

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource This monthly magazine gives your family ideas for creating fun, spiritually forming times in your home—setting aside sacred space in the midst of your active, everyday lives.

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GOD IS ETERNAL

Creation/Fall of Man

Genesis 1—3

God creates all things by speaking them into existence. He creates mankind in His image and desires a relationship with us.

JUST FOR FUN

Sit in a darkened room with your children. Consider lighting a single candle or turning on a flashlight. Then read **Genesis 1—3**. When you read the part where God said, "Let there be light," ask one of your children to turn on the lights. As you read each part of creation in the first chapter, encourage your children to act out what's being described. If your children can read aloud, have them take turns reading sections of the remaining two chapters of this section of The Big God Story.

REMEMBER VERSE

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalm 90:2

DID YOU KNOW?

- In Genesis 1, the word used for God is *Elohim*, a word that describes the power and majesty of God the Creator.
- Genesis 2 retells the creation of mankind. God created mankind to rule over the earth.
- God created man and woman in His image. Because we bear the likeness of God the Creator, that makes us unique in all of creation.
- Though Adam and Eve chose to disobey God, He continued to pursue them and protect them. Although sin separated them from God, He had a plan to reconcile them to Himself through Jesus.

YOUNGER KIDS

When reading lengthy passages of Scripture to your younger child, pause often to ask questions and get feedback. This will help keep her focused and make sure she's retaining important information from the text.

OLDER KIDS

Invite your older child to teach the creation story to younger siblings or friends. This will help encourage a personal study of Scripture and develop leadership potential.

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss the following together:

- What was your favorite day or part of creation? Why?
- Why do you think Adam and Eve chose to disobey God?
- What was God's plan to restore His relationship with mankind?

BLESSING

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** @ HomeFrontMag.com

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may God remind you that He is the Creator, eternal and good. May you know He has invited you to be a part of The Big God Story today and forever.**