In the Beginning: Lesson 1

SuperTruth: I will honor God as my Creator and obey His Word

SuperVerse: "You will experience all these blessings if you obey the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 28:2 (NLT)

Bible Story: Genesis 1–3

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1-6

This story will teach us about creation and how sin entered the world.

- Play videos in order of appearance in the Video Player or Leader Guide.
- Chris disobeys his father and causes an accident in the lab.
- Explain the importance of obedience and that actions have consequences.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1-6

Materials Needed:

- Beanbag toss game with boards
- 8 beanbags
- Masking tape

Materials Needed:

- Telescope pattern, one per child
- Tape
- Scissors & pencils for

Game: Hit the Mark (15 minutes)

Objective: Explore the Superbook story by playing a beanbag toss game.

- What does sin mean?
- God had a perfect plan for Adam and Eve, then they disobeyed.
- God loves us so much that He created this world for us to enjoy!
- Psalm 119:9,11 (NLT): How can a young person stay pure? By obeying Your Word. I have hidden Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.
- Discuss what it means to hide God's Word in our hearts.

Game Instructions:

- Divide the class into teams that each form a single-file line.
- Each team has 4 beanbags, and students take turns throwing one beanbag each. At the end of each throw, the student goes to the end of the line.
- If a student misses the target, retrieve the beanbag and let the next student try.
- First team to toss all their beanbags into the target wins.

Teaching: It's All God's (5 minutes)

Objective: Make telescopes to view God's creation.

- Distribute scissors and a copy of the Telescope Pattern to each child and have them cut them
 out.
- Ask some questions about using telescopes and what can be seen.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

 Before the next lesson, look for bugs or insects that God created, and in the next class we will talk about what you observed.

SuperVerse: Superbook Search (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- Genesis means "beginnings" because it tells about the beginning of everything—the universe, Earth, plants, animals, and people.
- Our SuperVerse today tells us that we will experience ALL these blessings if we obey God.

Prayer: Praise Prayer (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Instead of asking God for something, offer prayers of thanksgiving and praise for who God is.
- Spend some time sharing our prayers with each other.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Drama Activity: Act out a play about the Garden of Eden. | Grades 1–6 | 10 min

Discussion: Discuss God's amazing creativity. | Grades 1–6 | 5 min

Craft: Create and name unique creatures from modeling dough. | Grades 1-6 | 10 min

Object Lesson: Demonstrate how to be in the world but not overcome by it. | Grades 1–6 | 10 min

Action Game: Practice instant obedience with a game of Simon Says. | Grades 1-6 | 10 min

Craft/Game: Learn about missing the mark with a pinning game. | Grades 1-3 | 15 min

Memory Game: A memory contest to celebrate creation. | Grades 1–3 | 5 min