

Family devotion time

Which came first—light or the sun? Well, according to the Bible—God’s perfect record of the past—the answer is light.

On day 1, God said, “Let there be light,” and light came blazing into the universe. Not until day 4 did our Creator design the sun and moon and put them in charge of the days and nights on earth. (See Genesis 1 for the en-light-ening account.)

Why would God do it that way? Well, the Bible doesn’t give us all the details, but we do know God will not share worship with pretend gods (Isaiah 42:8). And one thing that lots of people have worshiped

throughout history is . . . the sun. (Take a look at Deuteronomy 4:19 and Acts 7:42.)

So, think about it this way. The all-knowing, all-powerful God created light with no sun, and that’s how it stayed for three days. He showed that the real source of light isn’t a nuclear-fusion-powered ball in space. It’s him—the one who made that incredible sun in the first place.

And one day, our God will be the only source of light! (Flip to Revelation 22 to read about it.)

Here’s the deal

God created light on day 1, but he didn’t put the sun in place until day 4. He showed that he is the only one worthy of our praise.

Hey, kids!

Buddy Davis here. God’s design of our sun and moon shows how amazing he is and how much he cares for us!

Talk it over

- Why did God make light before he made the sun?
- Read Romans 1:25. How does the account of the creation week help us keep the right perspective on who God is?
- You probably don’t know many people who worship the sun nowadays (though some still do). But can you think of other things in God’s created world that people “worship” instead of loving and praising God?

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