jesus we are made alive again.

Prayer

Thank God for His goodness and that He does not make mistakes. Ask God to help you trust that He is good.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

ACTIVITY

Memorize the key verse Psalm 100:5.

Build a pillow fort with your child. When it's complete, ask: "Is this fort perfect?" "Could it stand up to rain or heavy winds?" When your child answers "no", explain that humans are not perfect so we cannot create anything that's totally perfect. Even a house made of brick can be destroyed by tornado or fire, but God IS able to make things perfect because He is perfect.

DISCUSSION

- **If God created the world perfect, why is it not perfect today?**
When Adam and Eve chose to disobey God, they sinned. Sin is anything that is against God's design or purpose. Sin always has consequences, and it broke God's creation.
- **Did God know sin would break creation? Why did He allow that?**
God knows everything. He knew that Adam and Eve would disobey, and He allowed it to happen because He desires true relationship with us. God desires for us to choose Him willingly so that our relationship with Him is pure.
- **Will God restore His perfect creation?**
All of creation will one day be restored when Jesus returns and sin will be no more. Until then, the world will remain in a "fallen" imperfect state. God is waiting for the time when all who will believe in Him have put their faith in Him. He is a patient, loving, perfect God.

PRAYER

Spend time in prayer with your child thanking God for all that He has made and asking God to help you appreciate and respect all of His creation that He has made.