

# GREAT BIG beautiful WORLD



## VBS OVERVIEW

	DAY ONE <b>God Creates</b>	DAY TWO <b>God Tends the Earth</b>	DAY THREE <b>God's Kingdom Is Like a Seed</b>	DAY FOUR <b>We Are Like Trees</b>	DAY FIVE <b>A New Creation</b>
<b>Scripture</b>	Genesis 2:4b–23	Psalms 104:10–30	Mark 4:26–32	Psalms 52:8–9; Psalm 92:12–15; Jeremiah 17:7–8	Revelation 21:1–4; 22:1–5
<b>Laudato Si'</b>	#62-69, 75	#10-12, 72, 76-92	#96-100	#72-73, 84-88, 213, 237	#100, 209-215, 243-245
<b>Summary</b>	From the dust, God formed and breathed life into a person. Then God made every tree and a river that flowed from Eden. God planted a garden in Eden as a home for all created things. God gave instructions to care for the garden and to eat the fruit from every tree except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God made all the animals and brought them to the person to be named. While the man slept, God took one of his ribs and created a woman as a helper and companion.	The psalmist praised God for an amazing world where birds sing in trees, grass grows for cattle, human beings harvest food from the earth, mountain goats live in high mountains, rabbits hide safely among rocks, and young lions roar. Innumerable creatures, large and small, live in the seas. God sends water for all creatures and makes moon and sun to mark the seasons and the days. All things look to God for life and food. "When we can see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise."	Jesus told two parables about God's kingdom. The kingdom is as if someone scatters seed. The seed grows, without the farmer understanding how. The earth does its work—stalk first, then head, and grain. The farmer harvests the grain when it is ripe. The kingdom is also like a tiny mustard seed. It becomes the greatest of all shrubs with large branches where birds can safely nest in its shade.	Those who trust in God are like trees planted by water, sending out roots by a stream. They aren't afraid of heat or drought. They never cease to bear fruit. The psalmists wrote of being like a tree, trusting in the constant love of God always. The righteous flourish, producing fruit all their days.	In John's vision, there is a new heaven and a new earth. God will live among people, and death and pain will be no more. The angel showed John the river of the water of life. The Tree of Life is near the river, producing twelve kinds of fruit each month. The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. The people of God will see God's face. God will be their light and they will reign forever.
<b>Seed of Faith</b>	God created a beautiful world.	God cares for all creation.	We are part of God's growing kingdom.	We can trust in God's love.	God will make all things new.

**Memory passage:** *I trust in God's constant love forever and ever. I will always thank you, God, for what you have done; in the presence of your people I will proclaim that you are good.*  
—Psalm 52:8b-9



**Early Childhood:** *I trust in God's constant love forever and ever.*  
—Psalm 52:8b

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