

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

No Other Like Jesus, Oh Lord My Rock and Redeemer, Waymaker

WELCOME

Do you know the story behind your name? How did your parents come up with your name?

WORD

READ IT!

GENESIS 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

GENESIS 1:26-28

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you not like about these verses OR what did you find difficult about these verses? Why?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- Trusting God is only possible if we constantly make an effort to KNOW HIM FULLY. What things can you do to improve on your efforts of knowing God more?

POINT IT OUT!

- 1. GOD IS ALMIGHTY** (Genesis 35:11; Genesis 1:26)
 - **ELOHIM** is a "plural" form of the word **EL** and is best translated as "**God**" depicting might and power. Genesis 35:11 uses EL (God) alongside Almighty.
- 2. GOD IS OUR CREATOR** (Genesis 1:1, 27,31; Isaiah 45:18 Psalms 33:8-9)
 - When the Bible says "God (Elohim) **CREATED**", it uses the Hebrew word "**BARA**" which means creating something out of nothing. He created everything by His WORD.
- 3. GOD IS ETERNAL** (Genesis 1:1; Jeremiah 31:3)

That first verse of the Bible reminds us of God's eternal nature.

 - **IN THE BEGINNING** shows God had already been existing before time and the world began!
- 4. GOD IS IMMUTABLE – HE DOESN'T CHANGE** (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8)
 - His eternal nature assures us that He knows BEST. He does not need changing or improving. Understanding that God is already PERFECT gives us much confidence in Him.

WORD (cont'd)

5. GOD IS ABLE TO TRANSFORM US (Genesis 1:1-2)

- Hidden in the simplicity of **Genesis 1:1-2** is a picture of how God is able to transform something from desolate to beautiful, from empty to fullness, and from darkness to light. He transformed everything BY HIS WORD!

6. GOD IS GOOD (Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 27, 31)

- The Lord had provided EVERYTHING GOOD even before He made the first man. It is a loving picture of His goodness. After every stage of creation, God would say “It Is Good”

7. GOD’S TRIUNE (TRI-UNITY) BEING – HE GIVES LIFE! (Deuteronomy 6:4; Genesis 1:26; Colossians 1:15-17; John 1:14; John 17:3; John 11:43-44)

- The LORD is **ONE**—this is **Ekad**, an expression of compound unity and not numeric oneness (*used also in **Genesis 2:24***). It is revealed in a progressing declaration of who God is from Genesis to Revelation.
- Jesus Christ’s purpose has been fulfilled as by Him and for Him all things were created. He gives life and upholds life by His power. He is truly worthy of our worship!

WORKS

APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on God’s name: ELOHIM write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make this your “I will...” statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

Simple
Measurable
Appropriate
Realistic
Time-bound

“I will _____.”

SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray that people will truly know God. Nurture them with God’s Word. Share how you experienced the reality of God in your life.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends