

SMALL GROUP | DAY 1

GOD MADE EVERYTHING WE KNOW AND SEE



Bible

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Romans 1:20 NIRV

Supplies

- Bible
- iPad or TV Screen to view the animal
- Nature images along with the zoomed in images



I can trust God
no matter what

Prepare In Advance

- Crew Leader is ready to share what they like about God's Creation.
- Crew Leader begins Small Group Time Day 1 by putting a Take Action wristband on each Camper

Digging Deeper

- What is your favourite part of God's Creation?
- What do you like to do or explore in nature?
- Have you been to any unique beaches, waterfalls, lakes, or forests?

Let Campers share
Share what you like about God's creation

Isn't it amazing to live in the world God created?

Read Romans 1:20

From the ladybug to the rhinoceros, the mountains and clouds, the planets and galaxies, all of Creation tells us about God. He reveals Himself through His Creation. It says it right here in the Bible.

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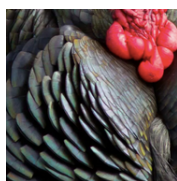
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Zoom In Images Game

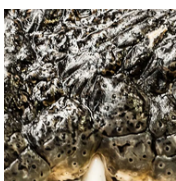
Ever look through a microscope or magnifying glass?

Let's look at a few more zoomed in images. Think you can guess what each picture is?

View the zoomed in images here: (Note: Crew Leaders show picture on left first, then once campers guess - reveal photo on right).



Turkey



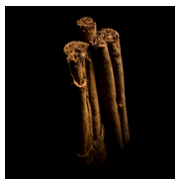
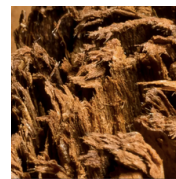
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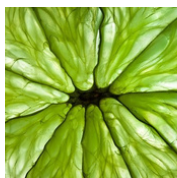
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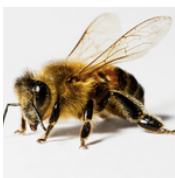
Butterfly



Cinnamon



Lime



Bee Wing

God designed each of these things down to the smallest detail. Isn't that amazing?!

We see God's attention to detail in the big things like mountains or oceans, and the little details of a snowflake or the wings of a bee. God isn't only concerned with big things; He cares about the little things happening in your life.

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Connection to Bible Story

Here are four truths that we can learn about God from the Creation story today:

Truth #1: God is our Creative Creator

- What are the colours you see in the world?
- What are the most unique or strange animals you know of?

How about fingerprints? No two fingerprints are the same. And it is highly unlikely that any two snowflakes are the same!

There are more than 11,000 species of birds.

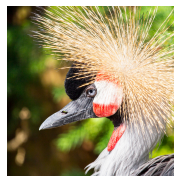
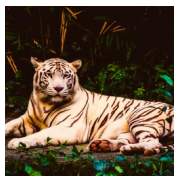
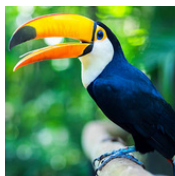
Did you know that there are over 7,400 species of *frogs*?!

Wow! God did that.

Every good thing He made is unique and different.

God is a creative Creator.

Show animal and nature images as talking:



- What if God created only one kind of dog or one kind of bird?
- What if He made everything black and white? Have you ever thought of that?
- What if all of our food had only one flavour? It all tasted the same!
- What would you want it to taste like?

We could still live this way in a plain world, but would that be fun?

I'm glad that we get to enjoy a world of colour, flavours, textures, sounds, and smells! We can see, feel, hear, taste, and touch His creation, and it is good!

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Truth #2: God is Detail-Oriented

God cares about the details! When He created everything, He paid close attention to the details.

Let's look at a video of things God created. Each one is zoomed in super close to see God's attention to detail. Then the image slowly zooms out. Can you guess what the object is before it zooms out?

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Truth #3: God Wants Us to Take Care of Our World

After creating life —plants, animals, birds, and fish— and calling all of these things “good,” God put Adam and Eve in charge of caring for the Earth. This was man's first responsibility or job to do on earth.

Taking care of God's Creation is a gift and an honour.

- How do you think we should take care of God's Creation?
- How are we taking care of God's Creation?



Going Deeper with Who Made God?

If God made everything, does that make you wonder who made God?

God has always been with us and will always be with us.

No one created God. God, the Father, Jesus, His Son, and the Holy Spirit have always been and always will be. They were from the beginning of time (Alpha) and will always be (Omega).

(Reference Revelation 1:8)

This means that They will always be with us. We never have to feel alone because God is with us.

God says in the Bible, that He “will never leave you. He will never desert you. So that you can say with confidence, The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.” Hebrews 13:5-6 NIRV

Any time you see a forest of trees, eat strawberries from your garden, or watch a squirrel climbing a tree, I want you to know that God is with you.

He cares about you just as much as

He cares for the birds and the squirrels.

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Deeper Questions

- How does it make you feel to know God created you?
- How do you see God taking care of creation?
- How do you see God taking care of you?
- What is one thing you want to do or start this week to take care of our world, God's creation?

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Hand out Playbills

When you go to a theatre performance, you may be given a Playbill that tells about the play and the actors.

At VISTO, we are giving you a Playbill, too, that will contain information about you. You are invited to take it home each day and add to it all the things you are learning.

We call this our TAKE ACTION Playbill! because we are going to ask you to take action on the things you learn at VISTO everyday! Sometimes we can get so caught up in what we are learning that we don't always take the time to notice what others are doing, or put into action what we've learned. Teach "Take Action" hand motion.

Each day at VISTO there will be an activity to do and when you bring it back to camp the next day we want to celebrate what you have done! In addition, **VISTO VERA has a special video for you to watch each day** & this wristband is going to be your reminder all week long!

Attach Wristband on self and each camper.

Make sure each camper has their name on their Playbill.

Attach today's Take Action insert and encourage campers to keep other items from their week inside their playbill, or consider journalling about these things throughout the week.



Bring 3-4 different things in nature that you find interesting and unique.

Put them in a plastic bag and bring them to VISTO tomorrow to show everyone in our crew.

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PRAYER

We're going to wrap up our Small Group time with prayer.

Prayer is talking to God. Did you know that God hears you when you talk to Him?

Some people like to close their eyes when they pray. Some people pray and talk to God as they go about their day.

Talking to God in prayer is like talking to your best friend. Tell Him anything, when you are happy or sad. He loves to hear your prayers, and He loves to talk to you. Prayer is a quiet moment to listen to God, too.

Let's pray to God now.

Dear God, we love the amazing world You created! You sure are creative!
Thank You for the beaches and forests, for the yummy fruits and veggies, and the amazing animals. Thank You for the seasons, the sunshine, and the snowfall.

Help us to care for the world, the animals, and each other just like You care for us. Amen.

Optional Activity to Keep Campers Engaged

Mime outdoor activities such as roller coaster ride, horseback riding, fishing, water skiing, tennis, basketball, golfing or objects seen in nature.