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“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, Who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.” – Mark 16:6 (NIV)



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DAILY STUDY

P-E-A-C-E helps us stay in touch
with the Word and with the LORD.

When you read the Bible, is there any **P**romise to claim or
Praise to offer God? **E**xample to follow or avoid?
Action or **A**ttitude to adopt or change? **C**ommand to obey?
Error to avoid?

- Week of December 31**
- M. Hebrews 11:3
 - T. Psalm 19:1-6
 - W. Psalm 65:5-13
 - T. Psalm 104:14-18
 - F. Psalm 104:19-25
 - S. Hebrews 11:3

- Week of January 28**
- M. John 4:23
 - T. Deuteronomy 6:5
 - W. John 4:19-24
 - T. Psalm 96:1-6
 - F. Psalm 96:7-9
 - S. John 4:23

- Week of January 7**
- M. 1 Chronicles 29:11
 - T. 1 Chronicles 29:1-9
 - W. 1 Chronicles 29:10-14
 - T. Psalm 24:1-2
 - F. Acts 17:24-28
 - S. 1 Chronicles 29:11

- Week of February 4**
- M. Psalm 95:6-7
 - T. Deuteronomy 6:4
 - W. Psalm 95:1-7
 - T. Luke 1:67-75
 - F. Acts 4:23-31
 - S. Psalm 95:6-7

- Week of January 14**
- M. John 15:26
 - T. Matthew 3:13-17
 - W. John 1:1-5, 10, 14
 - T. John 14:16-17
 - F. John 16:7-15
 - S. John 15:26

- Week of February 11**
- M. Psalm 96:8
 - T. Psalm 98:1-6
 - W. Psalm 100:1-5
 - T. Psalm 101:1-7
 - F. Psalm 103:1-5
 - S. Psalm 96:8

- Week of January 21**
- M. Acts 10:34-35
 - T. Acts 10:9-16
 - W. Acts 10:16-23
 - T. Acts 10:23-38
 - F. Romans 10:9-13
 - S. Acts 10:34-35

- Week of February 18**
- M. Micah 6:8
 - T. Isaiah 58:1-5
 - W. Isaiah 58:6-10
 - T. Micah 6:1-8
 - F. Luke 18:9-14
 - S. Micah 6:8

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Who Is God?



January 7
Creator of All

January 14
**Owner and
King of All**

January 21
**Father, Son
and Holy Spirit**

January 28
Saviour of All

Unit Overview: God desires to have a close relationship with each of us, and God has chosen various ways to reveal Himself to humankind. Ultimately, we should be able to acknowledge God's lordship, ownership, love and desire to have a close relationship with God.

Unit Central Truth: God has firmly established Himself as Creator, Owner and Saviour and has revealed His love for us through Jesus Christ.

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Creator of All

Memory Verse – By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Hebrews 11:3 (NIV)

A Leaf FROM LIFE



Shay and Sean are 15-year-old twins. They enjoy watching tv shows, movies, and documentaries together. On Saturday mornings, they always watch “Adventures of Jay”, a TV show which airs every Saturday at 7:00 a.m. After the show ends, Sean changes the channel and finds a wildlife documentary. They decide to watch.

Sean: Yes! A wildlife documentary and we caught the beginning too!

Shay: (laughing) Yeah, I can’t believe we get so excited to watch animals in their natural habitat.

Sean: I know, right? Especially the ones we’ve never heard of.

Shay: Speaking of ... what’s that?

Sean: I have no idea but it looks weird. Sometimes I wonder if they are making some of these animals in labs.

Shay: (Laughing) That’s a good one. I actually think it looks cool. On a serious note, doesn’t watching wildlife documentaries, make you think of the splendour of God’s creation and how powerful God is? When I see all the beautiful animals and plants, I am in awe of God’s work.

Sean: Oh, wow, Shay, that’s deep (laughing)! But, I agree, the world is truly a work of art and we need to do a better job of taking care of it.

Shay: Well, we can start at home. But let’s talk about that after the documentary.

In what ways could Shay and Sean show appreciation for God’s creation as a part of daily praise and prayer?

Bible Focus

Psalm 19:1-6;
65:5-13; 104:14-25;
Hebrews 11:3

CENTRAL TRUTH

God is the supreme and only Creator of the universe and all that is in it.

CENTRAL TRUTH APPLICATION

What can I identify in creation that helps me to understand God’s power and presence in creation?

In what ways can I care for my environment to show gratefulness to God?



BIBLE FOCUS

Introduction

**Psalm 19:1-6; 65:5-13;
104:14-25; Hebrews 11:3**

There are various theories about the creation of the world. Christians accept the biblical account by faith, knowing that what God says is true (Hebrews 11:3). Psalm 19:1-6, shows how blessed we are to be surrounded by fantastic displays of God’s craftsmanship. The heavens give dramatic evidence of His existence, power, love and care. To say that creation happened by chance is to ignore the design, intricacy, scope, mystery and orderliness of creation. The psalmist declares that by looking at the heavens, we can see evidence of the majesty, beauty and proof of God’s existence.

Psalm 65:5-13 glorifies God the Creator as reflected in the beauty of nature. This is a sign of God’s love and provision for humankind and animals through the creation of the earth, seas, mountains, rain, crops and grasslands. Nature shows God’s generosity—giving us more than we need or deserve. This should make us grateful to Him and generous to others. All God’s creatures, therefore, should give Him praise

Similar to the first chapter of Genesis, in Psalm 104:14-25, the psalmist poetically summarises God’s creation of the world. God’s sequence of creation is a reason to give praise, and verbs such as *makes, planted and bring* (vv. 14, 16, 20 NIV) show God’s active involvement in creation. The heavenly bodies and living things interrelate and depend on each other. Praise is due to God for the wisdom of His works (v. 24).



BIBLE SEARCH

A. Read Hebrews 11:3 (NIV). Indicate whether the statements are True (T) or False (F) by circling the appropriate letter.

- T F 1. We know all the details of creation.
- T F 2. The world was created at God’s command, and this requires faith to believe.
- T F 3. This phrase proves creation and disproves the idea of us evolving from a previous being: “...what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”

B. Read Psalm 104:14-25 (NIV). Identify the verses which match the creation story outlined in the table below.

1. Day three: land and vegetation (Genesis 1:9-13)	Psalm 104: ____
2. Day four: the sun, moon, and stars (Genesis 1:14-16)	Psalm 104: ____
3. Day five: fish and birds (Genesis 1: 20-23)	Psalm 104: ____
4. Day six: animals, people, and food to sustain them (Genesis 1:24-31)	Psalm 104: ____

Personal Learning ACTIVITY



- A. With reference to any two verses from Psalm 19:1-6, explain how the psalmist says creation reveals God as Creator.

- B. Read Psalm 65:5-13 (NIV). Identify the verses which support the statements about God's qualities. Then, list similar examples of God's qualities which are present in your surroundings.

1. God is powerful: Verse: _____
Example from my surroundings: _____
2. God is in control: Verse: _____
Example from my surroundings: _____
3. God is caring: Verse: _____
Example from my surroundings: _____

- C. Write a short poem which acknowledges God's creative power and thanks God for His provision for humankind.

The Lesson and Me

I must appreciate that all things which God has created to sustain my life, give me the opportunity to fulfil my purpose to worship Him. Having a personal relationship with God will allow me to improve the way I care for others and for other living things and be a good steward of my environment.

Owner and King of All

January
14

Memory Verse – *Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours.*

1 Chronicles 29:11 (NIV)

A Leaf FROM LIFE



While at work, Maurice and his colleague, Jonathan, were talking. During the conversation, Maurice felt his phone vibrate in his pocket. He checked it and saw that he had just received the Zoom link to join his church's weekly Wednesday afternoon prayer session, which was about to start in a few minutes. Normally, he would share the link with five of his close co-workers, including Jonathan, who was a Christian. After each prayer session, Maurice and his co-workers would discuss what stood out to them. But, for the past two weeks, Jonathan had not joined the prayer sessions, and Maurice did not know how to ask him about it.

When Maurice received the notification, he realised it was the perfect opportunity to encourage Jonathan to join. So, Maurice sent the link to Jonathan and told him to check his phone. Jonathan joined the prayer meeting. After the prayer meeting had ended, Jonathan sent a text message to Maurice, and it read, "Hey, Jon. Thanks for inviting me to these prayer sessions. You would have noticed that I had stopped attending for a while, It's because there are countless prayer requests and intercessory prayers for the sick, poor, victims of crime and violence, you name it. Yes, I'm a Christian, but I'm beginning to wonder if God really owns all things and is in full control. It's as if we're praying about the same things, and nothing has changed." Maurice stared at his phone and whispered, "Oh LORD, what should I say?"

How would you explain to Jonathan that God is in control despite all that is happening in the world?

Bible Focus

1 Chronicles 29:1-14;
Psalm 24:1-2;
Acts 17:24-28

CENTRAL TRUTH

God, the Creator of all, is the Owner and King over Earth and its inhabitants.

CENTRAL TRUTH APPLICATION

What is my understanding of God's sovereignty over things created by God and made by human beings?

How can I be a good steward of this world and its resources?



BIBLE FOCUS

Introduction

**1 Chronicles 29:1-14;
Psalm 24:1-2; Acts 17:24-28**

God is the Owner of all things. In 1 Chronicles 29:1-14, King David decided to collect the materials that would be needed for his son Solomon to build God's Temple. David started by making a personal offering from his treasures. He then encouraged the leaders in Israel to do the same. The magnitude of their giving led the king and people to celebrate the generosity of the leaders (vv. 6-9). In the presence of the assembly, David acknowledged God's sovereignty, stating that only God has the power, glory, majesty and is exalted as Head above all (v. 11). He pointed out that physical strength and positional power, including his kingship, came from God (v. 12). David acknowledged, like the psalmist (Psalm 24:1-2), that everything they had, came from God and that it is a privilege to give back to God (1 Chronicles 29:14).

To say that God is "sovereign" means that God has supreme and sole control of everything. There is absolutely nothing in the universe that is outside of God's influence, authority or control. Paul, during a sermon in Athens (Acts 17:24-28) revealed that God determines the times we would live and die, as well as where we would live (v. 26). He did this to lead us to seek Him and find Him. Although He gives us free will to choose whether we will follow Him, He is sovereign, and we will still come under His rule, authority and judgement.



BIBLE SEARCH

Read 1 Chronicles 29:1-14 (NIV). In the puzzle below, find eight things which were donated towards the building of the Temple. Then, on the lines provided, write the items along with the verses in which they are mentioned.

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Personal Learning ACTIVITY



A. The chart below has a list of persons or things that impact our life. In the space provided, note in percentages i) the impact that it has on your life; ii) the level of control you have over it; and iii) the level of control God has over it.

Person or Thing that Impacts my Life	% Impact on my Life	My Control %	God's Control %
Food			
Talents			
Parents			
Preachers			
Good health			
Jobs			
Climate			
Churches			
Prime Ministers			
Government			
Criminals			
Friends			
Bullies			
Teachers			

B.i. List two of what you would consider to be your most prized possessions.

ii. Write a prayer thanking God for those possessions and ask God to help you to be good stewards of them.

The Lesson and Me

I must give God control instead of trying to hold on to the control of my life. I must see it as a privilege to give back to God as an act of worship.

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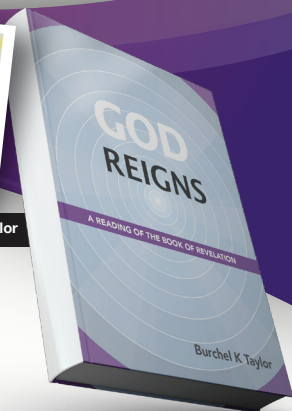
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