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## Daily Reading Questions

Note: The questions were written from the wording in the NIV 1984. If you are using a different Bible translation, they may have to be adapted.

**Deeper question:** What should we understand about God?

Reading 1: Colossians 1:15-20 Christ is the fullness of God and created all things for his purposes.

Who is Jesus? For what purpose were all things created? What does it mean that in him all things hold together? What did God do through Christ? What does that mean?

Reading 2: Deuteronomy 4:39-40 There is only one God.

What does it mean that there is no other God but God? What should be our response to God because he is God? What will be the result?

Reading 3: Jeremiah 51:15-19 God made the earth by his power and wisdom.

How were all things created? What do men exchange the glory of God for? Why would men do that?

Reading 4: Isaiah 6:1-7 The Almighty is holy.

What did Isaiah see about God? What was Isaiah's response to what he saw? What did God do for Isaiah? How does God do that for us?

Reading 5: Revelation 1:8 Christ is the beginning and end of all things.

What does this verse say about Christ? What does that mean?

Reading 6: John 4:21-24 Picturing the spiritual world

Before the creation of physical matter only the spiritual world existed. Close your eyes and think about what that would have been like. Reflect on the following: What isn't physical about us? (thoughts, emotions) Even though there is nothing physical in the spiritual world is it empty? Why not? What is God's spiritual presence like? What enables us to experience God's presence? Why does closing our eyes help us to think about God?



UPPER ELEMENTARY-ADULT

LEVEL 4

HOME JOURNAL

### LESSON 3



### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

**Where did created things come from?**

### MEMORY VERSE

#### Colossians 1:16-17

*16For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

## Parent Notes

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of your child, or parent preference, he/she may do the work in this journal independently or complete it with the parent. After reading the day's Bible passage, the student should identify an important truth that relates to that reading and answer the question why he/she needs to know that truth. It would be beneficial if the parent and student also read through and answer the questions about the day's reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week's big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory.
- **Concluding Lesson:** To develop deeper understanding and a comprehensive biblical worldview, the parent should talk through with the student the **Thinking It Through** questions at the back of the booklet and then have the student write out the answers.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

## Concluding Lesson—Thinking It Through

Discuss these questions with a parent then write out your answers below.

- What is an important truth you learned from the Bible readings this week?
- How should that truth be lived out in your life?
- What would be the result of your living out that truth?
- What is a lie or deception people believe in terms of that truth?
- Why does that lie or deception appeal to people?
- What would be the result of believing and following that lie or deception?

**Digging Deeper:** What should we understand about God?

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What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

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## #3

# Where did created things come from?

Jesus created all things and holds them together.

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## DIGGING DEEPER

This week in your daily Bible readings you will be digging deeper. In order to grow in our relationship with God we need to get to know him better. To do that we study the Bible to find out more about him. The question to consider while reading each passage this week is: What does this passage tell me about who God is?

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