

EXPLORING ARTICLE ONE

Bible Text: Genesis 1:1—2:25

Lesson Focus: God’s creative work in the world is ongoing.

Big Question: How do we know God is still creating stuff today?

Key Words: CREATE, CREATION, SUSTAIN, *EX NIHILO*, STEWARDSHIP

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] God—and God alone—created all that exists.
-] There are two accounts of “the Creation” in the Bible (Genesis 1:1—2:3 and Genesis 2:4-25).
-] The first creation story focuses on God’s speaking; the second creation story focuses on God’s relationship with people.
-] God didn’t stop creating with the sixth day; God still creates things new (2 Corinthians 5:17).
-] God will continue to create new things, including a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21:1-4).
-] God sustains and protects all of creation.
-] God asks for our help in sustaining creation, too.

CARTOON CONNECTION

-] What role do you play in God’s creation?
-] In what ways are you creative? How is that sharing in God’s work?
-] If you could change one thing about creation, what would it be and why?



STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book pages 234–235: How to Encounter the Holy Trinity as One God in Three Persons

-] What metaphors or comparisons can you think of that help you understand the concept of the Trinity?

LIFE CONNECTION

Find out what your family’s recycling practices are this week. If your family is already good at recycling, talk about ways that you can use less plastic and pick one to put into practice this week. If your family isn’t good at recycling, offer to take charge of this in your house. Get a recycling bin and research recycling practices in your area. Make sure everything in your house that can be recycled is recycled!

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Word Search

Answer the clues below, then find and circle the words in the puzzle.

X Q Y F Y X U G H X N F T H Q G T M
B P G P H N Y N N Q A C U R Y W P N
F O A V E A G C E S S F W F U N J N
O W H G B R T F P U T E V E Y E M A
I Z K V V E Y R F I R R A K D X M I
R Y G N A E L Z I H X T G R F L A W
K I R O T S X T E N G K L N T J G N
E Q Z I W R E A R Z I O Z S C H S N
E K C T R J V R E B U T N P Y K G A
A P Y A M E U M U O J I Y T C K J X
A Y H E N K Z C Q T A N P Q J U N M
G Q R R O U E L R T A K X T U R D Q
C E Q C P L Q J S E Q E M W V K E U
L P M R P E D U C S A M R Q J Y K X
Q K R M J D S X N X P T Z C Z I X T
T W Q I Q W S I M D O G E A I H L Y
U W J D Z A N K I T L L Q R T T K Y
C B G Z I G T X X Z W Y G P M O F F

1. The first article of the Apostles' Creed deals with _____.
2. We believe that God has created people and all _____.
3. "This is most certainly _____."
4. God continues to _____ new things.
5. There are two _____ stories in Genesis 1 and 2.
6. Revelation 21:1 mentions a new _____ and a new _____.
7. God the Father is one part of the Holy _____.
8. The Big Idea reminds us that God creates and _____ all that exists.

Answers: 1. God 2. creatures 3. true 4. create 5. creation 6. heaven, earth 7. Trinity 8. sustains