

**ROOTS**  
*A Study in Genesis*



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**LESSON 1 GENESIS 1:1-2:3**

1. What was your takeaway from last week's study on the Genesis Overview, and what excites you most as we begin a new study year?
  
2. As you read **Genesis 1:1-2:3**, pray and ask God to reveal His truths and His specific encouragement just for you. Pray also that He gives you "Gospel Glimpses," which are previews of Jesus or a foreshadowing of the Gospel.
  
3. **V1** is a summary statement of creation. Why are the first four words so important?
  
4. a) Read **V1-2**. What words or picture come to mind as you meditate on this scene?  
  
b) In **V2b**, who do you think the Spirit of God is, and why do you think He was hovering?
  
5. a) From **V3-19**, God laid out the foundations of the earth in 4 days. Describe how and what was created on:
  - Day 1
  
  - Day 2
  
  - Day 3
  
  - Day 4  
b) God's method of creation was by speaking, "And God said..." From reading these verses and the layout of His creation, what attributes of God do you see?

6. Read **V20-25**. God created living creatures to inhabit the waters, sky, and earth.
- Name the types of creatures and their habitat created on Day 5 and 6. What might be the significance to the repeated phrase, "according to their kinds"?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - God blessed and instructed His creatures to be fruitful and increase in number because He knew they would thrive in the environment He specifically created for them. Do you see your environment or community as a place to thrive or not? Explain.
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7. From **V26-27**, what do you think it means for mankind to be made "in the image of God," and how does that influence the way you view yourself and others?
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8. What responsibilities were men and women given in **V28**? What does this mean to you?
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9. a) According to **V29-30**, how did God provide for mankind and for animals?
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- b) In what creative and abundant ways has God provided for you that causes you to give Him thanks?
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10. What do **V26-28, 31** say that would lead you to conclude that God values mankind above ALL His creation? Describe a circumstance where you see how God has valued and loved you.

11. Read **Genesis 2:1-3**. What happened on Day 7, and what does it mean to you personally?

12. In the opening book of the Bible, God is the Creator of all things good and sees mankind as the pinnacle of His creation. He has created us in His image and planted His DNA in us. We are **ROOTED** in Him. What characteristics of God would you like Him to grow more in you and why?

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**“GOSPEL GLIMPSES”**: Throughout the Book of Genesis, we see previews of Jesus, and a foreshadowing of the Gospel (The Salvation Story). Each week we will hunt for these “Gospel Glimpses.”

1. From **Genesis 1:1-2**, name who was there in the beginning.

2. What do these verses say about who was with God in the beginning?

- **John 1:1-2, 14**
  
- **Colossians 1:15-17**
  
- **1 John 1:1-3**

3. In **Genesis 1:26**, who do you think “us” refers to in this verse?

4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Genesis 1:27**

b) Pray with thanksgiving as you reflect on the beauty of God’s creations around you, *or*, pray your responses to Question 12.

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**PRAYER REQUEST**