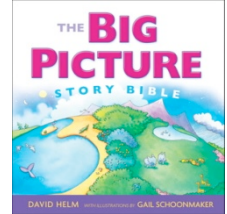


# What's the Big Picture?

**Children's Summer Series: "What's the Big Picture?" -- Lessons adapted from the *Big Picture Story Bible* written by David Helm (Crossway).**

## **Parent Teaching Guide**

### **Lesson 1 – The Very Good Beginning**



**Summary:** Part 1 of *The Big Picture* tells the biblical story of Creation with the following emphasis: 1) God created everything! 2) God created people in the image of God making us very special to God. 3) God gave people a special job of ruling over Creation, and they were to rule God's world by obeying God's good word. 4) God told Adam & Eve to not eat from a special tree, and if they did not obey his word, "they would surely die". Finally, (5) In the beginning, all things were in their proper order, everyone was happy, and everything knew how good God was.

Based on: Genesis 1 & 2 Key Passage: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (Gen 1:1).

### **Teaching Guide: (Possible discussion ideas)**

1. God Created Everything.
  - a. Discuss the concept of Creation with your kids.
  - b. Get your kids outside and point out the majesty of what God has created. Remember the Psalmist said, "The heavens declare the Glory of God and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." (Psa 19:1)
  - c. Ask your kids to name some of things God created.
2. God Created People in the image of God.
  - a. Discuss how God created ALL people in his image & explain that this makes everyone special to God.
3. People were to rule God's creation.
  - a. Discuss the importance of taking care of God's world by caring for other people as well as the environment.
4. Why would God give Adam & Eve a rule?
  - a. Difficult to answer, but God wants to teach them to trust Him so He can care for them.
  - b. Relate the purpose of your rules: ex: "I give you rules because I love you. I say don't play near the stove so you don't burn your hand."
5. "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good." (Gen 1:31)
  - a. It is important to emphasize that when God created this world everything was complete, in its proper order, and "very good."
  - b. The *BP* explains it this way: "Nothing was wrong. Nothing was bad. Nobody disobeyed God... In the very good beginning, everything and everyone knew how good God was" (29-31).

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