



## Week 1 | In the Beginning, God

### Icebreaker:

1. What's one thing you've created (like art, music, or a project) that you're really proud of? How did it feel when you finished it?

### Read Colossians 1:24 – 2:5

1. What do you learn about God in Genesis 1:1–2:3?
2. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." How does this shape your view of the universe and its purpose?
3. In Colossians 1:16, Paul says that Jesus was part of creation – everything was made through him. How does knowing that Jesus was there at the beginning of Genesis help us understand the rest of the Bible?
4. In Genesis 1, God speaks the universe into existence. Later, John 1 calls Jesus the "Word" of God. How does this connection between Jesus and creation help us see God's plan from the very beginning?
5. In Genesis 1, God shows his power by bringing order out of chaos, like separating the waters to create land. Can you think of stories in the New Testament where Jesus shows his power over nature? What do those stories show us about who Jesus is?
6. Before creating humanity, God makes all the animal kinds and declares creation "good" (1:25). In what way is it good?
7. What phrases are repeated throughout Genesis 1? Why do you think that repetition is important?
8. How does the passage describe the creation of humans? What sets them apart from the rest of creation?
9. What does it mean that humans are made in the "image of God"?
10. How can remembering that you're made in God's image affect how you view yourself?
11. How does knowing that others are made in God's image affect how you treat them?