

# ANCHORED | THE EARTH AND CREATION

## Lesson 3: Other Thoughts on Creation



Dear Parents,

Hello! I wanted to remind you about the study we're doing that focuses on helping students remain steady in the face of adversity, and encourage them grow deeper in their relationship with God. This Bible study is called *Anchored: Sure and Steadfast*, and this week is the final lesson of a three lesson unit called *The Earth and Creation*. This final lesson aimed to help students grow more confident sharing their faith with people who hold opposing views of creation. Students had an opportunity to learn about three other views, and why those differ from our own.

**LESSON OVERVIEW:** As we wrap up this unit on The Earth and Creation, it is vital for students to know that there are many people out there with different opinions about the Universe and how it was created. As people who are anchored in our faith, we can stand firm in the truth that God is the intelligent designer of the Universe, the world, and even us. Believers will face hard questions throughout their spiritual journey, but it is with love and boldness that we can have open conversations about many topics. This lesson will reinforce what we have learned about God's Creation while also giving us a glimpse into some other popular theories about the Universe's existence.

**WHAT WE WANT YOUR STUDENT TO LEARN:** There are quite a few theories as to how the Universe and everything in it came to be; however, only one can be true. As Christians, we believe that God is the Creator of the Universe.

**WHAT WE WANT YOUR STUDENT TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED:** Be able to have open, honest, and loving conversations with others who may have differing opinions regarding the creation of the Universe.

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES WE STUDIED:** Genesis 1:1, Psalm 104:16-24, 2 Corinthians 5:17-19, Revelation 21:1-5

*Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.*

### *Next Steps. . .*

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your student, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What was your Anchor Statement for this week? (Answer: Through observing what God reveals in Scripture as well as the intentional design of the world around me, I believe that He alone is the Creator of the Universe.)
- Practice having a conversation with your student as though you have a different view of Creation. Be sure they understand you are acting/practicing. This could help them practice sharing their beliefs, even if someone challenges them.
- How can we honor God as the Creator of all things?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.