

Leader's Guide  
GENESIS 1

1. The bible is clear that Jesus is the creator of everything. List some of the verses that indicate this for us. **John 1:3, John 1:10, Colossians 1:15-17, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Hebrews 1:10-12**
2. We are able to believe that Jesus is the creator of everything because we also know from the Bible that Jesus has the same glory and power as God the Father. What verses teach us that? **John 1:1, Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 2: 9, Philipians 2:6**
3. Jesus even created you and knew what every one of your days would look like before one came to pass. (Psalm 139) How does it make you feel to know that your creator was willing to die for you?
4. What has creation been doing since it was first formed? **Praising God, Telling the world about Jesus, Worshiping God, preaching.**
5. Do you have a favorite example in the New Testament of creation obeying Jesus? What is it?
6. If all of creation is speaking about Jesus day and night then clearly we should be speaking about Jesus even more. What are some ways that we can give testimonies about Jesus day by day and night by night?
7. From now on when we read Genesis 1 what other chapter should come to mind? (students can have many answers, but a good one is **John 1:1-3**)

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1. When Adam and Eve sinned what were the first two things that they did? **Made coverings for themselves/ for their sin. They Hid.**
2. Why wasn't God pleased with the way Adam and Eve had covered their own sin? Why did he have to cover their sin himself? (several answers work here) **God had said that they would die so something had to die for sins. Sinful people can't cover sins. Only one who is perfect can cover sins. Only blood can cover sins.**
3. What are some of the words that the Bible uses to describe us if we don't have faith in Jesus? (many answers, some are) **Dead, powerless, sinner, ungodly, enemy, object of wrath, not good, not seeking him, not righteous**
4. Are we basically good? Can we be pleasing to God without faith in Jesus? **No. based on Rom 8:8, Rom 3:10-12, Psalm 14:1-3, Heb 11:6**
5. Put yourself in Adam and Eve's place. You had never seen anything die before. Now here by the hand of God blood had been poured out because of your sin. You are now wearing the skin of this bloody animal. It had to die or you had to. How might you feel? What kind of thoughts might be going through your head? Are you sad? Scared? Thankful? Overwhelmed?
6. Now think of Jesus on the cross. He is God, not just a created garden animal. He has all power. He is full of love and mercy and as he bleeds to death on the cross he feels God's full wrath for your sin. How do you feel when you think on that? What is an appropriate response to his sacrifice for us?
7. were God's enemy but now what are you? **His Child (Rom 8:16-17)**

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**GENESIS 7 & GENESIS 28**

1. Can we do anything to get Jesus to come back to earth faster or more slowly? Why or why not? **No. Because the day has already been determined by Him.**
  
2. Does any man know the day that Jesus will come back? **No. (leader, we understand that Jesus said not even he knew the day, but keep in mind that was while he was on earth. He is now in heaven with his glory fully restored to him John 17:5 so it is very likely that he now knows the day he will return even though it was hidden from him while he was on earth.)**
  
3. Doesn't God treat everyone the same? When he comes back won't he just love everyone the same? **No. God treats the righteous and the wicked very differently.**
  
4. What will God do with the wicked when he returns? With the righteous? **The wicked will be destroyed by his wrath in Hell. The righteous will be welcomed into Heaven, the kingdom of God.**
  
5. This lesson compared Jesus to two things that save us and get us into heaven, what were they? **The ark that saves us from God's wrath and the ladder by which we gain heaven.**
  
6. God shut the door to the Ark and sealed Noah inside so that Noah didn't have to be fearful of God's wrath and judgment. What did God give us so that we can have confidence that we can't lose our salvation and be destroyed by God's wrath? **The Holy Spirit. Be sure to give your students these verses (Rom 5:9, 1 Thes 1:10, Eph 1:13, 4:30)**
  
7. Since we don't know when Jesus is coming back but we know that those who aren't saved will be destroyed and since we know how to be saved what kind of things should we be doing to help others see the truth about Jesus?

## LEADER'S GUIDE GENESIS 42 & EXODUS 2

1. What kind of things do you hope that people will say about you when you are gone? What kind of impact do you hope to have on the lives of those around you?
2. Jesus has always been the King of the universe but when he came to His own people they didn't honor Him or worship Him. Instead he was despised and rejected. Why? **He had to be rejected so that he could be crucified for our sins.**
3. What were the names of the two men Stephen preached about in Acts 7 that were overlooked their first time around but made clear on their second visit? **Joseph and Moses**
4. Why did Jesus speak in Parables? **So that people wouldn't understand who he was.**
5. What should our response be to the fact that Jesus was despised and rejected for our sake? **Worship. Rejoicing. Thankfulness. (and a thousand other things)**
6. Make a list of at least 20 things from Isaiah 52 and 53 that describe what Jesus went through on His first visit. **Marred appearance, tender shoot, no stately form, no stately majesty, no stately appearance (he didn't look like a king), despised, forsaken by men, man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, men hid their face from him, he was despised, we did not esteem him, he bore our griefs, he carried our sorrows, we thought him stricken by God, afflicted, pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities, the chastening we deserved fell on him, he was scourged, all of our iniquity fell on him, he was oppressed, afflicted (again), he was silent as he died, he was oppressed and judged, he received a grave with wicked men, a rich man buried him, he did no violence, he did not lie, God was pleased to crush him, he was a guilt offering, he was in anguish of soul, he justified many, he made many righteous by bearing their sin, he will have a portion with the great, he poured himself out to death, he was numbered among sinners, he bore the sin of many, and interceded for transgressors.**

How happy I am that he was despised and rejected so that I could be redeemed. Let us thank the King that he would set aside his glory and power so that we could be saved.

## LEADER'S GUIDE EXODUS 11 & 12

1. Are any of you the oldest in your family?
2. Do you like it or not? (If you aren't the oldest: Do you wish you were the oldest?)
3. Is it easier or harder to be the oldest?
4. In our chapter from tonight it was the oldest/firstborn that was in danger of dying, try to put yourself in that place. If the lamb wasn't killed, if the blood wasn't on the door, if you didn't eat the lamb, you would die. What might the firstborn have been thinking as they watched their dad kill the lamb, paint the door, cook the lamb? How might you have been feeling?
5. Was there any other way for the firstborn to be saved than by killing the lamb? **No.**
6. What happened to the people who didn't do what God had said and didn't paint their doors with the blood of the lamb? **The firstborn in every house died.**
7. Today, are there lots of ways to be saved from God's coming wrath? **No. Acts 4:12**
8. When Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples the night before he died what did he tell them the bread and wine really was about? **His body and His blood**
9. Christians don't celebrate the Passover anymore because now we celebrate what? **The Lord's Supper**
10. When we as a church take the Lord's Supper what should our attitude be? **Serious. Reverent. Thankful. Worshipful. Rejoicing.**
11. How important is it that we check our hearts and confess any hidden sin before we take the Lord's Supper? **Very important. Paul said some were weak, sick, or dead, because they took the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner.**
12. What are we remembering/proclaiming when we take the Lord's Supper? **We are proclaiming Jesus' death until he returns.**
13. If Jesus is our "Passover" Lamb, the Lamb that saves us from God's wrath (Rom 5:9) what will happen to the people who don't believe in Jesus? **Sadly, they will face God's wrath in Hell.**
14. Can you think of someone that you know who doesn't believe that Jesus is their Savior? What should you do about it?

## LEADER'S GUIDE EXODUS 15 & 17

1. What is the most thirsty you have ever been? Can you imagine going three days without anything to drink? How might you be feeling at that moment?
2. These people were cursing God and Moses because they didn't trust God to take care of their need. Have you ever been fearful or worried that God wouldn't take care of your need? What was it?
3. Did God take care of the need that the Israelites had? What two ways did he do that in today's chapter? **The tree and the broken rock.**
4. Why should we rejoice in the cross more than just at Easter?

**Because without the cross we would still be under God's wrath. (The students will likely have other answers that are more personal)**

5. When you think of the cross what are some of the things that typically come to mind for you?
6. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus was broken so that you didn't have to be?
7. Did you have to get everything right in your life for God to save you and show you mercy? **No.**
8. What did the Bible say in Romans 5 about the kind of people we were when Jesus died for us? **Powerless, ungodly, sinners, God's enemies.**
9. Now that you have the Holy Spirit as a Christian what are some of the kinds of things you should be experiencing more of in your life? **The students may give a lot of correct answers here but also guide them to the fruit of the spirit listed in Gal 5: 22-23 Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness, and Self-control.**

Spend a few minutes praying that you would have more faith to trust God to take care of the things you mentioned in #2. Take some time to pray for others in the group as they are also trying to trust God more. Take a few minutes to ask God to make you more like Jesus this week.

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**EXODUS 16**

1. What is the most you have ever done to try to impress someone?  
What is the most you have done to try to make someone like you?
2. Was it successful? Has it lasted so far? Do you think it will last for the rest of your life?
3. Why is it that we can't be good enough to get to heaven? **It may be worth taking some time here to remind your students that without God we aren't good. Psalm 14:1-3, Psalm 53:1-3, Isaiah 64:6, Genesis 6:5, Genesis 8:21 and the other verses from the above teaching notes.**
4. What kinds of things do people do that make them think they are "good enough" to make it to heaven?
5. What is the one thing we MUST DO to inherit heaven and eternal life? **Believe that Jesus is LORD (Rom 10:9,10 and John 6:29)**
6. Just because we don't have to do good works to get saved does that mean that we can act however we want after we get saved? Why or why not? **Rom 6:1-7, and Eph 2:8-10. We were saved to do Good Deeds and we were saved to Glorify God with our lives. We were saved to walk in new life. (Matthew 5:16) Plus our good deeds now prove that we really know Jesus. (I suggest that you read James 2:14-26 to your students)**

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**NUMBERS 21 & DEUTERONOMY 21**

1. Have you ever had someone really angry at you? What did they do about it? Did it hurt you physically? Emotionally?
2. Have you ever considered that without Jesus you are considered "God's cursed one" and that you are under the wrath and fury of God? (John 3:36, Deut 21:22,23; Gal 3: 13) Why is that so much worse than someone being angry at us on this earth?
3. We know that Jesus came to save us from God's wrath and God's curse by taking away our sins. What do you think it means when people say "Jesus took away our sins"? **Most people mean that he just relocated it or moved it away from us. But what the Bible means when it talks about this kind of thing is that he Became sin and then went to the cross and the grave for it.**
4. How did Jesus take away our sins? **When he became sin he subjected himself to God's wrath and curse and died on the cross. (answers can be anything having to do with the cross and with death)**
5. In Numbers 21 why does the snake on the pole represent Jesus?  
**First of all, because Jesus compares himself to the serpent. Second, because Jesus became sin and the serpent was a symbol of sin. The pole represents the cross.**
6. According to Deuteronomy 21/ Galatians 3 what is the significance of Jesus being hung on the cross? **These passages say that the one who commits a sin deserving of death should be hung on a "tree". They also say that the individual hung on a tree is "God's cursed one." We deserved death. (Rom 6:23) Jesus became the cursed one for us when he took our sin and was hung on the tree. We were supposed to be forsaken by God but instead Jesus was forsaken by God in our place. Mark 15:34**

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### JOSHUA 2

1. What is the longest you have ever had to wait for something that you were excited about? What was it? (a trip, present, seeing a friend, money) Was it worth the wait?
2. When is the last time that you actually stopped to think about the fact that Christ is returning one day?
3. Do you tend to think of the return of Christ as something far off or do you tend to think that it could happen any day? Which attitude should we have? **We should be hastening and hurrying the day of the Lord. Begging for it. Longing for it. Groaning for it.**
4. What did Rahab do after tying the cord in her window? **She went and gathered family (maybe friends) that she knew would be destroyed when Joshua returned unless they were covered by the scarlet cord.**
5. What lesson can we learn from Rahab's example? **We should be telling people now about the blood of Jesus and the cross because we don't know when Jesus is coming back and only through the blood of Jesus can they be saved.**
6. When Rahab went over to the Jews she left her life of prostitution, Abram and Naaman left worshipping idols, Zaccheus left his cheating lifestyle. What are some things you left behind when you began following Jesus?
7. How does it feel to know that Jesus made you a brand new person?
8. Are there any areas in your life now that you know look more like the old sinful self than they do like Jesus? What are they? How might you go about having them changed?
9. Write down the name of at least one person in your family or close friends that you know needs to know Jesus. Take some time as a group and pray for these people.
10. What plan can you make to share Christ with them this week?
11. If you are not excited and "groaning" for the return of Christ use this time to ask the Spirit to teach you how to "groan" for the coming of Jesus like you should.

**Be sure to pray for the names from #8 and pray that your group will come to a place where they desire the return of Christ and look for it eagerly.**

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### PSALM 22,23,24

1. What are some of the different roles you play in life? **(Child? Parent? Employee? Student? Etc.)** Why do you serve in different roles and what sorts of things are accomplished through them?
2. When you think of Jesus in the role of the Savior what things come to mind?
3. Do you ever think about the fact that Jesus chose to die when he didn't have to?
4. What significance might we find in the fact that David wrote about the crucifixion of Jesus before Jesus walked on the earth or before there was even such a thing as crucifixion? **The students may have many answers but one could be that God had planned the cross long before Jesus was led to Golgotha and furthermore that God had been revealing his plan through the history of mankind and through the pages of the Bible. (think of the rest of the chapters of the book that you have already covered)**
5. How do you personally experience Jesus as your Shepherd right now?
6. What is the primary way (or what are some of the main ways) that Jesus takes care of us as his sheep today?
7. Is there a particular thing about Psalm 23 that stands out to you in your own life? **(God's discipline, his protection, meeting needs, peace/ lack of fear, soothing your cuts (oil), overflowing your cup, taking care of you when you are wounded)**
8. We hear a lot about Jesus as a Savior and quite a bit about him as a Shepherd but how often do we hear about him as a King?
9. When is the last time that you can remember someone teaching Jesus as a future coming King? Why don't we think of Jesus that way more often?
10. Which of these three things (Savior, Shepherd, King) has played the biggest role in your life as you have come to know Jesus? Which one of them needs the most work?

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Ezekiel 47/Revelation 22, Jonah

1. Have you ever been to a river before? Did you ever get to see where it began? Do you think rivers always start out big and wide?
2. When you think of Jesus being a river for us what kind of thoughts come to mind?
3. What do you think Jesus meant when he said if we would drink from him rivers of Living Water would flow from our hearts? **The answer is in John 7:39**
4. What do YOU think is the significance of the river of life flowing from the Altar and the Throne? **We need to see Jesus as our sacrifice for sin and as our ruling King.**
5. Why do you think the experienced sailors in the book of Jonah were so afraid? **They knew this storm wasn't a normal storm. They knew this storm had been sent on them because of someone's sin. See Jonah 1:7,8**
6. Is there anything we can do to save ourselves from God's wrath?**no**
7. How does the Bible say we can be free from God's wrath? **Only through Jesus. See Romans 5:9, 1Thes 1:10**
8. If we don't believe in Jesus what does the Bible say about us? **We are already judged, we are under God's wrath, and God's wrath is being stored up for us for Judgment Day. John 3:18, 36, Rom 2:5**
9. Jesus directly compares himself to Jonah in what way? **As Jonah was in the fish for three days/nights so Jesus would be in the earth three days/nights. Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites and Jesus would be a sign to the Jews.**

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GENESIS 14, REVELATION 5

1. When you think about what you have been taught do you feel that you are mostly taught about Jesus as Lamb? As Lion? Or a mix?
2. Why do you think that most preachers/ teachers don't teach the LION side of Jesus?
3. Why is it so important for us to personally understand Jesus as the Lion and the Lamb? **Answers will vary, but several may be: so that we can see the full nature of God. So that we can better understand our salvation. So that we can better appreciate the mercy that he showed us through the cross.**
4. Why is it so important for us to help others understand that Jesus is the Lion and the Lamb? **Answers will vary but several may be: some people believe that God will show them mercy no matter what, even if they don't believe in him. We know that isn't true. We want people to know that without Christ they are enemies of God and that the only hope they have for salvation is through Jesus.**
5. We shouldn't be afraid of the LION because we know the LAMB. But the LION still calls us to be holy in our day to day lives. What are some things in your personal life that you feel need to change?