

TIME

Ponder God's creation of time and his design of the heavens to give us methods to segment it into days, months, years, etc.

Brainstorm all the different inventions that have been used to track time.

List as many Bible stories as you can where a certain amount of time is prominent to the event.

Read this selection of verses and ponder God's use of the theme in Scripture:

Genesis 1:1-2:3, 8:22
Exodus 34:18-28
2 Kings 20:1-11
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Mark 13:28-37
Hebrews 4:1-10
Revelation 21:5-6, 22:6-13

Explore this Hebrew word & picture:

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Read and ponder the following verses with their key phrases and themes as you consider God's creation of time.

Romans 8:18-25
John 7:1-9, John 12:23-36
2 Peter 3:8-18

Can you think of any fictional stories (books, movies, games, etc.) that use the theme of time creatively in the narrative?

Take some time to reflect on all you've learned.
How does time give glory to Jesus & illustrate God's living story?
Have you made any new discoveries?

ENGAGE IN WONDER

How does time illustrate God's living story? Reflect on all you're learned.

Here are some additional questions to ignite your curiosity and imagination:

- Along with everything physically created, God also used something as abstract as time to illustrate his story. How does observing the Sabbath Day personify Jesus?
- Brainstorm lists of the following things in creation: Can be used to measure age | Functions on a repeating cycle | Occur routinely at an appointed time | Requires waiting
- Why do you think God made waiting such an important part of his illustrated story in our personal lives?
- God designed each new 24-hour period to start at sundown. How does this darkness to light pattern illustrate his story?
- Why will there be no darkness, sun, or moon in the new creation (Rev 21:23-25)? Do you think there will be "time" in eternity?
- Given that God knew the end before the beginning, why do you think God designed us in a way that allows us to look back and remember the past but not see ahead into the future?
- How does the physical earth change as time progresses & how do scientists "look back" at times past? How does God work in generations throughout his story?
- Ponder God's use of reoccurring dates (feasts), specific & vague declarations of time (ex: "In that day", 3 days, 40 years).