

## LESSON 5

# Something from Nothing

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### LARGE GROUP TIME REVIEW

*(Use to Prepare for Small Group Time)*

#### STORY

"Hi, kids!" greeted Uncle Peter. "What are you making?"

"Hi, Uncle Peter," said Jon and Carol at the same time.

"Oh, I'm working on a project for one of my school classes," said Jon. "But I'm having a problem with it."

Uncle Peter looked and looked at the project Jon was making and asked, "What is it supposed to be, Jon, a ball?"

"No, it is supposed to be a model of the world," replied Jon. "But I don't have all the things I need to finish it. I didn't realize how many items I would need. I only have some clay and wire ..."

"Yes, and he's making a mess!" interrupted Carol.

"She's right, I'm making a mess," agreed Jon.

"Well," exclaimed Uncle Peter, "that's a pretty big project — it will take a lot of work to make. Do you know how the world really was made?"

"I don't know," said Jon. "Does anyone really know?"

"Yes," replied Uncle Peter, "because the One who made it had someone write down how He did it."

"Where is it written?" asked Carol.

"In the Bible," answered Uncle Peter. "God, who created all the spirits, also created the earth. He was the only one there in the beginning, and He knew exactly what happened. Remember, God is one, yet God is three in one — God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit — all having part in the mighty act of creation."

"Does the Bible say how He did it?" asked Jon.

"Yes," replied Uncle Peter. "It says that God created the heaven and the earth. He simply spoke, and there was light."

"Wait a minute!" interrupted Jon. "What did He use to make the earth, and where did the light come from?"

Smiling, Uncle Peter said, "In Genesis, the very first book of the Bible, it tells us that God made everything from nothing. God is all powerful; nothing is impossible for Him to do."

"But how did God know how to make heaven and the earth?" asked Carol.

Uncle Peter explained how we have to learn how to do all the things that we do. We are not born with knowledge and understanding. Some people go to school to learn, yet they will never learn about everything. God did not need someone to teach Him how to make the heavens and the earth, because He knows and completely understands everything. God is all knowing. "It is hard to understand how someone can be so powerful and wise, isn't it?" asked Uncle Peter.

"It sure is!" agreed Jon, "Next time I want to hear how the rest of the earth was made too."

## LESSONS FROM GOD'S WORD

### Genesis 1:1-8

The Bible is divided into 66 books. The very first book of the Bible is called "Genesis." The word *genesis* means "**beginnings.**" All things had a beginning, except for God, who lived before the beginning. In the Book of Genesis, in the first chapter and in the first verse (Genesis 1:1), it says, "*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*" The word *created* means "**to make something out of nothing.**"

After God created the earth, it had no form or shape (Genesis 1:2). It was completely empty. The earth was covered by darkness and water. Water covered the whole world, so it had no dry land. There was no life anywhere on earth — no people, no animals, and no plants.

God is all powerful, and He was ready to use His mighty power to create things on this earth He made. In Genesis 1:3, we see that God created light for this dark world by just speaking! Then God said, "*Let there be light: and there was light.*" In Genesis 1:4 God said the light was good. God makes everything good, because He is holy, which means He is perfect. God divided the light from the darkness. He called light "day," and He called the darkness "night." This was the first day in the beginning of the world.

On the second day, God created the air and the sky (Genesis 1:6-8). God spoke and the water covering the earth divided. That means some of the water went on top of the "firmament" or "sky," and the rest of the water covered the earth underneath the sky.

Only God can create. He is greater than we could ever imagine, but He has given us the Bible, His Word, so we can learn about Him!

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## SMALL GROUP TIME

### LET'S LOOK IN THE BIBLE

Memorize this verse and say it to your leader. You may have only two helps.

Hebrews 11:3 — *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

#### DEFINITIONS:

**Framed** — Made

**Visible** — Can be seen

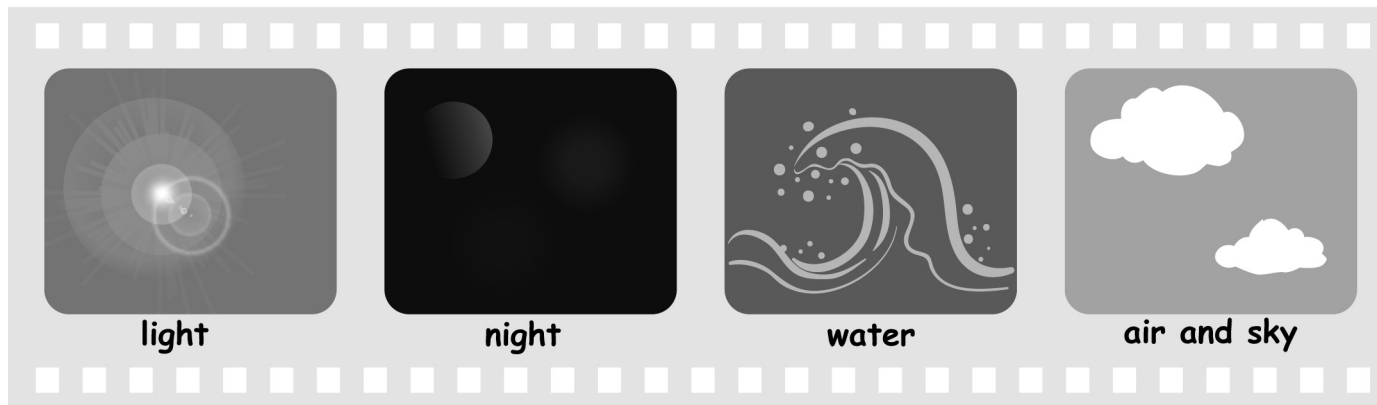
### LET'S THINK IT THROUGH - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. What was Jon using to make his model of the world?  
A. Nothing    B. Clay and wire    C. Paper
2. How was the real world made?  
A. We don't know.    B. It always was.    C. God made it.
3. What did God use to make the world?  
A. Nothing    B. Rocks and dirt    C. Clay and wire
4. Did God just speak, and there was light? Yes / No
5. Did someone tell God how to make the earth? Yes / No

**LET'S THINK IT THROUGH - ACTIVITY**

Complete this activity and show it to your leader

Fill in the blanks with the correct word.



1. On the first day, God created \_\_\_\_\_ which he called day and the darkness he called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. On the second day God created the \_\_\_\_\_. What was above them? \_\_\_\_\_

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