

Goals:

Students would recognize that God's glory is displayed through creation

Students would see that they are created with love and purpose

Students would believe in Jesus and find meaning through Him

Who? Why? - Talksheet

Understanding our true value, worth and purpose

Key Points: Humans created in the image of God to relate to and represent God

Why do I exist? Does my life have any significance? Who am I? Why am I here? What am I doing? Where am I going? What is living all about any way?

Are you living a meaningless life?

Some people find meaning in their achievements, some in doing anything that makes them happy, some in pursuing intellectual or physical satisfaction and some think life doesn't matter so just eat, drink and enjoy life.

All of creation, the entire universe is nothing but a huge signpost saying God is real. He has designed everything and He has a purpose for all that He created.

Romans 1:20

By taking a long and thoughtful look at what God has created, people have always been able to see what their eyes as such can't see: eternal power, for instance, and the mystery of his divine being. So nobody has a good excuse. (MSG)

The Reality of God, Design and Purpose

Astounding Facts About the Universe

Ordinary observable matter (like stars and planets) makes up merely 5% of the universe. There is 95% of the universe that we don't know anything about yet. That's how huge our universe is!

In fact, its so huge that light (travelling at 186,000 miles/sec i.e. almost 300,000 km/sec) from some stars take so long to travel to our eyes that when you look at the star-speckled night sky you're actually peering deep into the past!

Its so huge that, the unit of measurement used is not miles or kilometres. Its light years. What is a light year? A light year is the distance travelled by light in a whole year! So take 186,000 miles/sec and multiply it by the number of seconds in a year and you get 5.88 trillion miles (9.46 trillion kms)! That's the unit of measurement for the universe!

Its so huge that, there may be as many as three sextillion stars in the universe. That's 3 followed by 23 zeros! More than all the grains of sand on Earth.

Psalm 147:4,5 (NLT)

**He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.
Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.**

Within the universe are hundreds of billions of sub-divisions. One of which is our sub-division, the milky way. Within the billions of stars that are found in the milky way, is the sun.

Our Solar system is the only solar system scientists are aware of within the milky way galaxy. The sun makes up 99.86% of the mass of our solar system. Its so big that you could squeeze 1.3 million earths inside it. That's how tiny our earth is within this massive universe!

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. Psalm 19:1-2 (NLT)

Astounding Facts About the Earth

Our home, Earth, is the third planet from the sun [approximately 93 million miles (150 million kilometers) from the sun] and the only world known to support an atmosphere with free oxygen, oceans of liquid water on the surface and — the big one — life.

You may feel like you're standing still, but you're actually moving — really fast. Depending on where you are on the globe, you could be spinning through space at just over 1,000 miles per hour.

And the Earth isn't just spinning: It's also moving around the sun at 67,000 miles (107,826 km) per hour

The oceans cover some 71 percent of Earth's surface, yet humans have only explored about 5 percent, meaning 95 percent of the planet's vast seas have never been seen.

Within the remaining 29% of the earth, which comprises of land, humans inhabit only 1%! That's how tiny we are within our home planet!

Yet, Scripture tells us we are made in the image of God! We are somehow likened to this incredible God who created a universe which is too ginormous for us to even study!

You are God's Masterpiece. You are God's handiwork. You were designed in God's own image.

Psalm 139:13,14

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

Two main purposes for which God created you:

1. for YOU to personally relate to God

Adam was created as part of God's family (Luke 3:38)

God does not want you to have a morbid, unhealthy fear of Him – but He wants you to relate to Him as a son or a daughter of God.

2. for YOU to personally represent God

Adam was created to represent God on earth (Genesis 1:26)

When you personally relate to God (have a strong personal relationship with Him) and make it your primary purpose to personally represent Him on earth – you will begin your journey of discovering purpose and meaning.

Our whole purpose is to Know Him and Glorify Him.

A personal relationship with God is possible because of Jesus.

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12, NLT)

The Lord Jesus Christ, the One who created all things, became a man, came into this world, and died on the cross – bearing the sin, the shame, the pain of the whole world. All our wrongdoing and judgment of our sins was upon Him. He was buried and He rose up the third day! He ascended back into heaven and is alive today. He has the power to forgive sin for everyone who believes in Him.

The meaning of life begins when you meet with the Creator of life – the Lord Jesus Christ.

Further Reference:

Indescribable Sermon – Louie Giglio <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQTy2dIsgcM>