



PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE—YOUTH

Lesson 1: God Desires Offspring—Genesis 1

ENCOUNTER—Community Discussion

After reading the passage, take time to journal through the questions below. Don't feel like you have to answer all these questions. Wrestle with the text, and be prepared to share with your community.

How is this God's story?

How is this others' story?

How is this my story?

How is this the world's story?

PRAYER

God in heaven

*we choose today to meet together
as your people.*

We declare, God, that we are one people.

*We are one family tied together with your love which
Ties all of creation together.*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we gather.

One family in fellowship with you, its Holy and Heavenly Father.

*May this coming week be a time of joy,
a time of growing with one another,
a time for strengthening one another,
a time for caring for one another.*

*May we also choose to find more family time
together as a faith community. Amen.*

WEEKLY PRACTICE

Before we gather again find a few minutes in one of your days this week to make a list of at least 10 small things in your life that remind you of a big God. Go outside and experience creation—walking to school, sitting at a park, sitting on your back deck, working outside, and so on and take note of the many “small” things (flowers, wind, insects, people) that you see. Describe how these small things are a reflection of God's creativity, power and love.

BECOMING MY STORY

Psalm 33

Psalm 136

Psalm 148

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above scriptures. Reflect on how the passage is God's story, my story, others' story and the world's story. In the context of Genesis 1, consider the following questions:

How are these Scripture passages related to the message in Genesis 1?

How do these scriptures tell us about the story of God being continued from Genesis 1?

What is God saying to you through these passages?

Consider other passages you might know related to Genesis 1 and read them this week, journaling as you go.