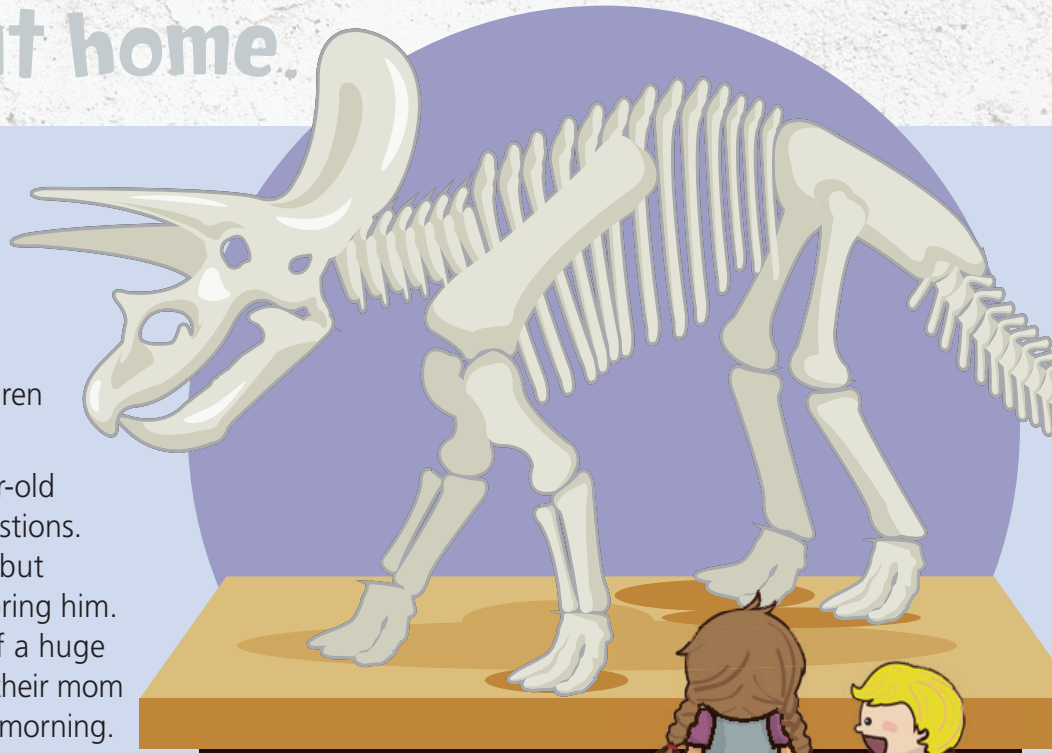


Kellen's Questions

By Elizabeth Seagren



What is that?"

Sarah rolled her eyes. Her four-year-old brother, Kellen, always asked silly questions. Mom said it was because he is little, but sometimes Sarah grew tired of answering him.

Kellen was pointing at a display of a huge dinosaur skeleton. Sarah, Kellen, and their mom were at the museum on a cold winter morning. Sarah loved the museum, but she didn't love Kellen's constant questions.

She sighed. "It's a triceratops."

Kellen stared at the large dinosaur bones. "What's a tri-cer-a-tops?" Kellen repeated the long word.

Mom answered, "It's a dinosaur that had three horns and a big shield called a 'frill' on its head to protect itself from other dinosaurs."

Sarah walked to a different display before Kellen could ask her another question.

"Who made the dinosaur?" she heard Kellen ask Mom.

"You know the answer to that," Mom said.

"According to the Bible, Who created everything?"

"God!"

"That's right," Mom nodded. "Jesus, God's Son, created the world and everything in it."

Sarah thought about that as she looked at the tiny shell fossils in another display.

Later that day, Sarah sat at the kitchen table to eat a snack. The snow fell gently outside.

Mom came inside from getting the mail. She took off her snowy boots by the door.

"Do you want to open the Christmas cards, Sarah?" Mom held up two red and green envelopes. Sarah

loved to look at the pictures on Christmas cards.

"Yes, please!"

Kellen wandered in to watch as Sarah tore open the red envelope. A colorful winter scene with snowmen and reindeer was on the front. Then she opened the green envelope. This card showed Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus in a stable.

"What is that?" Kellen pointed at the card.

"This is baby Jesus in the manger," Sarah answered.

She looked at the cards. The first card was colorful and fun, but the other card looked more important.

"Mom?" Sarah asked. "Christmas is about Jesus' birthday, isn't it?"

"Yes," Mom agreed. "I think you know the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem pretty well."

Sarah nodded. "Jesus was born as a little baby in Bethlehem a long time ago. But you said Jesus made the dinosaurs and everything else too."

"It's true. The Bible says Jesus was there with God at the beginning, and that He created the world."

Sarah was quiet. She had never thought about that before. Baby Jesus from the Christmas story in the Bible

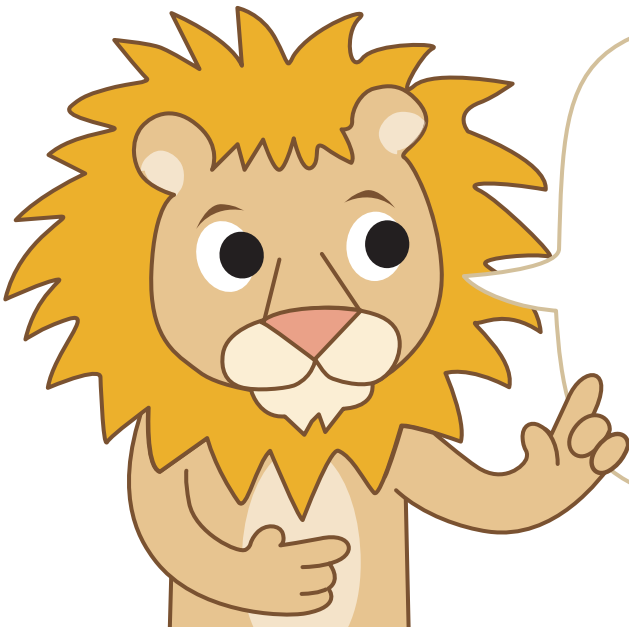
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Hello, My Name Is . . .

Solve the maze to discover three names that describe Jesus. Follow the path through the maze. Then write the letters from the maze path in order in the boxes below the maze.



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MEMORY VERSE

"Of old hast thou laid
the foundation of the earth:
and the heavens are
the work of thy hands"
(Psalm 102:25).

Christmas Card Bookmark

Keep this bookmark in your Bible or give it to someone as a gift!

Steps

1. Cut a 2" strip from a Christmas card. It can be as long as you want it to be.
2. With a paper hole punch, make three holes at one end of the bookmark.
3. Cut three, 6" pieces of ribbon. Fold one piece of ribbon in half and push the loop through one of the holes in the bookmark. Put the loose ends of the ribbon through the loop and pull to secure it to the bookmark. Repeat with the remaining pieces of ribbon.

Materials

- Christmas card.
- Scissors.
- Paper hole punch.
- Ribbon.



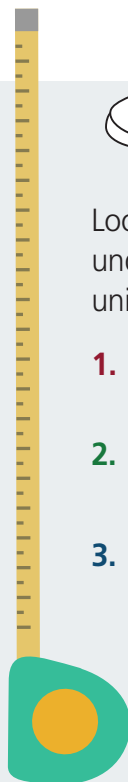
Measuring Growth

The Primary lesson for this week emphasized that Jesus is not just the baby in the manger at Christmas-time; He is also the Son of God Who created the universe. Because Jesus is God, He is eternal—He had no beginning and has no end. This is difficult to grasp, as it goes beyond the realm of human experience. Help connect your child's understanding of the baby Jesus to Jesus as God, creator, and Savior.

Measurables

Look for the following indicators that your child understands Jesus is God and the eternal creator of the universe.

1. **My child recognizes that Jesus existed eternally before He came to earth as a baby.**
2. **My child understands that Jesus made the world and everything in it.**
3. **My child worships Jesus as God.**



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is also Jesus Who created the world long before He was born on earth.

She had another thought. "And that's the same Jesus Who died for our sin too."

"Right!" Mom smiled. "You're really thinking hard."

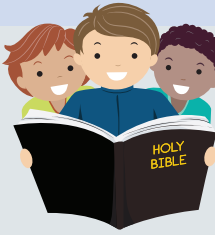
The more Sarah thought, the more excited she became. "Jesus does a lot of things, doesn't He, Mom? He created everything, He was the baby in the manger, and He came to save us!"

"I'm impressed," said Mom. "We do have a lot of things to praise God for!"

Sarah forgot all about her snack and ran out of the kitchen. "I'm going to tell Kellen," she said. "Maybe he has more questions about Jesus!" ■

Answer the story questions.

1. According to the Bible, Who created the world?
2. What was the difference between the two Christmas cards Sarah opened? Why was one more important?
3. What did Sarah realize was true about Jesus?



Jesus Made It All

John 1:1–4, 14, 15, 18; Hebrews 1:1–3; Colossians 1:15, 16



At Christmastime there are nativity scenes everywhere. Pictures portraying Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus are on Christmas cards, wrapping paper, lawn decorations, and more!

But baby Jesus was more than a cute newborn bundled up in a manger. That baby is God's Son,

and He existed long before He came to earth in the form of a baby.

In fact, Jesus has always existed; there was never a time that Jesus did not exist. And He will never end. That's a difficult concept for us to imagine. Everything on earth has a beginning and an end, but not Jesus.

John 1:1 tells us that "the Word"—Jesus—was with God at the beginning and that He was God. Jesus is eternal because He is God.

What was Jesus doing before He came to earth as a baby? Jesus created the world and everything in it! Even more than that, He is the One Who actively sustains Creation, keeping everything going.

Jesus, the Son of God, is the creator and sustainer. However, when Jesus came to earth, He came so that He could be our Savior. While He was here, he lived, walked, served, and taught among us. But ultimately, baby Jesus grew up to be the One Who died for our sins on the cross.

That little baby in the manger Who we see in the nativity scenes is the creator, sustainer, and Savior of the world. You can think about that baby, Jesus, all year long. Every time you see a beautiful flower, a majestic mountain, a cute puppy, or even a reflection of yourself in the mirror, remember that Jesus created it all. ■