

For further reading on "The Beginnings" see: Genesis 1-3, Ezekiel 28, Psalm 8, Job 38, Isaiah 14, 2 Peter 2, Jude 1:6, Revelation 12.

Apply Within

What are your greatest fears today?

How should the fact that God is our creator change your fears?

How does knowing you don't have to be in control relieve your fears?

How does knowing that God controls the world's destiny and yours bring you comfort?

Family Times

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Morning Time - Take a few minutes over breakfast or when you are dropping your kids off at school to pray with them about not being afraid. In your prayer acknowledge that they don't have to be afraid because we can trust our creator God! Introduce the Family Memory Verse for the week. Repetition is key!

Drive Time - Often while driving you will cross over a bridge. Use this time to talk to your kids about how we trust that every time we cross this bridge the creator made a good creation. Use this conversation to then talk about God's creation and how it was created good and we can trust Him! You can also play songs that reinforce trusting in God. [You can find great resources for this at rethinkgroup.org/store]

Meal Time - Plan to share at one meal time this week the "Story of God" for this week. This week it happens to be the BEGINNINGS. Share in story form how God created [you can refer to your Life Group notes]. Use this time to reinforce the idea that **God created creation. Therefore, you can trust Him!**

Bed Time - As you tuck your kids into bed each night reflect on the day, go over the Family Memory Verse and then pray with them.

This Weeks Family Memory Verse

*"O, LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens." Psalm 8:1 [ESV]*

For further reading on "The First Humans" see: Genesis 1-2, Job 38:4-7, Psalm 8, Psalm 103:19-22, Isaiah 45:18, 2 Peter 2:5, Jude 1:6

Apply Within

What were some ways you trusted God last week?

What are some characteristics of a good relationship?

How does being created in the image of God affect our relationships?

What can you do today that can help you reflect the image of God better in your life?

Since God is pursuing a relationship with you....what do you think God desires from you?

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Morning Time - Take a few minutes over breakfast or while taking your kids to school to talk to them about how God is pursuing a relationship with them. Talk to them about what it takes to have a relationship with someone, and how having **a relationship with Jesus Christ is the ultimate relationship!**

Drive Time - While traveling in your car it is a good time to talk to your children about spiritual matters. Jesus often used object lessons to drive home a point to His followers. This week you can start by talking to your kids about a friendship or relationship they have with someone at school. Ask them why that friendship/relationship is so important to them? Give them time to respond. Talk to them about how those relationships will one day end on this earth, but God sent His Son to have an eternal relationship with us. He has been pursuing that relationship with us before we were born. [Jer 1:5] [You can also play songs that reinforce God being our friend. [You can find great resources for this at rethinkgroup.org/store]

Meal Time - Plan to share at one meal time around the "Story of God" for this week. This week it happens to be the **First Humans: The Imago Dei**. Share the story how God created you and wants a relationship with you. [Refer to your Life Group notes]. Use this time to talk about having a personal relationship with Christ and the importance of **reflecting His image**. [**Testimony time!** This is a great time to share your testimony of coming to Christ and how you seek to reflect the "image of God." [* A mirror is a good object lesson.]

Bed Time - As you tuck your kids into bed each night reflect on the day, go over the **Family Memory Verse** for the week and then pray with them. Pray they will become disciples of Jesus Christ.

This Weeks Family Memory Verse

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27 [ESV]