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Learning about the Old Testament
helps us understand how
it's all about JESUS!

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Pre-K Level

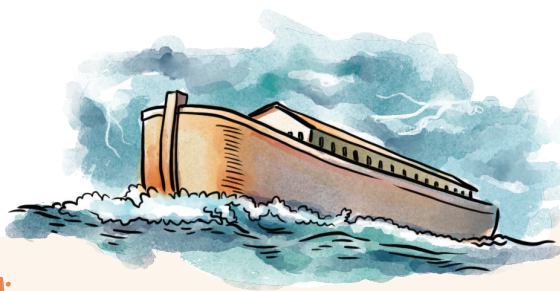
Ages 3-4



Genesis

God created all you can see—
the sun, moon, and stars He designed,
the water He made for the fish to swim,
and for the animals He made dry land.

He made all the animals, the flowers, and trees,
and then made the greatest creation He would,
forming a man and a woman by hand,
He declared when He finished, "VERY GOOD!"



→ KEY TRUTH:

God is the GOOD
creator of all things.



GENESIS 1:31





Color the page and add stickers that show some of the perfect and good things God created. *Add the sticker for today's book to your bookshelf on pages 4-5.

Primary Level

Ages 5 - 7



Genesis

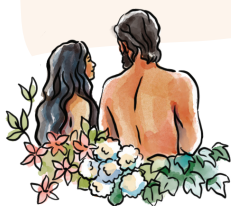
Where does everything come from? Who has created your body to do so many amazing things? Who made the sun, clouds, grass, mountains, trees, and rainbows? The Bible gives us the answer.

Read **Genesis 1:1**.
Who created everything?

Read **KEY VERSE Genesis 1:31**.

What did God say about all He had created?

God said it was GOOD! The very FIRST thing God wanted us to know about Himself is that He is good!



God is the **GOOD creator** of all things, and everything He does is **perfect** and **good**.

But in Genesis 3, Satan takes the form of a snake and tempts Adam and Eve to go against God, and as a result, they destroy the beautiful relationship they had with God. That's what sin does—it ruins relationships with other people and with our God.

Their decision to sin brought sin to the rest of us. Now every person would be born a sinner and deserving of death and eternal separation from God. But, because He is good, God had a plan to save us even in the garden that day.

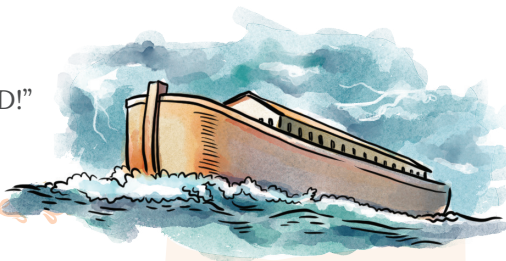
Read **Genesis 22:17-18**. What does God promise to Abraham?

God made a promise to multiply and bless Abraham's children and make them His people. Toward the end of the book of Genesis, we read the story of Abraham's great-grandson, Joseph.

Although he loved and obeyed God, Joseph was sold as a slave by his own brothers. Joseph was even sent to prison. Yet God had a purpose for his life. Joseph eventually becomes the second most powerful ruler in Egypt and saves the lives of his 11 brothers and their families by giving them grain during a drought and a place to live in Egypt. While it might not always make sense to us, God's plan is always good!



Color in the page that tells us, "GOD is GOOD!"
Draw something God made that is good.



Fun Fact: This book has the story of Noah's ark. You can find it in Genesis 6.

GOD is GOOD!



Pray and thank God for being good and for having
a plan to save us from sin and death.

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Junior Level

Ages 8 - 12



Genesis

Where does everything come from? How are your eyes reading this sentence, and how is your brain telling you what it says? Who has created your body to do these amazing things? Who made the sun, clouds, grass, mountains, trees, and rainbows?

Read **Genesis 1:1**. Who created everything? >>> _____

You probably already know that God created all things, including our intricate minds, bodies, and souls. But it's not enough to just know that this is true. The Bible proves that it's TRUE!

Glance over **Genesis 1:1-27**. What one word do you see over and over again?

(Hint: read ^{KEY VERSE} **Genesis 1:31**
and look for a 4-letter word.)



You should have seen the word "GOOD." The very FIRST thing God wanted us to know about Himself is that He is good!

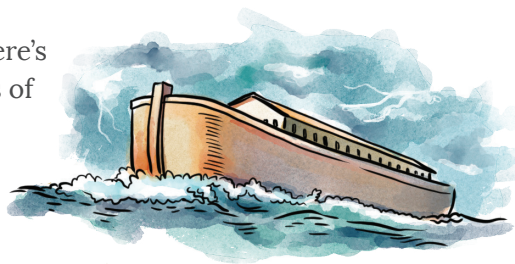
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But in Genesis 3, Satan takes the form of a snake and tempts Adam and Eve to go against God, and as a result, they destroy the beautiful relationship they had with God. That's what sin does—it ruins relationships with other people and with our God.



Their decision to sin brings sin to the rest of humanity. Now every person would be born a sinner and deserving of death and eternal separation from God. But, because He is a **good** author, God had a plan to save us even in the garden that day.

The story of Noah's ark is in this book, but there's still so much more. Genesis covers thousands of years of history! If we press the fast-forward





button and move up to Genesis 12, we see that God made a promise to a faithful man named Abraham, who obeyed and loved God. God promised to multiply and bless his children and make them His people. Much of the book of Genesis is about Abraham's family.

This story is about much more than Abraham's children, though. God's promise to bless all the nations in the world through Abraham's family is really GOOD news. We can see the **good** through God's story even though we as humans sin and are not good.

Toward the end of the book of Genesis, we read the story of Abraham's great-grandson, Joseph. Although he loved and obeyed God, Joseph was hated and sold as a slave by his own brothers. Joseph was even falsely accused and sent to prison, yet God had a purpose in this story. Joseph eventually becomes the second most powerful ruler in Egypt and saves the lives of his 11 brothers and their families by giving them grain during a drought and a place to live in Egypt.

Fun Fact: Joseph's 11 brothers became the 12 tribes of Israel. (God changed the name of their dad, Jacob, to Israel.) These 12 sons and their families make up the Israelites we will read about in the rest of this study.

Genesis 50 tells us that God meant it for good! God created all things and called them good, and even the difficult things in life are used by God for our good. That's the very first thing we should know about Him.

How does God's goodness change your life? How does it make difficult things easier?

As you pray today, thank God for being good and for having a plan to save us from sin and death. Ask Him to help you love and obey Him in your life.

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Youth Level
Ages 13 and up



Genesis

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You probably already know that God created all things, including our intricate minds, bodies, and souls. But it's not enough to just know that. The Bible proves that it's TRUE!

Read *Genesis 1:1-31*. What one adjective do you see over and over again? (Hint: it's a 4-letter word.)



You should have seen the word "GOOD" over and over again. Go back and underline that word every time you see it in chapter 1.

The very FIRST thing God wanted us to know about Himself is that He is good! If God was not good, His creation could not be good. An evil creator could not create good things! But God is a perfect creator. The story He began at creation is good because He is good! Even when we don't understand, He is working all things together for good and not for evil.

God is the **GOOD** *creator* of all things,
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But God has not made us to be mindless robots in this story of His. He has given us minds and emotions and the ability to choose if we will love and serve Him or love and serve ourselves.

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Do you know what the plan is? (Hint: see Genesis 3:15.)

The book of Genesis covers thousands of years of history, so let's press the fast-forward button. In Genesis 12, God made a promise to a faithful man named Abraham, who obeyed and loved God. God promised to multiply and bless his children and make them His people. Much of the book of Genesis is about Abraham's family. Here's a summary.

Read *Genesis 22:17-18*. What does God promise to Abraham?



Father Abraham



Isaac



Jacob/Israel



Joseph

This story is about much more than Abraham's children, though. God's promise to bless all the nations in the world through Abraham's family is really GOOD news. In fact, it's the best news ever. This passage is one of many prophecies in the Bible foretelling the coming of Jesus who would defeat sin and death forever, accomplishing **good** through God's story even though we as humans sin and are not good.

Toward the end of the book of Genesis, we read the story of Abraham's great-grandson, Joseph. Although he loved and obeyed God, Joseph was hated and sold as a slave by his own brothers. Joseph was even falsely accused and sent to prison, yet God had a purpose in this story. Joseph eventually becomes the second most powerful ruler in Egypt and saves the lives of his 11 brothers and their families by giving them grain during a drought and a place to live in Egypt.

Read *Genesis 50:15-21*. How does Joseph act toward his brothers who had done so much evil against him?

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Parent Guide



Genesis

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If you haven't already, stress to your kids the importance of believing that everything in the Bible is TRUE just as written. If the foundation of your faith isn't certain, then nothing is certain. Answersingenesis.org is a great resource to help answer questions you may have.

Read *Genesis 1:1*. Who created everything?



God created all things, but it's not enough to just know that. The Bible proves that it's TRUE!

Read ^{KEY VERSES} *Genesis 1:1 - 31*. What one adjective do you see over and over again? (Hint: it's a 4-letter word.)



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Scripture: Genesis 1:31

Key Truth: God is the GOOD creator of all things, and everything He does is perfect and good.

Discussion: Because God is good, everything He does is perfect. How do you see God's goodness in your life? How does His goodness make things easier?



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GOD'S STORY

How do we learn the stories of those who came before us? Maybe we look through photo albums, read biographies, or skim history textbooks that show us the parts of life we haven't experienced. In a similar way, we learn God's story through the revelation of Himself that He left for us in His Word, the Bible.

As this study guides you through each book of the Old Testament, you will explore the histories, narratives, poetry, and prophecies that show us the truth about God and His plan. So get ready! You're diving into the greatest TRUE story ever told—God's story!

