

## God Provided His Life

Psalms 90:2, 4; Isaiah 40:28; Revelation 1:8



**N**o one created God. Nothing happened to cause God to be. He is the only thing in the universe that has never had a beginning and will never end. He was not born, and He will never die.

The Bible says God is “from everlasting to everlasting.” That means God is “eternal.” That means before the earth was created, there was nothing. Only God. Before the sun, moon, and stars, there was nothing. Only God. Before the sky, there was nothing. Only God. Before people and

animals and fish and birds and flowers and trees, there was nothing. Only God. He was and is and always will be forever and ever. God made everything else.

He didn’t need to. He was not bored or lonely. He did not need friends or pretty things to look at. He made the universe and our earth and everything on it because He wanted to. Someday when everything is gone, God will still be here. There is nothing and no one like God.

God is greater than me or you or anyone else in the entire world. So, what do we need to do? We need to believe God is Who He says He is. We are to always praise Him because He is our great God. 🍂

### Theme

God never had a beginning and will never have an end.

### Measurable Response

My child will praise God and accept His truth by faith.

### Memory Verse

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1)

### Bible Story Questions

Ask your child these review questions.

- Name something that does not have a beginning or an end.
- Who made God?
- Is there anyone like God?
- What does the word “eternal” mean?
- Because God is so great, what do we need to do?



# GINA LOOKS FOR THE Beginning AND THE End



Gina looked and looked up in the nighttime sky. It was very dark. She turned to the right and looked. She turned to the left and looked. She turned all the way around and looked some more. But Gina could not find what she was looking for. Her neck was starting to hurt from looking up for so long.

"What are you doing out there in the dark, Gina," said Robert from the doorway. Robert was Gina's big brother. He was seven.

"I'm looking for the beginning and the end of the nighttime sky," said Gina.

Robert came outside and stood on the deck with Gina. He started looking too. They saw the moon and lots of stars. Lots and lots of stars.

"It has to be somewhere," said Robert, very seriously. Robert studied science in his class at school. He knew a lot about everything.

Finally, Daddy came outside. "What are you two doing?" he asked.

"We can't find the beginning and the end of the nighttime sky," said Gina and Robert together.

"Only God knows that," said Daddy. "Because He created it, He knows where it starts, and He knows where it ends."

"Is there anything that doesn't have a beginning and an end?" asked Gina.

"I remember the answer to that," said Robert. "Only God has no beginning and no end. The Bible says He is everlasting. That means He is forever and forever and forever and forever and. . . ."

"And I'm glad God is forever, and He will always be here," said Daddy.

"Me too," said Gina. "I'll stop looking at the sky now and just remember only God is forever." ★

## Life Application

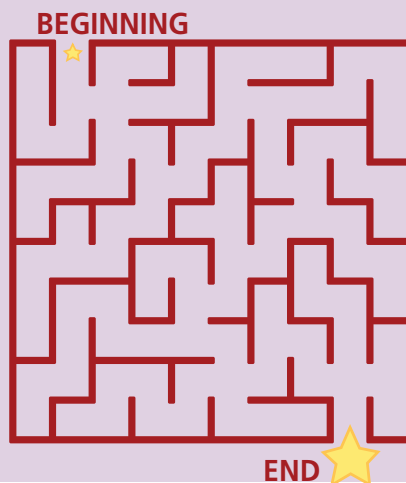
1. What did Gina and Robert look for?
2. What does only God know about the sky?
3. Who has no beginning and no end?
4. How will you remember that God is everlasting?



## Beginnings and Ends

Look for opportunities to talk with your child about the beginning and end of common things about your home: the beginning and end of a zipper; the beginning and end of a laundry cycle (washer or dryer); the beginning and end of a television program or DVD; the beginning and end of a rain storm. Compare to the fact that God has no beginning and no end. We call that eternal. God is eternal.

Find the path from the little star at the beginning to the big star at the end.



## Measuring Growth at Home

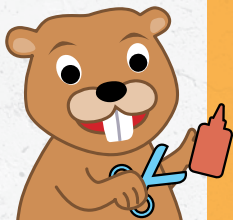
The goal of this lesson is to help your child realize that God is to be praised for Who He is—the everlasting God of the universe, our Creator. The word “everlasting” is a hard concept to grasp, even for adults. In our fast-paced society, things change quickly, even in seconds. Take time during a family meal a couple times each week to ask family members what they saw or thought about that reminded them of the everlasting, eternal God. Work together to verbalize a praise sentence for that experience; e.g., “I praise God that He was with me all day today. And He will be with me tomorrow.” “I praise God that His faithfulness will last forever.” “I praise God that the sun and moon are always there.”



## Measurables

Look for the following indicators that your child is beginning to understand God’s eternity.

1. My child thanks God for always being with him.
2. My child understands that the word “eternal” means “forever.”
3. My child realizes that God is forever.



**Directions:** After you do the activities on page 3 with Mom or Dad, make this verse chain. Cut off the page by cutting along the fold. Color and cut out the strips. Lay them out in the order of the verse. Glue (or tape) the first link together. Then glue the second link inside the first one. Keep linking the words of the verse in order. Genesis 1:1 will be the last link. Connect it to the word IN. Read the verse from beginning to end.

## Verse Chain

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

**IN**

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**GENESIS 1:1**