THE CREATION FACTORY

Preschool Week 4

PARENT BIBLE STUDY Read: Genesis 1, 2 Did God really make everything?

The answer to how the universe began is the beginning of any worldview because it creates the foundation of how we view everything else. If we believe that God made the world with the power of his voice, we believe the history in Genesis 1:1: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

We resonate with the poetry of Psalm 139:13: "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." This reassures us that the Creator is not only powerful and awesome, but personal, too.

If we believe that God made the world we can see how he reveals himself in it. "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse," Romans 1:20. This teaching book of the Bible makes the point that creation itself makes the Creator known even to people who know nothing else of him.

And if we believe that God made the world, the books of the prophets remind us that we cannot doubt his power to do anything else, or to ever lose his strength: "Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you," Jeremiah 32:17.

"... The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom," Isaiah 40:28.

Finally, if we believe that God made the world we can believe that his power includes the ability to re-create us. For some reason, this always seems harder to do than to speak the universe into existence. But why would it be? The letter to the Corinthians emphasizes that the Creator is capable of making, not only the world, but a new us, too: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Where in your life do you need God to re-create you?

Knowing that God will not grow tired or weary, how does that give you hope? Can you trust that he can meet you where you are and heal your brokenness?