

DOMESTIC CHURCH– FAMILY: BEGINNINGS

Key Vocabulary

beginning	The first part or the earliest stage of something.
new start	To begin something new.
family	A group of people related by blood or marriage.
friend	A person who you know well and like and who likes you.
creation	The act of creating or causing something to exist.
psalm	A sacred or holy song, hymn or poem.
litany	A prayer that alternates between lines spoken by a leader and a response.

Genesis 1: 3

In the beginning God created the sky and the earth, the sea and land, the mountains and valleys.

And God saw that it was good.

Next God made plants; trees and flowers, vegetables and fruit.

And God saw that it was good.

God made the sun to shine in the day and the moon and the stars to shine at night.

And God saw that it was good.

God filled the seas and rivers with all kinds of fish and water creatures. God made the birds to fly in the sky.

And God saw that it was good.

God made all kinds of animals, large and small to live on the earth

And God saw that it was good.

Lastly God created a man and woman who were like himself. He asked them to look after the world and all its creatures.

And God looked at all creation and saw it was very good.

When God finished all this work of creating, God rested.



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Psalm 139

Great and wonderful Creator God.
I thank you and I praise you
For creating wonderful me.

You loved me and you know me.

Whilst I was in my mother's womb

You loved me and you knew me.

You watched me growing and moving.

You loved me and you knew me.

You were there at my very beginning.

You loved me and you knew me.

You are there at the beginning of each
new day. You are there at every new
beginning I make. Your thoughts and
dreams for me are as many as the stars in
heaven and grains of sand on the
seashore. I think you are just WONDERFUL!

Great and wonderful creator God

I thank you and I praise you.

You loved me and you know me.

Psalm 19: 1-5

*We praise you God.
Each day the sun rises high in the
sky to give us light and warmth.
Words are not needed to tell us
how wonderful you are:
the silent message reaches
everyone, everywhere.
We are full of joy as each new day
begins.*



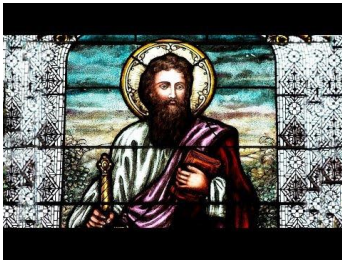
Psalm 8: 3-11

When we look at the sky you have
made, We wonder how big it all is; the
moon and the stars shining there; How
far away can they be?
And we feel so small standing here on
the ground; And the sky is so vast, so
high up above.
But you make us great, make us all just
like you.
You give us your world, Let us give it
your love.

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St Paul

St Paul was a great apostle who travelled to many different places to tell people about Jesus Christ and God the Father's plan for them. He started a church in Ephesus and when he went on to another city he wrote to the people of Ephesus to encourage them.



Ephesians 1: 4-5

God loved us and chose us before the world was made to be holy. Because he loved us, God decided to make us his own children.



Prayer and Reflection

Father, creator of all,
you 'ordered the earth' to bring
forth life
and crowned its goodness by
creating family life.
Teach us the beauty of human love,
show us the value of family life
and help us to live in peace
with everyone.
Amen.

