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Lesson 1: *Creation* (Condensed Version)

Objectives: To explain that:

- God created heaven and earth, and everything in it, and it was all good.
- God created people (Adam and Eve) in his image. People were meant to be the rulers of God's creation under the kingship of God.
- Adam and Eve were to love and obey God. They would receive God's blessing and enjoy his friendship. This is the best way to live.
- God has always existed and He is three in one – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit – and all three persons were there at the beginning of time.

"I Wonder" Questions:

This picture shows us God's creation. Name some of the things you see that God created in the very beginning. (A man, a woman, the animals, earth, sun, and moon.) Everything that God made was VERY good!

I wonder what God is like.

I wonder how he made all of this. I wonder why there is a crown above the earth.

I wonder what life was like in the very beginning. Let's find out more in our story....

Lesson Summary: In Genesis, the very first verse in the Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth". Today we will learn about: God, the beginnings of his wonderful creation, how people are made in His image, and what people are made **for**. Let's start with knowing more about God. God is a Trinity. The word "Trinity" means that God is three in one – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God always existed, even before creation. So, how did God create the world? The Bible tells us that "by his word", God created the heavens and the earth, and everything in them. "By his word", God created the plants and the animals and the sea and the sky. Then God created people, Adam and Eve. They were his most special creation because God made them in his image. What does "made in God's image" mean? It means that we are like God in many ways: we are intelligent, we can speak, and we can love. God placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden called the Garden of Eden. He made Adam and Eve to be rulers of his creation, to take care of it. God would be their loving king and they would be under his loving rule. They were meant to trust and obey him. By trusting and obeying God, they would receive His blessing, which is always the best way to live. One thing God told Adam that they must not do was to eat the fruit from one certain tree in the garden. Adam and Eve were meant to have an obedient and loving friendship with God. God said that everything that he made was good. It was excellent in every way.

Suggested Questions: **What does this story tell us about God?** (God is love, a Trinity, eternal, creative and a loving King)

- What did God make? (the world) How did he make creation? (by His word...out of nothing...he spoke what was to be created)
- Where did God place Adam and Eve? (in the Garden of Eden) Why were they special to God? (they were made in his image)
- What did God tell Adam and Eve to do with his creation? (To rule it, to take care of it)
- What was the *one* thing that God said Adam and Eve were *not* to do? (to eat the fruit of one certain tree)
- What kind of a friendship does God want with us? (With him as King, a loving and obedient friendship, God as Father, we as his children)
- Did God ALWAYS exist? (Yes, God ALWAYS existed. There was never a time that God did not exist. All three persons of the Trinity are eternal.)

Bible Memory Verse:

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1 – NIRV)