

New City Catechism

Discussion Questions

Episode 5: What else did God create?

Short Answer (matches song): God created all things and all his creation was very good..

Long Answer (doesn't match song): God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.

Verse to learn: ***Genesis 1:31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. . . .***

Discussion Questions:

1. What part of God's Creation do you find most amazing and why?

A: Answers can vary - allow for involvement. Examples: Human Body. Universe (planets, stars, etc.), animals, etc.

2. In Genesis Chapter 1, how did God create (verses 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26)?

A: God spoke all these things into existence. By His Word all things were created.

3. In John chapter 1, who is there at the beginning and how does that name tie into Genesis 1?

A: "The Word" is the emphasis here. He was there in the beginning. He was WITH God and WAS God, and the Word SPOKE things into existence. This Word is Jesus.

4. Read Colossians 1:16. How and why was everything created?

A: Again, this clearly speaks of Jesus being present at the beginning of Creation. All things were created BY Him and FOR Him. Everything was created by Him by His spoken Word and everything was created FOR Him. While this seems small, this gives shape to everything in life. All that is made and created is to give God glory and to reflect the Creator.

5. Why is it important to know who created everything? How does this view conflict with the world's view of Creation (how things came to be the way they are)?

A: Allow discussion. Perhaps mention an inventor usually includes an instruction manual with the created product so you know HOW to use it. Shouldn't we seek the Creator of everything to find out how we should use it/treat it? This view conflicts with the view that everything happened by accident. Everything is without purpose and is without order or control. The Christian worldview gives meaning to everything created, both living and even nonliving things. Even the stars proclaim God's handiwork.

CLOSING: Hand out verses about God as Creator. Read through these and then close out in prayer or more discussion about God as Creator of EVERYTHING.

Verses on Creation/Creator:

Hebrews 11:3

Colossians 1:16

Isaiah 45:12, 18

Romans 1:20

Revelation 4:11

Jeremiah 4:23

2 Peter 3:5

Psalms 19:1

Isaiah 42:5

Psalms 33:6

Nehemiah 9:6