



**CORRESPONDING LEVEL WEB #s**

Defenders: 040510



Detectives: 030510



Developers: 020510



## GOD'S CREATION



### MATERIALS NEEDED

Bible; Teacher Preparation Guide (optional supplements: K4T songbook and PowerPoint files of lyrics)



### SUGGESTED ORIGINAL KIDS 4 TRUTH SONG

"And Yet God Loved Us"

### SUGGESTED HYMNS

"All Creatures of Our God and King," "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

### OTHER SONG SUGGESTIONS

Older kids: "How Majestic Is Thy Name," "This Is My Father's World"

Younger kids: "This Is the Day," "I Was Made To Praise the Lord"



## THE BASICS

### PRIMARY TRUTH

We will all give an account to our Creator for the way we lived our lives.

### PRIMARY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Romans 14:12

### WHAT THIS DOCTRINE REVEALS ABOUT GOD

God is the reason for Creation, and He has an owner's right to demand that His workmanship should fulfill the purposes He had in mind for it. We belong to God, and we answer to Him.

### KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVES – By God's grace...

- The child will realize that God is at the beginning and end of His Creation.
- The child will understand that God has a right to hold us accountable for the way we live our lives.

### ATTITUDE OBJECTIVES – By God's grace...

- The child will be positively and lastingly affected by the truth that he will answer to God someday.
- The child will actively seek out new ways to draw attention to God's glory and to live in keeping with God's will.



## PRAYER



## TEACHING PHASE – INTRO

(about 10-20 minutes)



### OPENER\* / Q & A

#### Q. How should you respond to the knowledge that God created everything?

A. These truths should cause me to trust in Him always, to live my life for Him, and to remember that I will face God someday and that He knows everything I've ever done.

**Romans 14:12** – So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

No matter who you are or how you've lived your life so far, the truth that all creatures must give an account to their Creator is a *sobering* truth! "Sobering" means it makes us stop and think seriously about how we live our lives and whether or not our lives are *aligned with* (submitted to, lined up under) God's plan. If we truly believe this doctrine and want to live in *keeping* with God's plans for us, it will probably mean making radical and uncomfortable changes in our everyday behavior!



### ILLUSTRATION / DISCUSSION

Imagine a lazy worker who takes a job mopping floors. He does an "okay" job with the mopping itself...when he does mop. But while he is on the clock, he often sits down and "relaxes" rather than working. At the end of the month, this lazy worker's supervisor informs him that he has been watched by hidden cameras the entire month! Every nap he took was caught on tape! How do you think the lazy worker might change his behavior after discovering this truth?

\*NOTE: In the intro, we want to recap the primary truth and set the stage to use the primary truth to point the learners back to God.



## INSTRUCTION & REINFORCEMENT

(about 10-20 minutes)

### COMMENTARY

Some people fight against the knowledge of God for all they're worth, because they hate the idea of submitting to any authority greater than themselves. They want to "live their own lives" and "not have to answer to anybody" for their choices and actions. But the fact is, their lives are NOT their own. And they will be called upon one day (whether they believe it or not) to answer to their Creator for how they used life and the other gifts He gave them.

The Bible says people who reject the idea of God as Creator are "willingly ignorant" (2 Peter 3:5; Romans 1:20-22). This means that they *suppress* (push away, hold down) the truth on purpose. People who believe that there is no God really have to work hard to hold their opinions – because Creation shouts out truth to them: "There is a God!"



### BIBLE DRILL (#1) – What does **John 3:20** teach about those who do dark deeds?

• **John 3:20**



### ILLUSTRATION

Have you ever played with a rubber ducky in the bathtub or a swimming pool? What happens when you push the rubber ducky under the water? It bobs right back up! The rubber ducky will not stay down on its own – you have to hold it down. This is what many people do with the truth of the Creator and His ownership rights over them – they hold it down. They try and push it away from their consciences.



Ultimately, however, their efforts to suppress or avoid the truth will backfire on them. They will find themselves standing before God, ashamed and unprepared.

Nobody can escape the responsibility to answer to God as Creator. We shouldn't think of this as only a dreaded future event that is still "a long way off." Christians especially should live in such a way that we could give an answer any moment for how we are fulfilling God's purposes for creating us. If you are a Christian, you should live your life as though every moment were being lived before the face of the Lord. *Why?* Because every moment of your life **IS** lived before the face of the Lord! The Lord loves His Creation so much, He never takes His eyes off it. Your magnificent Creator loves you and wants you to bring Him glory by finding your greatest joy in serving and loving Him.



**BIBLE DRILL (#2)** – What truth did Malachi appeal to in order to rebuke and correct the people's sinful behavior?  
• **Malachi 2:10**



**BIBLE DRILL (#3)** – What five-word phrase appears in each one of the verses below, and communicates in no uncertain terms exactly Who owns the world?  
• **Exodus 9:29**  
• **Psalm 24:1**  
• **1 Corinthians 10:26**



**DISCUSSION**  
Was it your own intelligence that convinced you of God's existence? Could you ever "own" something on the same level that God "owns" you? What is meant by this statement? "**Only God creates. Man simply re-arranges.**" Do you agree with this statement?



**BONUS Q & A**  
**Q. Are all men and women who do not believe that God created the universe (and themselves) deceived?**

**A.** Yes. In the innermost part of a man's soul, there is nobody who does not acknowledge that there is a God.

**Romans 1:18** – For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold [push back] the truth in unrighteousness.

**Q. Is it wrong to enjoy good things that God has given?**

**A.** With a thankful heart toward God, it is right to richly enjoy the things God has given – but especially to enjoy God Himself.

**Psalm 37:4** – Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

**Q. How does God want me to respond to His Creation?**

**A.** We should be thankful for God's Creation and enjoy it.

**1 Timothy 6:17** – Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.



(Here would be a great place to insert what you learned from your Teacher Truth Study.)



### GETTING BACK TO GOD\*

{Recap **WHAT THIS DOCTRINE REVEALS ABOUT GOD:** God is the reason for Creation, and He has an owner's right to demand that His workmanship should fulfill the purposes He had in mind for it. We belong to God, and we answer to Him.}

God is at the beginning of Creation and He is at the end of Creation. Just like many rivers might flow into one ocean, all of Creation flows back to God. We will all stand before our Creator someday and give an account of our lives. God gave us life and many other gifts with it. We belong to Him and owe our existence to Him, so it only makes sense that we should acknowledge Him in all our ways and magnify Him with whatever we have that He's given us.

\*NOTE: Teachers, please remember that this section should include the fruit of your Teacher Truth Study and one or two personal illustrations or anecdotes from the "Personalize It!" activity in the Teacher Preparation Phase.



## APPLICATION & ASSESSMENT

"INTERNALIZE IT!" from Teacher Preparation Phase

(about 5-10 minutes)

You might begin this section with:

"Boys and girls, as I've been preparing for this TruthTime Lesson, here's what God has been showing me...."

You might continue by saying:

"Because of what God is teaching me, here's what is going to be different in my life during this next week...."

You might conclude with something like this:

"Finally, here's what God has taught me about Himself through these truths...."



### DISCUSSION TIME QUESTIONS

- Why does the Creator "own" you?
- What kind of right does God have to all things?
- Why does God require all of us to give an account of our lives to Him?
- What are your feelings about standing before God someday?
- What do you imagine He might say to you about the way you've lived the life He's given you?



## APPENDICES OR "IF TIME"

(optional)



### ACTIVITIES USING RESOURCES FROM THE KIDS 4 TRUTH WEBSITE

Download and present the "**Creation**" dynamation or screen-saver file via large-screen TV or projector.

<http://www.kids4truth.com/creation.htm>

Download and present (or view online) the "**Creation's Voice**" dynamation via large-screen TV or projector.

<http://www.kids4truth.com/CV/voice.html>

Download and let the children color the **coloring pages** from the "Creation" dynamation.

<http://www.kids4truth.com/art.htm>