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FUNDOCY Homework: Creation

Lesson Taught on Sunday, September 30

Homework Due: Sunday, October 14

The focus of this week's lesson is on creation and the fact that God is the Creator of all that we have, all that we see, and all that we are. All the awe and mystery and beauty of the world belong to God. Everything we have, are, and will one day be is a trust from God. The whole world is on loan. The forests, the rivers, the air, my family, my talents, my life—all of it belongs to God.

So what? As we study the creation stories, we are called to ask the question: "How do these stories affect my life? How do they affect my actions? My stewardship? How do they affect the way I treat God? The way I treat myself?"

Part I: The Lesson

1. Read Genesis 1:1-2:4.
2. According to these verses, what did God create on:

Day 1 (Gen. 1:3) _____

Day 2 (Gen. 1:6) _____

Day 3 (Gen. 1:9) _____

Day 4 (Gen. 1:14) _____

Day 5 (Gen. 1: 20) _____

Day 6 (Gen. 1:24) _____

Day 7 (Gen. 2: 2) _____

3. What did God say after God saw each thing God had created? (see Gen. 1:10, 1:12, 1:18, 1:25, or 1:30)

4. How does the Bible say humans are different from all other creatures? (Circle your response)
 - a. Humans are made out of a different biological template,
 - b. Humans are made in the image and likeness of God,
 - c. God breathed into humans a living, eternal spirit,
 - d. Both B and C

5. Read the following facts to learn just how amazing God's creation really is, and then answer the reflection questions at the end.

The MICRO Amazing: 30 trillion cells of the human body are miniature chemical factories that each perform about 10,000 chemical functions. Each cell has one trillion bits of data—equal to every letter in ten million books. Each replaces itself every seven years. The human ear has 24,000 “hair cells” that convert vibrations to electrical impulses. Under favorable conditions, a normal person can perceive sound waves with the power of only one/ten trillionth of a watt. The heart beats 100,000 times daily to move blood 168 million miles around our bodies. We take about 23,800 breaths per day to bring 438 cubic feet of air into our lungs. The skin has four million structures that are sensitive to pain, a half million sensitive to touch and 200,000 sensitive to temperature. The lungs have 750 million microscopic air sacs called alveola. If spread flat, they would cover 600 feet. Kidneys contain 280 miles of tubes to filter blood. The adult body contains 24 trillion red blood cells that carry oxygen to nourish the tissues. Laid edge to edge they would reach halfway to the moon.

The MACRO Amazing: Earth moves around the sun at eighteen miles per second. It tilts at 23 degrees—an essential fact that makes our seasons possible. It sits just far enough from the sun to keep everything from either freezing or burning up. The atmosphere is made up of 21% oxygen. If it were much more, fires would start and be very difficult to extinguish. If it were much less, fires would be difficult to start at all. There are an estimated 100 billion galaxies in the universe. Each galaxy averages 100 billion stars. Our sun is simply an average-size star. The largest known star, M-87, is 50 million light years away and has a mass five billion times that of our sun. There are an estimated 10 million black holes out among the galaxies, each with a density so great that not even light can escape it.

The facts about the human body and about the complexity of the universe are pretty amazing. Some believe all of this could have been created by pure chance or luck...others call it a miracle. Some believe all of these things were created over thousands of years, others believe they came to be in a matter of minutes or sections, others say it happened over the course of seven “days”.

How do *you* believe the world was created?? (There are NO wrong answers here!)

6. Read Psalm 8:1-6. In these verses, the writer suggests human beings have been:
 - a. Made only a little lower than God,
 - b. Crowned with glory and honor by God,
 - c. Given dominion (power) over the works of God’s hands,
 - d. All of the above

7. We know from what we read throughout the Bible that God loves and cares very much about each and every thing and every person that God has created. God desires all of creation to live together in unity and in peace with one another. We are called to look out for one another, and to look out for the rest of creation.

What are the first orders God gives to people in the Bible? What is our role in creation, according to Genesis 1:1-2:2?

Part II: Reflection Questions

1. How would you respond to a friend who says “You can’t be a scientist and still believe in God.”?

2. Do you think it takes more faith to believe that the universe was created by God or that it came about by chance?

