

YEAR ONE:

Mho is God!

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TRUTH	CONFLICT	LESSON	RESOURCES	SCRIPTURE REFERENCES
THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD, HIS LOVE LETTER TO ALL PEOPLE	THERE WAS NO CONFLICT WHEN GOD FIRST MADE THE HEAVENS, THE EARTH, EVERYTHING & EVERYONE ON THE EARTH	Welcome Camp Goals: 1. Have fun 2. Share stories, activities & crafts 3. Make new friends 4. Know God, our Creator, & His amazing love for us Camp Expectations: 1. We see each other (point to eyes) 2. We respect each other (point to head)	BIBLE POSTERS/PICTURES OF CREATION	GENESIS 1 & 2
		3. We support each other (cup hands) 4. We care about each other (hands over heart) I am going to teach you a truth from God that is really important, and I want you to remember this, always. Teach: I am loved by my Creator (Hand Actions: Thumbs point to self. Hand heart. Point to the sky.) We're going to look at a different story every day this week; each one from God's Word, God's Love Letter		
		to us. Each story tells us about Our Creator, Our God. It's good news for each of us because God is our Helper and He loves us. How do we honour the stories we share? Listen Ask questions Share the stories with others We love the stories that we are going to share with you this week. These stories have changed our lives,	Personal items	
GOD IS OUR CREATOR		and so we want to share them with you. Our first story is about Creation - God created everything from nothing, and He holds it all together. (Teach with hand actions) What can you make with your hands? I can make banana muffins and yummy carrot soup. Here's a painting that my dad made and a quilt that my mom's best friend made for me. What can you make?	that are homemade Posters showing the beauty of creation - animals, gardens, water, mountains etc.	



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OUR CREATOR MADE EVERYTHING FROM NOTHING		We can all make different things, but we all need something to start making. What do I need to make muffins? Children offer responses	Fresh flowers if you have access to them	GENESIS 1 & 2
AND HE HOLDS IT ALL TOGETHER		We can make amazing things, but we need to gather materials and equipment to make anything. Incredibly, God made everything from nothing. That is the power of His voice, His words, His being. Tell: The Creation Story with a Bible story book or the Bible, or using posters/pictures of the amazing things God created. Day 1: heaven, earth, deep water, "Let there be light!", day, night Day 2: horizon, sky, morning, evening Day 3: earth, sea "God saw that it was good." (v10), seeds, plants, fruits, "God saw that they were good." (v12) Day 4: sun, moon, stars, "God saw that it was good." (v18) Day 5: swimming creatures, birds, "God saw that they were good." (v21) Day 6: Every type of living creature, "God saw that they were good." (v25) "Let us make humans in our image, in our likeness." (v26) God blessed them. "And God saw everything that he had made and that it was very good." (v31) Day 7: "God had finished the work he had been doing." (2:2) Chapter 2:20-24 God makes a helper for Adam, named Eve Chapter 2:8-14 God creates the Garden of Eden for his people Can you imagine how beautiful the garden was? It was perfect in every way. Think of the prettiest flower you've ever seen. Now imagine an entire garden filled with the colour and fragrance of that flower and many others. God made it for Adam & Eve. God made all the beautiful natural things in the world for you, for your enjoyment. Our Creator is so good!	Bring in rocks, driftwood – whatever helps you and will help the children feel connected to creation	



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	Now we're going to watch a video that shows us about Creation - watch carefully.	Posters / cards	
		with the Days 1-7	
	Watch video: "The Biggest Story" #1: And So it Begins)	& posters/cards	
		naming what God	
	From the video, can you remember	made.	
	1. First, how many days did it take for God to make everything on earth? 2. What did God do on the last day?	(these can be made with poster board and	
	2. What do these days represent for us now, on our calendars?	cut out pictures or	
	3. What do these days represent for as now, on our calendars:	drawings)	
	Let's see if we can remember what God made each day.	a.a.vge,	
	Show Creation Posters.	<u>Video from "The Biggest</u>	
	Hold up each poster with the day #, then ask children to select what God made on that day.	Story" - #1: And So It	
		<u>Begins</u>	
	What is your favourite animal or flower that God made?		
	(Circle Question: Children pass a feather or rock as a talking piece and take turns answering	OR	
	Circle Norms: You can pass. We honour each other & our own stories by listening and respecting what others share. We respect, see, care about and support each other. (Hand actions from "camp expectations")	<u>Video from "The Jesus</u>	
	others snare. We respect, see, care about and support each other. (Hand actions from camp expectations)	Storybook Bible" - The	
	When God made Adam & Eve, the Bible says He made them in the very image of God. That means some of	Story and the Song	
	God's goodness is reflected in each one of us. God breathed life into Adam, and the first man took his first breath.	<u>y</u> .	
	The Hebrew name for God is YHWH - every time we breathe, we have God's Hebrew name in our breath - let's try it together.		
	Deep inhale breath in - YH Exhale breath out - WH		
	We can use our breath from God to calm us when we are upset:		
	Teach: 4 Steps to Calm:		
	i) Stop what you are doing		
	ii) Take 3 deep breaths - YHWH - literally saying God's name every time we breathe		
	iii) Think 3 good thoughts (I am loved. I am safe. I can do this) (Hand Actions: Heart with hands. Hands over		
	heart. Thumbs up) iv) Check in. Am I okay to restart the activity I was doing? If no, redo the 3 breaths and 3 good thoughts.		



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		As we finish our lesson today, let's recall two Truths that we have learned: 1. I am loved by my Creator 2. My Creator made everything from nothing, and He holds it all together (Say with hand actions) Pray with children before they leave. Note: If you have time, you can do the following activity. Ask for six volunteers. Pair them up. 1. Give the first pair a large piece puzzle that makes an animal 2. Give the second pair a large piece puzzle that makes a vehicle 3. Give the last pair, nothing Okay - see what you can create with what you have been given - you have one minute! Ask each team to share what they created, starting with the first pair. The last pair has created nothing because they started with nothing. Assure them that no one can make something from nothing. This illustrates how amazing it is that God created everything on earth from nothing.		





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GOD SEES GOD KNOWS GOD CARES GOD LOVES YOU AND ME	CONFLICT IS INTRODUCED INTO THE WORLD	Today we are going to learn more about Creation, God and what happened next in the Garden of Eden. We're going to talk about some things that can be hard to understand, but we are going to do our best to explain them and help everyone understand clearly what God wants us to know from His Word. Who here has played the game, 'Simon says?' I need five volunteers – you're going to line up facing the rest of our group so they can see you.		
GOD IS FORGIVING	MAN VS EVIL MAN VS GOD	Now we need five judges. I am going to give some instructions - first, I must say, 'Miss Kendra says' and volunteers are to follow the instructions. If I just give an instruction, don't follow it. Judges determine if they followed or not. Players are 'out' if they moved when I didn't say, 'Kendra says'. Okay? Here we go. Play the game for a couple of minutes. Note those who followed the instructions. Thank the volunteers and send them back to their seats.		



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		Thank you, everyone. That was fun! But it also illustrates something we are going to talk about today – obedience. What is obedience? (Obedience = doing what you are told/following instructions.) To obey God, Our Creator, insists that we obey Him. Sadly, Adam & Eve disobeyed God, and every person has carried the burden of their disobedience. Let's see what happened in today's video, based on Genesis	<u>Video from "The Biggest</u> <u>Story" – #2: A Very Bad</u> <u>Day</u>	GENESIS 3
		nas carried the burden of their disobedience. Let's see what happened in today's video, based on Genesis 3.	or Role Play:	
		Watch video: "The Biggest Story" #2 - A Very Bad Day Video De-brief: 1. Which tree did God say not to touch? Why? 2. How did the snake twist God's words to convince Eve to take the fruit she was told not to touch?	• Eve is tempted by Satan Actors: Eve Voice of serpent	
		3. What was the consequence of Adam & Eve's disobedience? Another word for Adam & Eve's disobedience is Sin. Thumbs up if you have heard of this word: sin? What is sin? Sin = an action against God – doing the opposite of what God asks of us.	Adam & Eve are	
		Adam & Eve's disobedience is known as the 'Original Sin' – the first sin that brought sin into the world and separated us all from God. We are all sinners, born with a selfish desire to do what we want, not what God wants. God hates sin. But God LOVES us, sinners. God sees. God knows. God cares. God loves you and me. (Hand Actions: Point to eyes. Points to head. Hands on heart. Hands make a heart, then point out to others and thumb to self.)	confronted by God Actors: Adam Eve Voice of God	
		Separation from God must have been very hard for Adam & Eve. He was their God and their Father. He created them, and they loved each other. God loved them so much that He provided for them, even after they sinned. He made clothes out of animal skins for them, and He allowed them to live on earth, enjoy creation and have their own children.		
		God has provided for us as well. God's Son, Jesus, came into the world from heaven to save us from our sin.		
		1. I am loved by my Creator 2. My Creator made everything from nothing, and He holds it all together 3. God sees. God knows. God cares. God loves you and me. (Say with hand actions)		
		Pray with children before they leave.		





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GOD IS HOLY WE ARE NOT	MAN VS MAN MAN VS HIMSELF MOSES VS HIMSELF	Welcome Back! We're so glad you are here. Camp Expectations: 1. We see each other (point to eyes) 2. We respect each other (point to head) 3. We support each other (cup hands)		EXODUS 2, 3
	MOSES VS EVIL	 We care about each other (hands over heart) Do you remember the three important Truths we have been learning? I am loved by my Creator My Creator made everything from nothing, and He holds it all together God sees. God knows. God cares. God loves you and me. (Say with hand actions) 		
		Have you ever met someone who was very important? I haven't - just all of you. But if you and I were ever invited to meet the King of England, King Charles, we would first have a lesson on how to talk to him and how to behave around him. These are called 'protocols' - ways to behave in front of royalty. Does anyone know any of these protocols? 1. Bow or curtsey - let's practice both. 2. Initially call him, 'Your Royal Highness' - then 'Sir'.	Picture of King Charles of England	
		3. Stand when he enters a room - remain standing until he sits. 4. Walk behind him. 5. If eating together, do not eat until he eats, and when he is done, everyone is done.	<u>Video from "The B</u> <u>God Raises U</u>	,
		After Adam & Eve sinned, many people were born. Some followed and obeyed God. Many did not. God's special people were Jewish or Hebrew, and God had a special plan for his people. But like Adam & Eve, the Jewish people, known in ancient times as the Children of Israel. They sinned – a lot. This made God very sad. He allowed His beloved people to become slaves in Egypt. At that time, their lives were very hard, and they prayed to God to be delivered from this hard way of living. The King of Egypt was known as Pharaoh, and he hated the Children of Israel. But God was watching, and God decided to send a deliverer.	 Role Play Moses, as a baby, his mother puts him in the water with his sister watching & 	Actors: Baby • Moses' Mother • Moses' sister • Pharaoh daughter • Servant Props:
		Let's watch the video and see how the story unfolds. Watch video: "The Biggest Story" #13 - God Raises Up a Deliverer	praying	Pool with waterBasketPlantsBaby doll



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GOD IS REAL GOD HAS POWER AND AUTHORITY OVER EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE		1. Who did God select to be the deliverer of the Children of Israel? 2. What happened to Moses as a baby? 3. How did God speak to Moses? Let's stand up and take off our shoes. Imagine that Our Creator, God, is talking to you: God says - I love you. I can not tolerate sin, but I love sinners. God is holy. We are not. (Hand Actions: Hands up, praising. Bend down, hands down.) God sent Moses back to Egypt to try to convince Pharaoh to let his people leave, but Pharaoh had a hard heart and said 'no'. God sent 10 hardships or plagues against the Egyptian people to try to convince Pharaoh of His power and authority, but Pharaoh had a hard heart and would not listen. Where do we see the power and authority of Our Creator God today? (weather, nature, things that happen out of our control) Let's watch the next video to see how the plagues worked. Watch video: "The Biggest Story" #14 - Free At Last One of the plagues was darkness - we're going to turn out the lights to imagine what that was like. You might want to hold hands with someone close by so you don't feel alone. The lights go off for a few seconds. Can you imagine living a whole day in the darkness? When we live without God, it is like being in the dark. We don't know what is happening now or next, and we are not sure of what to do. But when we pray and trust God, he leads and guides us, just like He did with Moses. The last Plague was the loss of the firstborn son in each family. God told Moses to tell his people to sacrifice a spotless lamb - to put the blood from the lamb on their doorposts. God said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." Similarly, when Adam & Eve sinned, God provided clothes made out of fur for them. What had to die in order for God to provided a lamb - a sacrifice for our sin, His only Son, Jesus.	Video from "The Biggest Story" #14: Free At Last	



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		Let's pray before you go to your next event.		





Year One: Who is God?

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Truth: Our Creator fights our battles

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GOD LOOKS AT OUR HEARTS		1. I am loved by my Creator 2. My Creator made everything from nothing, and He holds it all together 3. God sees. God knows. God cares. God loves you and me. 4. God is holy. We are not. (Say with hand actions) Today's story is about a young boy who is very brave because he trusts God to fight his battles for him - and a giant! Yes, a real giant! The Children of Israel escaped the hardship of slavery in Egypt. They wandered in the desert for many years, and then God led them to a beautiful land and the lovely city of Jerusalem. The people wanted a king, mainly because other nations had a king. They already had a king in God, but they wanted what everyone else had - a human king. So God gave them their first king, King Saul. At first, he was good, but he became selfish and stopped obeying God. That's when things started to get scary.	Video from "The Biggest Story" #27: David Stands Tall Or Role Play	APPEARANCE OR HOW TALI HE IS, BECAUSI HAVE REJECTE HIM. GOD DOE NOT SEE AS HUMANS SEE HUMANS LOO AT THE OUTWARD APPEARANCES BUT THE LORI LOOKS INTO
		Let's watch the video and see how God provides a good king for Israel. Watch video: "The Biggest Story" #27 - David Stands Tall	David chosen to be King Actors: Samuel Jesse	THE HEART."
		1. Who did David credit with fighting the battle against Goliath? Remember - The Lord determines every battle's outcome. (Hand Actions: Pointer fingers point up. Right pointer finger to side of head - both pointer fingers move downward, pointing forwards. Make a large circle with hands. Punch with each hand. Open hands, palms up.) 2. God told Samuel that man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at what? God looks at our hearts. In our hearts, our secrets are stored. There are no secrets from God.	Brothers - Eliab, Abinadab, Shammah + 7 more David	



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		3. God sees. God knows. God cares. God loves you and me.		
		4. God is holy. We are not.	ping pong balls	
		5. The Lord determines every battle's outcome.	Large drawing of	
		(Say with hand actions)	Goliath placed at	
			9' on the wall	
		GAME: Shooting Goliath	9 on the wall	
		David killed Goliath with one stone in a slingshot.		
		You can try your hand with a slingshot and a ball. See if you can hit Goliath's head!		
		Children take turns trying to hit Goliath with the slingshot and ball.		
		Pray before children leave.		



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Truth: God's love is so big. God sacrificed His only Son for us.

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OD IS LOVE	GOD VS THE EVIL ONE	Welcome. Today is a serious day because today we are talking about the cross and Jesus' death to save us from our sins.	White posterboard and marker	
	JESUS VS DEATH	Teach: God's love is so big. God sacrificed His only Son for us. (Hand Actions: Pointer fingers point up. Heart with hands. Large circle with hands moving outwards. Pointer fingers point up. The middle finger touches the opposite palm. One pointer finger points up. Pointer fingers point out to others. Thumbs point into chest.)	Choose one video or clips from a few videos:	
		When God realised people could not live by his commandments, He knew someone would have to sacrifice their life for us. But that someone had to be perfect, not a sinner like us. So Jesus, God's Son, said - "Here am I. Send me."	<u>Video from "The</u> <u>Biggest Story" #80:</u> <u>A Meal for All Ages</u>	
		Jesus was born on Christmas Day. His birth has been celebrated by billions of people all over the world for over two thousand years. Jesus lived on this earth. He healed people. Fed people. Comforted and taught people. Then he died for every one of us. And then, He rose from the grave. Jesus is in heaven right now. Waiting to return.	<u>Video from "The</u> <u>Biggest Story" #81</u> <u>Everyone Leaves Jesus</u>	
		Jesus had 12 really good friends. What is a friend?	Video from "The Biggest Story" #82 The Snake Crusher is Crushed for Us	
		Make a mind map on a white posterboard. Write "Friend" in the centre and ask children to describe what a friend is like. Jesus' friends were like this and more! They followed Jesus and learned from him. Then, on the night before	<u>Video from "The</u> <u>Biggest Story" #83</u>	
		he was going to die, they had one last dinner with him. Remember when Moses led the Children of Israel out of Egypt? Jewish people since then have celebrated that event with a special holiday called Passover, God said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." The Children of Israel had to sacrifice a	<u>Jesus Lives</u> If time, first show	
		clean lamb for their family on the night the Angel of Death was the 10th plague against Egypt. Then they put blood from the lamb on the posts of their doors. Jesus celebrated Passover with his friends on the night before he died.	#66 where Jesus feeds 5000 - to illustrate how kind	
		Let's watch this video and see what happened.	and serving Jesus is Video from "The Biggest Story" #66: The	
		Watch video: "The Biggest Story" #80 - A Meal for All Ages	<u>Happy Meal That Kept</u> on Going	



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JESUS DIED FOR ME		After the video: Ask for two volunteers. As you explain what Jesus did, wash the feet of the volunteers. Jesus washed the feet of all 12 of his friends, even the friend who would betray him. Yes, one of the friends sold Jesus to the soldiers for 30 pieces of silver. Let's watch and see what happened next. Watch video: "The Biggest Story" #81 - Everyone Leaves Jesus Watch video: "The Biggest Story" #82 - The Snake Crusher is Crushed for Us Good Friday was a very sad day - the day Jesus died. Saturday was silent. I'm sure his friends and disciples were very sad and confused. But Sunday! On Sunday, Jesus rose from the grave. Jesus is alive! Jesus conquered death and the grave, and the evil snake. Jesus is the Snake Crusher! Watch video: "The Biggest Story" #83 - Jesus Lives Believing in Jesus takes three steps: A - Accept that I am a sinner B - Believe that Jesus died to take away my sin C - Commit my life to Jesus Jesus loves you. He died for you. Putting your trust and your life in his hands will ensure you go to heaven when you leave this earth. Remember: 1. I am loved by my Creator 2. My Creator made everything from nothing, and He holds it all together 3. God sees. God knows. God cares. God loves you and me. 4. God is holy. We are not. 5. The Lord determines every battle's outcome. 6. God's love is so big. God sacrificed His only Son for us. (Say with hand actions)	Basin of warm water and towels	