Creation
Genesis 1-2

Review

If this is your first meeting, once everyone is gathered, have each person introduce themselves and share one thing about themselves.

Hook Question

What is the most creative or fun thing you have made or done? What did you like most about it?

Tell the Story

Retell

Have the group retell the story in their own words. Work together to recreate what was just heard asking 'what's next' questions.

Personal/Group Retell

Materials Needed:
- Play Doh container/person
- Have everyone create something they heard from the Creation story.
- Let everyone share before moving on to the questions.

Introduction

The Bible says that in the beginning, God spoke and He created all things. We don't know when He created the angels, but they are spoken of throughout the Bible. While God was forming the earth, the angels were already there watching in amazement. They sang and shouted together about how great God is! With the angels cheering, God prepared the earth as a place for life.

As God spoke... creation began taking shape.

God made light... pushing back the darkness. Then God separated the sky from the oceans and seas... and gathered the waters, so there was dry land.

God made plants, flowers, and trees grow, all with seeds in them so they could spread across the earth. Water rose from the ground and nourished these plants!

Then God created the sun, the moon, and the universe that surrounds... and set the seasons and time into motion. God filled the earth with all kinds of creatures: fish that swim in the seas, birds that fly through the air, and wild animals that run and crawl across the land.

Looking at all of this wonderful creation, God thought, "This is really good!"

Then God decided to create something else, saying, "I'll make humans in my image – to be like me. They'll take care of the earth and everything that lives there."

So God took dirt from the earth and formed the first human.

Discussion Questions

Listed below are some basic questions that can be asked. You may want to supplement these questions with other Head, Heart, and Hands questions.

• What did you see in your mind as the story was being told/listening to the story?
• What stood out to you in the story?
• What did the story tell you about God?
• Do you see any of the characteristics of God demonstrated?
• How do you feel about God after hearing this story?
• What did we learn about being a follower of Jesus from this story?

Story Continued...

When God breathed into his nose, the human suddenly came to life! This first person would be known as Adam, meaning: from the dirt.

God placed Adam in a beautiful garden, surrounded by delicious fruits and vegetables so humans would always have plenty to eat. Adam worked in the garden and took care of all living things. God even brought each kind of animal right to Adam so he could give them names!

In the middle of this garden were two special trees–the Tree of Life, and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God told Adam, "Enjoy the fruit from all of the trees... except for one; if you eat fruit from the Tree of Knowledge, you'll die." (Pause)

Soon, God said to Adam, "It's not good for you to be alone. I'll make a partner just for you." So God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep, removed one of his ribs, and used this rib to create the first woman. When God brought her to Adam, Adam shouted, "At last!" Adam would call his new partner Eve, meaning giver of life. Adam and Eve were joined as husband and wife.

Although they were naked, they never felt embarrassed. Both the man and woman reflected who God was. And God would come and walk with them in the cool of the day.

After creating all of this, God thought, "This is excellent in every way!" Then God rested and set aside a day in each week for people to rest and enjoy being with God.

Closing Blessing

Read Psalm 139:14

Pray Lord, thank you for your powerful, creative hand that has crafted each of us so wonderfully and uniquely. I ask you to bless each person with a heart of thanksgiving and wonder of your amazing creation.