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### Scriptures:

Genesis 1:1-2:3; Nehemiah 9:6; Isaiah 42:5; Colossians 1:15-17, Hebrews 1:10-12; Job 38:39-39:30; Hebrews 2:8; Hebrews 11:3; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 Timothy 4:4; Revelation 21:1-3

### Lesson Goals:

To show that God is the Creator and that Jesus was instrumental in creation.  
To show that God entrusted creation to humans and that we are accountable to Him for that.  
To show that there will be a new creation in the future.

### Scripture Memory:

**You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything. Nehemiah 9:6**

### The Lesson:

The Bible says that God created the heavens and the earth. That means everything that you know anything about, except God Himself, was created by God. He, in partnership with Jesus who is called the “agent” in creation, made it all from nothing. Jesus brought it all into being.

The very first verse of the Bible says that God created the heavens and the earth. God didn't find a planet in the solar system and do an extreme make-over. There were no planets in the solar system, there was no solar system. God and Jesus made it all from nothing.

God liked what He created. The Bible says that when He finished creating, He said that it was good. He was pleased with what had been done. We should always remember that God created things because He wanted to. Creation was His idea. He didn't make the world for us, He made it for Himself.

God's created earth has been placed under the control of human beings. God assigned us to that task and we are responsible to care for His creation. That is why it is important for us to be careful how we use our natural resources. It is a sin for us to waste what God has made and given to us. Every Christian should want to do everything possible to keep our world beautiful and safe.

God created the world in order. When we read the creation story, we see that God began with the necessities of water, land, and the sun for light. That is what it takes to support life. Then God created plants. He made them so that they would have seeds and be able to reproduce.

After that, God created the animals and the fish. He wanted living things in both the water and on land. These animals and fish could survive because God had created things that would provide food for them.

Finally, God created humans. Humans were to enjoy and care for the rest of creation. He made a man and a woman, and He told them that they were to have children just like the other living things in His creation.

God created all this, including humans, with freedom. The Bible tells stories of what natural things have done in their freedom. There is the story of a great windstorm that caught the disciples of Jesus out on the Sea of Galilee. The Bible tells us that Jesus, the Creator, spoke to the wind and calmed the storm. This shows not only the freedom of the wind, but the power of Jesus who created the wind, to give it instructions.

God's creation will continue until one day when, according to the Bible, there will be a new heaven and a new earth created by God. When this new earth is created, God is going to come and live with humans.

We don't know when that will happen, but the Bible tells us to expect it.

What God created was perfect in every way. Since He created the earth, there have been a lot of changes and many things are far from the perfection He created. One of the earliest changes was Adam and Eve, the first humans, letting sin into their lives. It changed them, and ultimately changed the other things in creation.

### Life Application:

Have you ever wondered what the world would be like had Adam and Eve never sinned? Most of us probably have. Sin not only changed Adam and Eve, it changed everything. When they chose to disobey God, Adam and Eve began to die. When Adam and Eve sinned, the ground became hard to work; it didn't produce food as easily as it once had. Sin became our problem, too. In Romans chapter five, we read that sin entered the world through Adam and it spread to all of us. Sin brings death. But while we were still helpless in our sin, Jesus Christ died for us. His death offers life for all. Not everyone automatically "gets life," though. Life is offered to us all. It is being offered to you right now. What will you do with God's offer? Accept it, putting Jesus in control of your life, and receive life; eternal life, but life on this earth in a way you have never experienced it!

For those who have accepted God's offer, eternal life awaits. What will that be like? Well, we will get to see a bit of creation. One day the current heaven and earth will go away. God will remake them. There will be a new heaven and a new earth and God will live with His people. As God walked with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden before sin entered the world, He will one day walk with all of us who have chosen to follow Him. Can you imagine anything more wonderful? Maybe you are thinking, "When will all of this happen?" No one knows but God. Maybe you think that He won't keep His promise to come back. God hasn't broken His promise and He's not slow about keeping it either. 2 Peter 3:9 says, "God is patient, because He wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost." Jesus is going to come back one day for those who are His. There will be a new heaven and a new earth one day, too. It hasn't happened yet because God is patient. If you don't know Him, He's being patient with you. He doesn't want you to be lost in your sins - He wants a relationship with you. And if you do know Him, do you know people who don't know God? He's being patient with them, too. Don't you want them to be with you on the New Earth with you one day? Tell them about Jesus!



Planning for Lesson 23  
 Humanity:  
 Created by God



- ◆ **Memory Verse Activity** - Review the memory verse for memorization. Discuss all of the things that God made that are encompassed in the memory verse. If possible, bring pictures of star formations, of the earth taken from space, etc.
- ◆ Sing “Indescribable,” “My God is So Big,” “We Bow Down,” “Holy, Holy, Holy,” “Blessed Be the Lord God, Almighty,” “Shout to the Lord,” “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High.”
- ◆ Run Animal Relay Races. Do “Crab Crawls,” “Serpent Soccer” kicking the ball but keeping on the ground (not in the air), over and under races can be “The Centipede Shuffle,” etc. Talk about God’s amazing creation.
- ◆ Encourage your students to write and illustrate a book or newsletter article about creation. Encourage their creativity.
- ◆ Watch snippets of Biblically based creation videos. Some videos that might interest you: Louie Giglio’s *Indescribable*, the Moody Science Classics *God of Creation*, or something from Answers in Genesis.
- ◆ **Dig Deeper:** Read Job 38:39-39:30. Discuss the hidden things that God sees and knows. Bring the discussion to a close with Job 42:1-5.

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**Nehemiah 9:6**

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# Word Search



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Complete the memory verse. Find the missing words in the word search above.

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