



January: Order-Discovering

We create beauty as a way of praising God and enriching our world. Creation is not random – it is full of order and patterns. The creation story itself is a story of God creating order out of chaos. And in the context of this orderly creation, we can better understand the rest of the Biblical story, which is about restoring order to a creation chaotically rocked with sin.

There is purpose in God's creation, and together with our children we get to discover creation's amazing order. If there is any doubt, read those amazing chapters in Job (Job 38:41) where God points out some of the amazing order in His creation to a man who has every reason to doubt. One of the inescapable conclusions for our students must be, "God really had an amazing plan for all things, didn't he?"

Verses to Read:

- Psalm 19:1-3; Psalm 104:1-5; Psalm 119:90
- Job 38-41
- Romans 1:19-20; Romans 12:6-8
- Isaiah 25:1

Questions to talk about as a family:

- What you have recently discovered about something in God's creation? Why is it special?
Why do you think He made it that way?
- What are things that disrupt God's intended order?
- How did God make each of us different? How does that make our family stronger?

Family activities that discover God's order:

- visit the Science Centre or zoo
- watch a Planet Earth video
- take a nature walk looking for examples of God's order in creation

Online Family Devotionals:

- "The Divine in the Daily Grind" by Glenn T. Stanton
<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/parenting-roles/divine-in-the-daily-grind>
- "Follow Jesus' Patterns' by Naomi Cassata
<https://www.christianity.com/devotionals/hands-on-faith-for-families/hands-on-faith-week-of-september-16-2013.html>
- "God's Perfect Design" by Jolene Ceravalo and Kristen Joy Wilks
<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/hands-on-faith-for-families/hands-on-faith-week-of-april-11-2016.html>

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