

Elementary Children's Church

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Lesson 1

How do we know there is a God?

1. The universe itself lets us know that the order & perfection of all of Creation is too perfect for a coincidence. Science itself has, for years, tried to undermine creation with the big bang theory, evolution, etc. But now as science has learned of the overwhelming complexity of the universe and all creation, it could not have "just happened". Evolution and the big bang theories are statistically impossible. Yet many scientists will still not confess that God the Father and Jesus Christ created the heavens and the earth, and instead call it "intelligent design".
2. More importantly than science, we have and believe the Bible. And the Bible tells us that all things were made by Him & for Him & w/o Him nothing was made. **John 1:3**: "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made", & **Col. 1:16-17**: "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist." And who is this "Him"? None other than Jesus. **John 1:1**: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." & **John 1:14**: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God & And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." What & Who is the Word? Jesus.
3. God's existence is clearly seen in the things that are made, nature itself. **Rom 1:20**: "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse." The heavens are the telling story of God. **Psalms 19:1-2**: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge."
4. There is overwhelming evidence is in God's Word & work. Takes far more blind faith to believe that it just happened, than to believe God and the Bible. **Psalms 14:1 & Psalms 53:1**: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." And **Rom 1:21** tells it straight up: "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." All men at one time knew God, had the chance to believe (not a respecter of persons), but they did not honor Him as God.

Note:

~ Please feel free to use pictures or books to illustrate the lessons. For example, a book with "outer space" photos with stars, planets, universe... would be neat for this lesson. Other "visual aids" are welcome.