THE THREAD | BEGINNINGS

Lesson 2: Creation And Creation Of Man And Woman

Dear Parents,

Hello! I wanted to remind you about the Bible study we're doing focused on teaching our students the big-picture story of the Bible. It's called *The Thread*, and this week was the second of 13 lessons looking at *Beginnings*. The lesson was entitled "Creation And The Creation Of Man and Woman." Your teenager is valuable because God chose to make them. He didn't have to if He didn't want to. No one forced His hand. They are here on this earth because God wants them to be. Furthermore, they're made in His image! That's where their value comes from. And they are good because Jesus died to make them good. They're Holy in God's sight because Jesus took the filth of their sin upon Himself. When your teen begins to doubt themselves and their self-worth, remind them that they are immensely valuable in God's eyes.

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Lesson Overview: The grand narrative of Scripture starts with Creation. In the creation account, we see God as the ultimate Creator, crafting the beauty of the universe out of nothing. Genesis 1 shows God creating the stars, the oceans, plants and animals, and human beings. And the Bible makes it very clear: humankind has a unique and treasured place in God's story. In this lesson, your teenager will encounter God as the Creator of all things. They'll discover Jesus' role in creation. And they'll grasp the fact that God values them deeply.

What We Want Your Teenager To Learn: The unique place humans have in the overall story of God's creation and Jesus' role in that creation.

What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They've Learned: Grasp the great value they have as people created specifically by God.

Scripture Passages We Studied: Genesis 1 — Genesis 2:3; John 1:1-5 Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What do you remember about this week's Bible study lesson? What stood out?
- How should it make us feel that God could have very easily created a world without you or me in it? What does it say about our lives that God wanted us to be a part of His creation?
- Is there work we need to do as a family to be better stewards of God's creation?
- What can we do to become better at seeing value in all of God's creation (including other people)?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.