

STEP UP IN FAITH

GOD THE CREATOR (PART I)

OPENING THOUGHT

Describe a time when you felt really awestruck?

(What is awestruck? Basically, afraid and inspired all at the same time – when all you could say was “Wow!”)

LEARNING ABOUT GOD FROM THE UNIVERSE

THE EARTH is _____ miles in circumference. To fly around the earth on a plane would take about _____.

THE SUN can fit about _____ earths inside it. To fly around the sun on a plane would take about _____.

BETELGEUSE is _____ times the size of our sun. How far is it away from us? It is _____ light years away from the Earth.

VY CANIS MAJORIS is _____ times the size of our sun. For many years, it was thought to be the biggest star. It is _____ light years away from the Earth. To fly around VY Canis Majoris on a plane would take about _____.

UY SCUTI is the biggest star in our universe, and is _____ times the size of our sun. It is _____ away from the Earth. To fly around UY Scuti on a plane would take about _____.

AND ALL OF THESE ARE IN OUR GALAXY ALONE.



IN 3 MINUTES, I WANT YOU TO TELL ME THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE.

Why did you tell me your story the way you told it?

THE AUDIENCE YOU ARE SPEAKING TO AFFECTS HOW YOU TELL A STORY.

Did you know that the Bible is a story? The fact that we are the ones reading the Bible affects the way God tells the story.

He tells the story in a way we can understand – with our senses.

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REFLECTION TIME

- What are our 5 senses? What do we use them for?
- Can you learn from your senses that there is a God? What can your senses not tell you about God?
- What are some of the things you know about God?
- What are some things that you don't yet know about God?
- Do you believe in a heaven, a hell, angels/demons, and that there is more to life than what we see?

SO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GOD. WHERE DO WE START?

The Great 2 Questions of the Human Life:



1. _____
2. _____

How do each of these following stories reflect a different way in which people react to the idea of God?

Psalm 8

Mark 3:1-6

Mark 10:17-23

Romans 1.19-20: ...¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Hebrews 3.4: For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

HOMEWORK: HOW WOULD YOU FILL IN THESE BLANKS?

God is _____, and I experience God the most when I _____.