HEY, FAMILIES!

ELEMENTARY MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

By Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth…all things were created through Him and for Him.
(Colossians 1:16)

PRESCHOOL MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

For by Him all things were created
(Colossians 1:16)

BIG QUESTION

Who made everything and rules over everything? God made and rules over everything!

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I remember building sandcastles on the beach as a child. I was very protective of them and would do everything I could to keep them from being destroyed by other kids or even by the waves. Because the sandcastles were made by me, they belonged to me in a special way.

As a parent, you understand this instinct. When you've poured time, energy, and love into your children, you feel a deep sense of care and responsibility for them.

Because God created everything, it all belongs to him. He provides and protects because it is all His. Someone once said, "There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, 'Mine!'" Because that is true, we can trust Him with everything—including our children.

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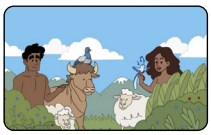
CREATION *(Genesis 1)* — Week 1



The world was empty and formless. Then God spoke and created everything. He called all creation good and still rules over it today.
Brite Idea: God is the Creator of everything.

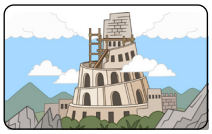
WONDERFULLY MADE *(Genesis 1:26–31; 2:4–25)* — Week 2

God made Adam and Eve in His image and placed them in the Garden of Eden. God told Adam not to eat from the tree of knowledge. They lived in a perfect relationship with God.
Brite Idea: God created people in His image.

THE FALL *(Genesis 3)* — Week 3

A serpent tempted Eve. She and Adam disobeyed God and ate fruit from the tree. The perfect world was broken by their sin. God promised a Savior who would defeat sin forever.
Brite Idea: God is holy, but people sin.

TOWER OF BABEL *(Genesis 11:1–9)* — Week 4



God instructed the people to fill the Earth, but instead, they gathered in one spot and built a tower to make a name for themselves. God protected them by confusing their language and scattering them across the Earth.
Brite Idea: No one is greater than God.

ABRAM AND LOT *(Genesis 12-15)* — Week 5

God made a covenant with Abram, telling him to go to a new land. Abram let Lot choose land first. Lot chose the best but later needed rescuing. God reminded Abram of His promise and faithfulness.
Brite Idea: God is in control.

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FAMILY CALENDAR
AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY & SATURDAY
REMEMBER & RESPOND	*WONDER & DISCUSS*	*EXPLORE*	*REVIEW*	*PUT INTO PRACTICE*	*PREPARE AHEAD*
WEEK 1 God is the Creator of everything. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** Jeremiah 32:17 What is too difficult for our great and powerful God?	Take turns drawing a picture, with each family adding to it. While you draw, talk about God's creativity.	***COLOSSIANS 1:16*** God made everything we can see. Did He make everything we can't see?	Take a walk together and talk about the beauty of God's creation. Pray a prayer of thanks as you go.	Write Psalm 139:14 on a mirror with an erasable marker. ***READ TOGETHER:*** Genesis 1:26–31 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 2 God created people in His image. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** Genesis 1:27 Why are all people special and valuable to God?	Play mirror images! Family members must face each other and try to mirror each other's movements.	***COLOSSIANS 1:16*** Does God have anything to do with who becomes rulers and authorities?	Donate items together as a family. Pray for those who receive the items.	Play "Hot or Cold" with a toy. Discuss why Adam and Eve hid from God. ***READ TOGETHER:*** Genesis 3:1-8 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 3 God is holy, but people sin. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** Romans 3:23 Who has fallen short of the glory of God?	Draw a target. Blindfold your child and give them a marker. See if they can hit the target.	***COLOSSIANS 1:16*** If we are made for God, what should our attitude be about sin?	Each family member think about one person who needs their forgiveness. Pray you can forgive like Jesus.	Play an active game. Remind each other that you're strong, but God is stronger. ***READ TOGETHER:*** Genesis 11:1–9 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 4 No one is greater than God. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** Psalm 86:9–10 What are some "wondrous things" God has done?	Build the biggest tower you can using anything available in your home.	***COLOSSIANS 1:16*** What does the fact that God created all things tell us about His greatness?	Choose 3 great friends of your family. Write a note to each about why you think they're great.	Count the stars. Let it be a reminder that God keeps His promises. ***READ TOGETHER:*** Genesis 15:1–6 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 5 God is in control. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** Colossians 1:17 How should we live knowing God "holds all things together?"	Pretend to use a remote control on a family member. Tell that person to "Pause!" "Rewind!" or "Fast forward!"	***COLOSSIANS 1:16*** If God is over everything visible and invisible, what do we have to worry about?	List everything you don't know about the future. Tell God that you trust Him with everything listed.	Write, "God never changes," on a rock and display it in a visible place. ***READ TOGETHER:*** Genesis 28:10–17 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?

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