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Who Am I?



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Introduction

Have you thought about why you do some of the things you do, why you make some of the choices you make, or support some of the causes you support?

Social media, your teachers, your parents, and others are all trying to tell you what to do; they even try to tell you how to think! Some of those voices are pretty loud, and they don't always agree. How do you know which of these voices to listen to? Are you one that follows the crowd, or do you like to think things through on your own?

You may have heard of ***The Emperor's New Clothes***, a folktale written by Hans Christian Andersen. In the story a couple of swindlers manage to talk a vain emperor into buying expensive clothing from them that is supposedly invisible to those who are "stupid" or "incompetent." The emperor loves the idea, and the fraudsters proceed to display what they describe as exquisite bolts of cloth with which they pretend to create elaborate clothing.

Of course the whole thing is a hoax, but the emperor does not let on that he cannot see the clothing because he doesn't want people to think he is incompetent. All the townspeople as well ooh and aah over the clothing because they too fear being thought of as inept. In the end, the emperor is left parading before the whole village in nothing but his underclothes!

Sadly, this scenario has played out in much of our society today. Many people try to get us to go along with the crowd and to follow the latest trends even though those trends may be wrong. The emperor may have believed he was wearing

fine clothing, but in reality, he was nearly naked. We too may want to believe certain things are true but that does not make them true, even if everyone else thinks they are.

That's why it is important that you know what truth is. Real truth does not change. Real truth helps us make right decisions. More important, real truth leads us to God.

We want to help you discover truth. That's why we are so excited to share with you *We Believe for Kids!* This course will help you answer questions such as "Who is God?" "Who Am I?" and "Why Am I Here?" This course is designed to present you with information that will help you make your own decisions about what you believe, and to make those decisions based on truth. This journal will help you remember the information you are taught and also provide a place to record your own thoughts and opinions. We encourage you to keep it even after you have completed the course as a way to look back and remember your thought processes at this time.

More than anything, we trust that you will use this class time to deepen your relationship with God. He really wants to spend time with you!

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Lesson 12

Creation



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Big Question:

Am I the result of a huge cosmic accident?

What We Believe: (Doctrinal Statement)

We believe God created ALL things, including us, on purpose and for a purpose.

Key Verse:

Write out the key verse in the space below.

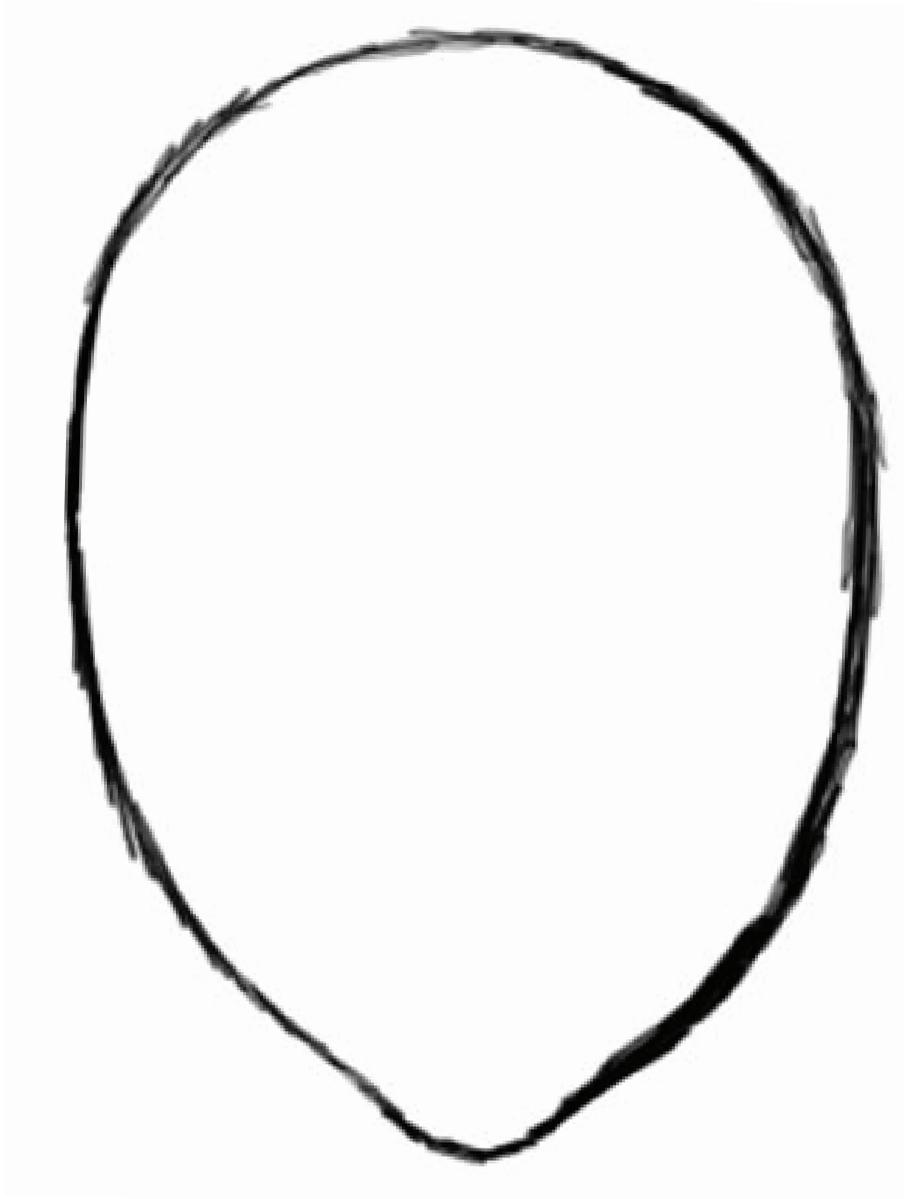
Genesis 1:1

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Going Deeper:

Who do I say I am?

Write down in the face below, words or phrases that describe who you are. Include roles you have like friend, student, sibling.



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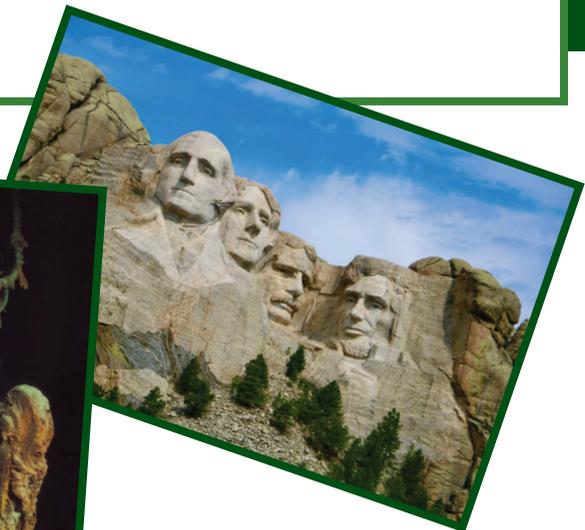
Did You Know?

It took....

_____ days to build the Empire State Building,

_____ days/ _____ years to build the Titanic, and

_____ days/ _____ years to create Mount Rushmore.



All of the above things took a long time to build, but do you know how many days it took God to create the whole entire world? _____ days!

Creation

As you read through Genesis 1:1-27, notice what God created each day. Write what you find in the blanks below.

Day 1: (*Genesis 1:3-5*) _____

Day 2: (*Genesis 1:6-8*) _____

Day 3: (*Genesis 1:9-13*) _____

Day 4: (*Genesis 1:14-19*) _____

Day 5: (*Genesis 1:20-23*) _____

Day 6: (*Genesis 1:24-26*) _____

Day 7: (*Genesis 2:2*) _____

After God created something, He would look and see that it was good. This tells us that God doesn't create anything but good things. He makes no mistakes!

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Did You Know?

It is said that it took Thomas Edison over 1,000 tries to invent the lightbulb. It took God only six days to create the earth - and He never made a mistake!



Genesis 1:27:

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

What do you think it means that we are made "in the image of God?"

Creation

Psalm 57:2:

I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfill his purpose for me.

God has a purpose for us. We weren't created by God just because He could. We were created because God has a special purpose for us!

How does it make you feel to know that?



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Psalm 139:1-4:

O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.

Did you know God knows everything about you? He knows your name, your thoughts, and everything that you do. He knows what you're going to say before you even say it!

What does it mean to you to be "known by God?"

Creation

Psalm 139:13-14:

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous – how well I know it.

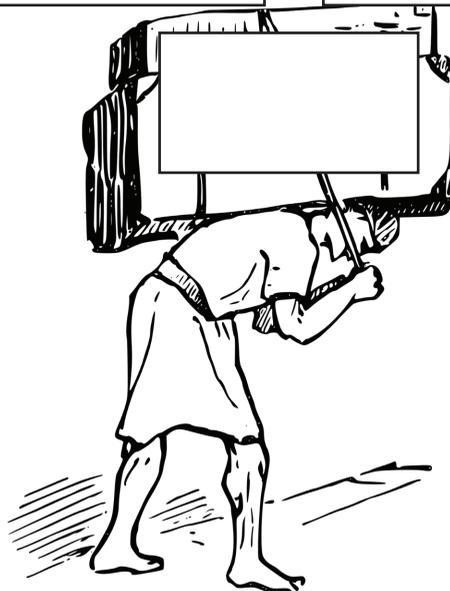
Before you were even born, the Word says that God “knit you together,” or created you. He designed you exactly as He wanted you to be. Who you are today and who you are going to be in the future is not an accident; God created and designed you with a purpose in mind. It also says that we are “wonderfully made” and God’s works are “marvelous.” If we are one of God’s created works – which we are – that means the way we were made is marvelous, too!

What does this verse say about who you are?

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Sometimes we have some negative things that we think about ourselves or that others have said about us. These negative labels can get pretty heavy and weigh us down.

What are some negative labels you have given to yourself?



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Ephesians 1:4-5:

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

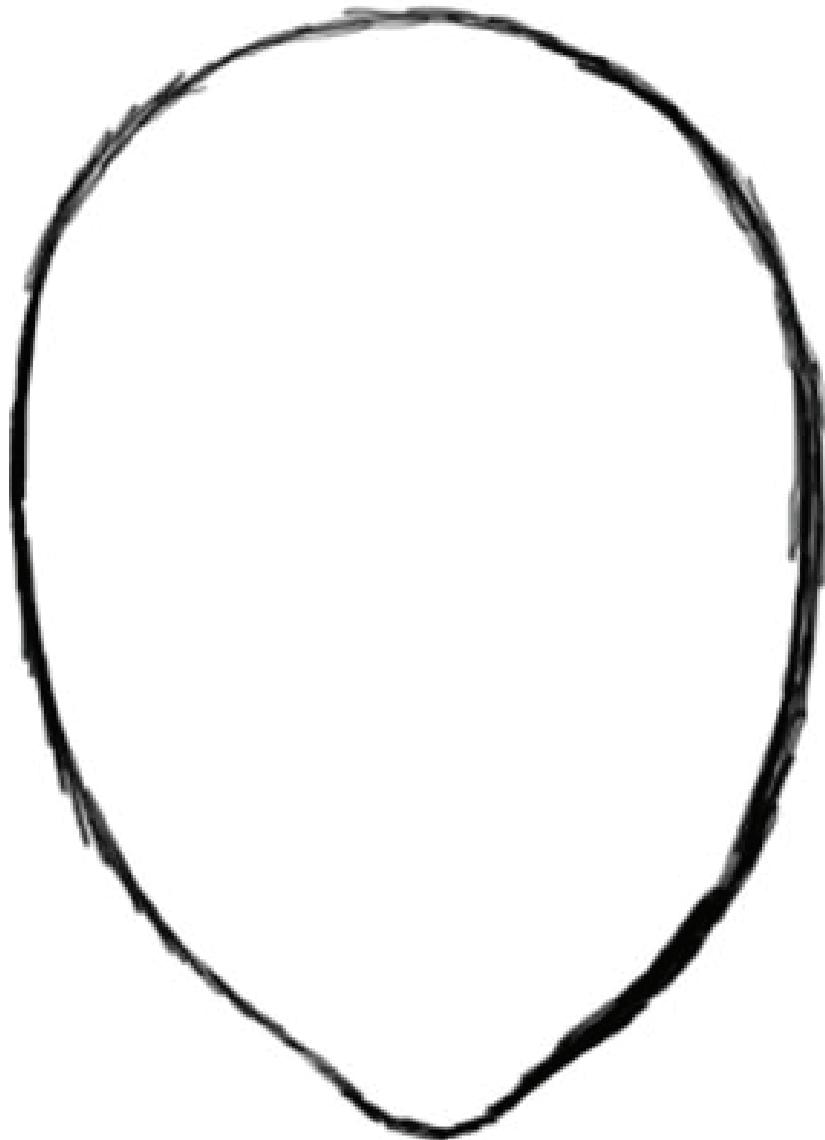
This verse says that God loved us and chose us even before the world was made. And we were chosen to be holy and without fault. This means that God does not see us the way we sometimes see or think about ourselves. Instead, He is reminding us of all the good things He says about us.

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Activation:

Who does God say I am?

Write down in the face below, words or phrases that the scriptures from today's lesson say about what God thinks of you.



Creation

Journal: Challenge 1:

Memorize a scripture that tells you about who God says you are. Write it in the space below.



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Journal: Challenge 2:

Make note of a time this week that you were “carrying a weight” or thinking something negative about who you are and God took the weight from you and reminded you of the good things He says about you.

