NIV / NAS

It All Begins With Genesis

STUDENT

1:1
answersingenesis
Petersburg, Kentucky, USA

It All Begins in Genesis

Student Book NIV/NAS

A Student Book should be purchased for each student, whether in the Christian school classroom or in the homeschool environment. In a classroom setting, always order one extra for the teacher so that you have copies of everything for reference. Students will take home the pages of the Student Book throughout the study.

First printing: Janurary 2010

Copyright © 2001, 2010 Sheila Richardson. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced in any form or by any means without prior written permission of the publisher. For more information write: Answers in Genesis, PO Box 510, Hebron KY 41018

ISBN: 1-60092-297-X

Author: Sheila Richardson

Cover desgin and interior layout: Diane King

Scripture taken from the HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984 International Bible Society. Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved.

The "NIV" and "New International Version" trademarks are registered in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by International Bible Society. Use of either trademark requires the permission of International Bible Society.

Cover image © istockphoto.com/Aldo Murillo

Clipart © 2009 Jupiterimages Corporation. Used under license.

Printed in China

www.answersingenesis.org

Table of Contents

Lesson 1 There is more than one way to look at your world 5

Lesson 2 The foundation for your worldview is Genesis. 11

Lesson 3 Inductive Bible study: We learn to observe 15

Lesson 4 Hiking through Genesis 1 21

Lesson 5 The Trinity in Creation 25

Lesson 6 The Days of Creation: A closer look at Days 1–3 33

Lesson 7 The Days of Creation: A closer look at Days 4–6 39

Lesson 8 How old is God's world? 47

Lesson 9 God's special creation: mankind 55

Lesson 10 How special are you? 59

Lesson 11 Life before sin came into the world. 65

Lesson 12 Recognizing different worldviews in Scripture (part 1). 73

Lesson 13 Recognizing different worldviews in Scripture (part 2) 81

Lesson 14 Recognizing different worldviews in our culture. 85

Lesson 15 Recognizing different worldviews in science (part 1) 91

Lesson 16 Recognizing different worldviews in science (part 2) 97

Lesson 17 Recognizing different worldviews in science (part 3) 103

Lesson 18 Recognizing different worldviews in science (part 4) 107

Lesson 19 Recognizing different worldviews in science (part 5) 111

Lesson 20 How did evil come into the world? 115

Lesson 21 Temptation and sin 117
Lesson 22 Portrait of the tempter 125
Lesson 23 The fallen world 131
Lesson 24 God's solution. 139
Lesson 25 Life in the fallen world: Cain and Abel 145
Lesson 26 Life in the fallen world: Adam's descendents 153
Lesson 27 Events that led to God's judgment 159
Lesson 28 The Flood 163
Lesson 29 The voyage of the Ark 167
Lesson 30 Dinosaurs and the Flood 171
Lesson 31 Is there evidence of a worldwide Flood?. 177
Lesson 32 After the Flood 183
Lesson 33 Different languages, peoples, nations? 191
Lesson 34 God's plan for His world unfolds 197
Observation sheets for Genesis 1–11 205

It All Begins With

Genesis

LESSON 1

There is more than one way to look at your world

When people look at the same event or object, they often think very different things. It's as if everyone wears different eyeglasses, and therefore each has a different view of what is really there.

For example, when you look at a beautiful cake, you may have different ideas about that cake, depending on what you know about cake or the maker of the cake.

Mary made this cake.
Mary bought the cake.

Cake tastes good.
Cake is too sweet.

Cake is good for you.
Cake is bad for you.

This is a beautiful cake.
This is a 'tacky' cake.

When people think about God, they have different ideas, too.

There is a God who is all-powerful, all-knowing, eternal and ever-present.
There is no God.
Everything is God. All is divine.

When people look at the world, what different ideas do they have?

God created the world.

The world evolved by chance.

When people look at themselves, what different ideas do they have?

Mankind is just a cosmic accident.
Man was created in the image of God.
Man has a special purpose.

Man came up from the slime.
There is no purpose for man's life.
Why bother?

1 There is more than one way to look at your world

In the coming weeks, we are going to be talking a lot about something called a WORLDVIEW. And we are going to learn, through the study of the book of beginnings, Genesis, what a CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW really is.

1. We will begin with the word 'worldview' and see what it means. Your teacher will be giving you a word puzzle to unscramble. Take the words in your puzzle and paste them in the right order below. This should give you a good definition of worldview.

2. Here are some other ideas that help us to understand worldview:

   - A worldview is what you believe about the world because of what you believe about God.

   - A worldview is the 'big picture' of life. It starts with an understanding of God, which then helps you to fit together all the individual pieces of your world.

3. Your worldview gives you the answers to the really important, difficult questions of life. It begins with questions such as these:

   Who is God? **What has He done?** **What can He do?**
   What is God like? **Can I really trust Him?**

   The way you answer those important questions will then give you answers to other questions, such as these:

   Who am I? **What is my purpose in life?**
   What is really true? **Why do bad things happen?**

   Finally, all the answers will come together as you answer the key question:

   How then should I live?

4. We know that people have many different ways of looking at their world.

   Where do you suppose people get their ideas about the world? Write your thoughts below, or discuss them with your class.

   _____

   _____

   _____

   _____

5. When people have different ideas about something, such as who made the cake in the example we saw, what is the best way to discover what is really true? Which of the following is the best way to 'settle the matter'? Put a check ✓ beside your answer.

   _____ Ask your best friend what he thinks.

   _____ Ask your teacher at school.

   _____ Look in the newspaper.

   _____ Ask the eyewitness who was there when the cake was made or bought.

6. When it comes to questions about who God is, what He is like, who made the world, who made you or why were you made, was there an eyewitness? Who?

   _____

7. Do we have that eyewitness report written down anywhere? Where?

   _____

8. Finally, considering your answer to the last question, where should we look to find truth that will give us the answers to all those hard worldview questions?

   _____

9. Can you trust what you read in the Bible? What does the Bible say about itself? Read the passages below and *highlight* or *underline* what you learn about what is true.

   2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NIV) 'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.'

   Psalm 119:142 (NIV) 'Your righteousness is everlasting and your law [meaning God's Word] is true.'

   John 1:14 (NIV) 'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.'

   John 14:6 (NIV) 'Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." '

   John 17:17 (NIV) 'Sanctify [means 'make holy' or 'set aside for His use'] them by the truth; your word is truth.'

10. Let's think a little more about how Scripture can give us truth—a worldview that really gives us the answers that will 'work' in our lives.

    For example, consider these questions:

    How did the world get here? How did I get here?

    Read the Scriptures below and *underline* or *highlight* what the eyewitness (the Creator) tells us about how the heavens, the Earth and all living things came to be.

    Genesis 1:1 (NIV) 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.'

    Genesis 1:26–27 (NIV) 'Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.'

Psalm 148:5 (NIV) 'Let them [the angels, sun, moon, stars, highest heavens, waters above the heavens] praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.'

Isaiah 40:26 (NIV) 'Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name.'

Isaiah 45:12 (NIV) 'It is I who made the earth and created mankind upon it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts.'

Colossians 1:16 (NIV) 'For 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.'

11. Finally, before we stop for the week, we need to think about just one more question. Does it make a difference whether you are a special creation of God or you simply 'came from the slime'? Would it make any difference in your worldview? Would it make any difference how you would live? Think about it a moment and then write the answer below or discuss it in class.

_____

_____

_____

_____

Thanks for 'hanging in' this week with some new ideas and new '50-cent' words. You have made a good beginning. See you next week.

7 C's Connection: _____

It All Begins With Genesis

LESSON 2

The foundation for your worldview is Genesis

We are so glad that you will be studying Genesis with us. This could be one of the most important studies you have ever done!

We say this for two reasons.

The first reason is that the Book of Genesis is the foundation of our Bible. It is also the foundation of our worldview, which we talked about last week. All of the important teachings in our Bible have their beginning in the Book of Genesis. This wonderful book answers some of the most important questions you'll ever have: questions such as 'Who is God?' 'Who am I?' and 'Why am I here in this world?'

The second reason is that in this study we are not only going to teach you about Genesis, but we are going to teach you how to study the Bible for yourself—something we call 'inductive study.' You will learn something that many adults don't even know! You will learn to mine the treasures God gave us in His Word so that they will help you your whole life.

God's Word

God's World

In the coming weeks you will not only learn about God's Word, but you will learn about God's world. You will see how much fun it is to learn about the things God made. So, let's get started!

1. Look in your Bible and see where the Book of Genesis is found. What book comes before it?

   _____

   What book comes after it? _____

   Okay, so that was a trick question! Genesis comes first, and even its name means 'beginnings.'

2. The Book of Genesis is the foundation of the Bible. Consider for a moment what a foundation does for a house. What happens when the foundation is removed from under a house?

_____

3. In your Bible, Psalm 11:3 talks about foundations. The verse is printed for you below. Read the verse and then write what would happen if the foundation of Genesis were destroyed. Can you think what might happen to the rest of the Bible if Genesis were destroyed? Give it some thought, and we'll discuss it in more detail later.

   Psalm 11:3 (NIV) 'When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?'

_____

4. The first step we take when we start to study a book of the Bible is something we call an 'overview.' The overview is a 'flying over' something. It is like being 5,000 feet in the air in a helicopter and looking at the ground below. This gives you the 'big picture.'

   Today we will look at the big picture of the first eleven chapters of Genesis. That is the part of Genesis that talks most about the origin (beginning) of things.

5. The first eleven chapters of Genesis talk about four major events in human history. Read the verses listed below. You will find Genesis 1–11 written out for you in the back of this workbook. Think about what event each is describing and write it down in the designated place on the overview chart on the next page. Beside each event, it might be helpful if you draw a picture that represents the events described.

   - ✓ Genesis 1:1; 1:27–31; Genesis 2:8, 18
   - ✓ Genesis 3:1, 6, 14–19; Genesis 4:8; Genesis 5:5, 8, 11, 14 (Look for just one repeated phrase.)
   - ✓ Genesis 6:13–14; Genesis 7:11–12, 21–23
   - ✓ Genesis 10:1; Genesis 11:1–9

Overview of Genesis 1–11

Chapter	Major events	Picture of events
1 and 2		
3, 4, 5		
6, 7, 8, 9		
10, 11		

6. Now that you have looked at the main events in the first eleven chapters of Genesis, let's consider again the question about the foundations being destroyed. (These are difficult thinking questions. Let's see what you can do with them.)

   - ✓ Chapters 1 and 2 describe the creation of all things, the establishment of marriage and man's work on the earth. Discuss with your group or write below what problems would come to believers ('the righteous') if they did not have that foundation to live by.

     _____

     _____

     _____

   - ✓ In chapters 3–5 we see the events surrounding the Fall of mankind through Adam and Eve, and the results of that Fall (sin and death). If we didn't know about the Fall of man, how would we understand where death and evil came from?

   - ✓ In chapters 6–9 we see the judgment of the Flood in the days of Noah. Can you think how things would be different if believers didn't know about the Flood?

   - ✓ In chapters 10–11 we see the descendants of Shem, Ham and Japheth; another judgment at Babel; and the origin of languages and nations. If believers didn't know these things, how different might things be?

You've done a great job of getting started in building your foundation in Genesis. You had a helicopter ride in order to see the big picture.

The overview is a bit like a 'preview of coming attractions.' We'll be studying much more about all these things in the weeks to come.

During the week, practice remembering the four major events of Genesis and in what chapters they are found.

7 C's Connection: _____