

# GOD STARTED IT

Elementary  
Week 1

## **PARENT BIBLE STUDY**

### **Read: Genesis 1 and Colossians 1:15-17**

In the beginning, God created the universe and everything in it. It wasn't always here. It didn't spontaneously come into being on its own. God ordered all of creation and set everything in place according to his grand design and purpose.

In Colossians, we learn that Jesus is the firstborn over all creation. That doesn't mean he was the firstborn *of* creation. Jesus was in existence with God the Father and the Holy Spirit from eternity. Jesus was there at creation and was himself the agent of creation. All things were made by him, through him, and for him.

After each day of creation, God looked at what he had made and saw that it was good. Everything has been created with purpose and intentionality. Creation reveals God's infinite goodness, wisdom, and creativity. Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." The universe itself declares the glory of God. When we contemplate the design and the order of the world around us—the beauty and magnificence of the mountains, the brilliance of color in a sunrise or sunset, the power and intensity of the ocean, the expanse of the starry night sky—we cannot help but praise our awesome creator God!

**What about creation inspires you to worship God?**

**What does it mean that all things were made for God (Colossians 1:15-17)?**