



DAY 1 THE RELATIONSHIP BEGAN

Back in the 1500s, Nicholas Copernicus caused a planetary stir when his careful observations of the night sky led him to conclude that the center of our solar system was the sun, rather than the earth itself. Copernicus was humbled, awed, and intensely curious about “the world which has been built for us by the Best and Most Orderly Workman of all.”

Today’s Bible passage intentionally skips over the bulk of Genesis 1. Why? By shifting the focus from what God created on Day 4 (Gamma Crucis, the closest red giant star to Earth) or Day 6 (kittens!) kids can zoom in on the idea that God created the universe for them! You can emphasize that people have been created in God’s image. God gave us the ability to ponder, to create, to investigate, and to celebrate ... and the option to do those things with or without a relationship with Him.

God’s words in Genesis 1:26 and the lyrical words of John 1:1 further emphasize that nothing about creation was an accident. Jesus was with God—and was God—from the moment He released the first dazzling burst of light. Best of all, the Creator came to live in the world He created. The term John used in John 1:14 for dwelt or took up residence conveys the idea of God’s presence filling the tabernacle, and is used nowhere else in the Bible—a fitting description of His “one-of-a-kindness!”

It’s 93 million miles to the sun—one astronomical unit. The distance to the end of our solar system is more than 120 of those astronomical units! The sheer size of the universe should naturally make us catch our breath. But the most breathtaking truth this Bible study should communicate to kids is that God created them, cares for them, and loves them far more than anything in the galaxy!

ABOVE AND BEYOND

VBS isn’t just for kids—it’s for you, too! Consider these questions as you prepare to teach:

- People are God’s most precious creation. When was the last time you were reminded how much He loves you? What triggered that reminder?
- Every human is created in God’s image. How should that truth affect the way you treat every human—especially the hard-to-love ones?