LESSON OUTLINE Johnny Stratosphere Episode 1 "Is God Real?"

LEARN IT

Where there is a creation there is a creator. God put his thumbprint on everything.

LINK IT

When you make something it has value to you. To see the incredible creative act of God we need look no further than ourselves. You are an incredible creation!

COMPASS POINT

"Every formation is a hint of God's creation."

LIVE IT

Your MISSION this week is to "Watch for what is wonderful!" Investigate something specific in God's creation for yourself.

Take a moment to look carefully at the detail God included in the item you selected. When you're finished, tell God how amazing He is for making something so incredible!

MEMORY MAX

"...For you created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created." Revelation 4:11

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Lesson #1 Is God Real?

The purpose of this lesson plan is to:

- Create a fun and interactive learning experience
- Provide teaching options in addition to the Leader Q Card
- Creatively revisit the Bible story featured in the teaching video
- Give kids an opportunity to further explore the application point

PROGRAM

Activity	Length of Segment	Running Time
Q Card: Discussion	15 minutes	Start-15 minutes
Picture: Bible Story	5 minutes	15-20 minutes
Play: Learning Activity	10 minutes	20-30 minutes
Plan: Group Commitment	5 minutes	30-35 minutes
Prayer: Prayer Cards	5 minutes	35-45 minutes

PREP

You will need:

- Ink Pads (1 per large or small group)
- Paper/pencils/markers/crayons
- Wet Wipes
- Small Magnifying glasses (1 for every 5-10 kids)
- Prayer Cards (1 per kid)
- MAP Books (1 per kid)

PICTURE

(The Bible Verses)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to retell the Bible verses presented earlier in the teaching video. The object is to paint a picture that kids will understand and remember. Remember you are painting a picture for your viewers. Have fun and explore your creativity. Here are some ideas to make your storytelling more memorable:

- You might use props: Globe, pictures of nature, pictures of people, pictures made by the kids
- Maybe you could ask a group of kids to represent various phrases in the passage (Earth, sky, animals, people, God's power, friends with God)

Romans 1:20

From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities – his eternal power and his divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God.

PLAY

(Learning Activity)

In this portion of your class time you will lead your class in a fun and exciting activity that will help your kids apply the Bible lesson to their everyday lives.

"Thumbprints"

HOW TO START:

- Large Group Only: Divide kids into groups of 5-10 kids each
- Hand 1 piece of plain white paper to each kid

HOW TO PLAY:

- Say, "The more we study creation, the more we will know that God is real. He made each of our bodies so wonderfully. Did you know that every single person has a different thumbprint? Even brothers and sisters who are twins and look alike have different thumbprints. Can you believe God made us so unique? What an awesome creator God is. Today we are going to study our thumbprints and see how they are all different. This will help us understand even more of God's awesome creation."
- Help the kids make their own thumbprint on their papers
- Give each kid a wet wipe to clean off his/her thumb
- After all the thumbprints are made, ask kids to write their names on their papers
- Hand out the magnifying glasses (share the number you have)
- Ask kids to study and compare their thumbprints with the thumbprints of the people next to them are they all different?
- Ask the kids to write a letter to God on their thumbprint papers thanking him for his awesome creation

PLAN

(Group Commitment)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to lead your group to make a commitment. You may select any ONE of the options provided or your group may create its own. Encourage the kids to write their commitments on their Prayer Cards so you can be praying for them during the week.

Commitment Options:

• Take some time to study any animal this week. Read about it. Draw it. Look at it in person if you can. Think about all the details of this animal and how God is such an awesome creator

- Take some time to study trees, flowers, and plants this week. Read about them. Look at them. Draw some pictures of them. Think about all the details in each of them – the colors, how they grow, etc. Think about God and what an awesome creator he is
- Take some time to study your body this week. Watch you feet as you jump and run. Look at your mouth and tongue in the mirror and think about how you can talk. Look at your fingers and arms and toes. Think about God and what an awesome creator He is.

PRAYER

In this portion of your class time, have your kids fill out the Prayer Card. Take the cards home and pray for your kids throughout the week. End your time together by praying for your group commitment.

Hand out prayer cards

- Ask Kids to fill in their commitments in the space provided
- Ask kids to fill in their prayer requests in the space provided
- Collect cards so you can take them home and pray for your kids
- Close in prayer

God, when we think about all the things in nature like trees and animals and sunsets and even how each of us are made so specially, we know that you are real. We understand that you had to have made everything. There is so much thought and detail in all these beautiful things. Please help us to think of you each time we see your creation, and help us to understand more about you each day. And please help us to do the things we have committed to do this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Remember to...

- Hand out the MAP Books
- Encourage kids to complete at home with an adult and bring back next week!





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RECALL a time that you created something? It could be something artistic or something you built. Why did you create it? What purpose did it serve? Share your story with your group.

ASK: "Have you ever made anything cool?"

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Review this week's **Compass Point:** "Every formation is a hint of God's creation."

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1. Bird	4. Volcano
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Keep the game going with more suggestions if it's working.

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they exist and were created." — **Revelation 4:11**

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STEP #1: Have a parent cut open an apple with you. Together count how many seeds are in the apple.

Number of seeds = ___

STEP #2: If you were going to grow an apple what would you do first?

STEP #3: Draw a picture of an apple tree. How many apples are on your tree? If there are about 5 seeds in every apple, how many trees could you grow from the apples on your tree?

Amazing! From 1 seed you can grow a huge number of apples and from those apples you can grow even more trees! You are even more valuable and incredible to God than an apple tree. See if you can think of other uses for an apple tree besides growing apples. When you're finished, tell God how amazing He is for making something so incredible!



MAX MEMORIZED THIS VERSE. Now it's your turn. Check the box to the right when you finish.

your name here

YES, I,

Parent's Signature

have completed this week's M.A.P. book!



