

Origin Story — When Our Story with God Begins

DAY 1

Read Psalm 19:1.

“The heavens tell about the glory of God. The skies show that his hands created them” (NIRV).

The heavens TELL.

The skies SHOW.

They’re all made by GOD’S HANDS.

You can just walk outside and see and know that God is real. Look up. Look around you. What do you see that God made? Everything.

Wait a minute? I thought some factory made my video game? Yeah, they did. But God made all the resources that are used to create and build that game, that game system, and even the creativity of the people—who God also created.

Colossians 1:17 says that before anything was created, God was already there. He holds everything together. Everything points back to Him.

So as you go through each day, look for things God created. It may just remind you of how much He loves you and how awesome He is!

Connect the dots to show some of the things God created!

DAY 2

Read Psalm 119:68.

“You are good, and what you do is good. Teach me your orders” (NIRV).

God is good. Sure, lots of things are good. Ice cream is good. Having fun with your friends is good. But God IS good. It’s who He is. He can’t be any different. No matter what, God is good.

The writer of Psalm 119 said that God is good, and what He does is good.

Do you think the person who wrote this never had anything bad happen? No way. No one has a life like that. We all experience things that are not great, big or small.

But the writer still said that God is good. God is still good even when we don’t understand why certain things happen. And when amazing things happen, God is still good.

Nahum 1:7 says the Lord is good. When people are in trouble, they can go to Him for safety. You can know without a doubt that God is always good. He doesn’t change.

GOD IS GOOD

Write this sentence, “God is good,” on a sticky note, even on 10 sticky notes! Put them where you can see them every day. A reminder for you that God is good. All the time.

DAY 3

Read Hebrews 4:16.

“So let us boldly approach God’s throne of grace. Then we will receive mercy. We will find grace to help us when we need it” (NIrV).

When Adam and Eve sinned, a whole bunch of really sad stuff happened. Sin didn’t just hurt their hearts—it also hurt the world! The curse of sin brought pain, sickness, sadness, and even death. That was never God’s plan.

God had tried to protect Adam and Eve from all of this, but now He told them how much harder their lives would be. Even though God still loved them, He knew they couldn’t stay in the garden any longer. He made them clothes to wear from animal skins, then banished them from the garden.

He didn’t want to risk them coming into the garden, eating from the tree of life, and living forever in their cursed state. God didn’t want them to live forever apart from Him. The Bible says He placed angels and a flaming sword at the entrance to guard the way to the tree of life.

WE AREN’T PERFECT

When you sin, go to God and tell Him about it. He already knows and still loves you, but God also knows that it does something good for your heart when you talk to Him about it. He can and wants to forgive you!

DAY 4

Read Romans 5:8.

“But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (NIrV).

Yesterday, we read how sin entered the world. We have all sinned! Sin is anything that displeases God and hurts his heart.

No one is perfect, and we all mess up. Even the people you think do everything right don’t do everything right all the time.

Here’s the amazing thing. God showed His love for us. While we were still sinners Jesus died for us. Not when we were perfect, Jesus loves us so much!

He wants us to come to Him when we’re making good choices. And He wants us to come to Him when we make choices that aren’t so good.

As you pray today, thank Jesus for loving you no matter what.

**You can trust God
even when you
don’t understand.**