

TREK CHECK

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HERE'S A

FILL-IN-THE-BLANK STORY

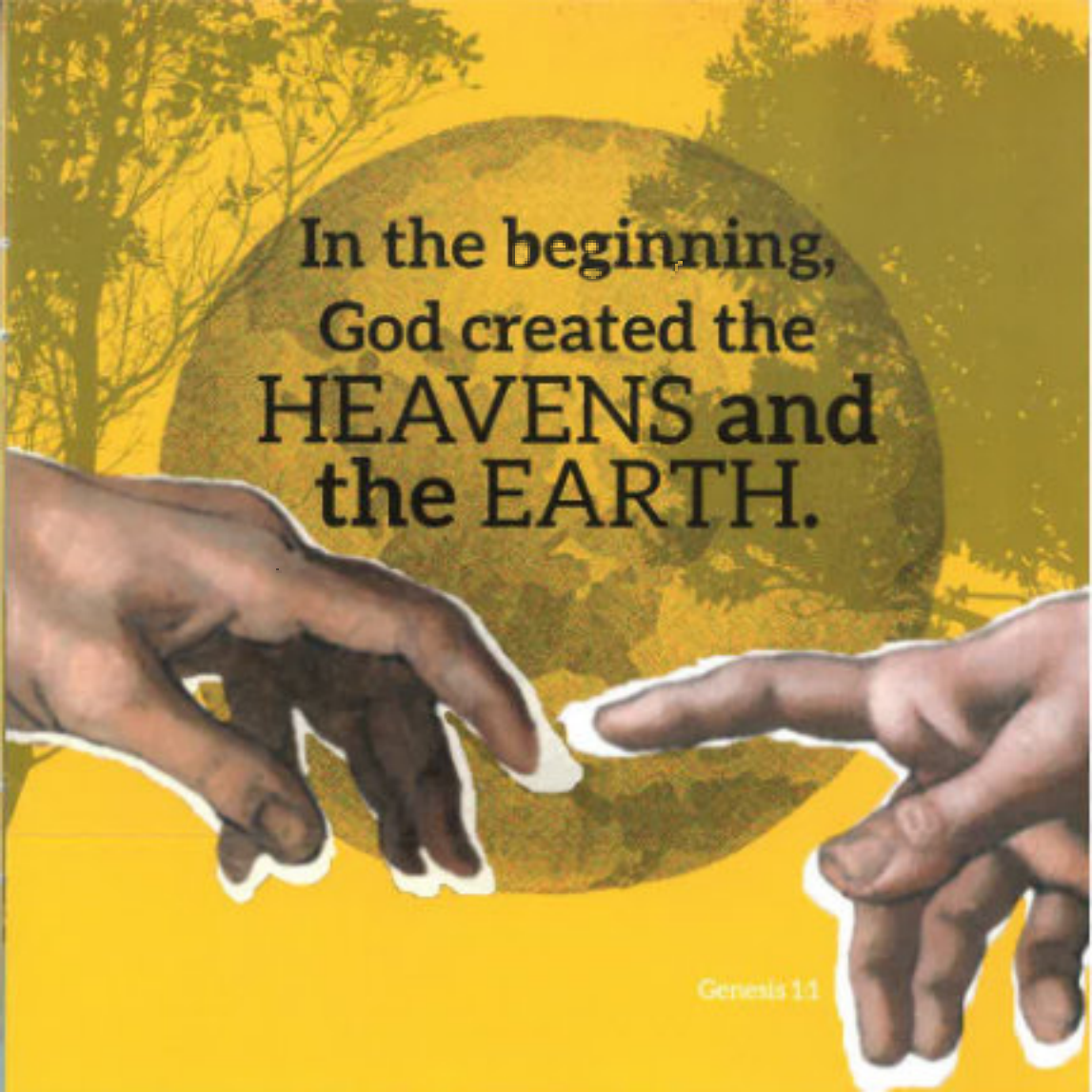
TO GET YOU THINKING ABOUT GOING ON A TREK (A TRIP).

You and your _____ [relative] go to _____
[famous place] in a _____ [type of vehicle]. You get hungry so you pull
off at the next exit to eat at _____ [your favorite restaurant].

You order _____ [your favorite drink] and _____
[your favorite food]. When the waitress brings the food to you, she hands you a folded
piece of paper. When you look inside, you discover a treasure map.

A message is written along the edge that reads: Follow these instructions.

Hmm ... You and your _____ [relative] decide to do what the
message says. You get back in your _____ [type of vehicle]
and navigate through _____ [anything you might drive
through] and _____ [anything you might drive through] to get to
the treasure site. You spot an old-fashioned trunk partially hidden by
a _____ [object]. You dig it out and open it. Inside is a huge
amount of _____ [the best thing you could find in a box].

The image is a composite graphic. It features Michelangelo's famous 'The Creation of Adam' as the central visual element. The hands of God and Adam are shown in their original pose, reaching toward each other. The background is a solid bright yellow. Behind the hands, there is a large, textured globe of the Earth. In the upper corners, there are silhouettes of trees, also in a yellowish-green tone. Overlaid on the globe is the text 'In the beginning, God created the HEAVENS and the EARTH.' in a black, serif font. The words 'HEAVENS' and 'EARTH' are in all caps and a larger font size than the rest of the text.

In the beginning,
God created the
HEAVENS and
the EARTH.

Genesis 1:1

CONGRATULATIONS, YOUR TREK HAS BEGUN.

YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT PART OF THE JOURNEY BY THINKING ABOUT SOME QUESTIONS.

IS THERE A GOD?

WHY IS THE WORLD SUCH A MESS?

WHO IS GOD?

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

WHO AM I?

IS THERE REALLY A HEAVEN AND A HELL?

WHY DO I DO WRONG THINGS?

IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN DO TO GO TO HEAVEN?

1 What are some of your own questions? _____

I, _____, (your first name) have thought about these sorts of questions.

_____ (Trek leader) _____ (Date)

))) Each time you see this symbol, you need to memorize a verse and say it to your leader.

WHO IS GOD?

Before anything else existed, God was there. He is holy – perfect and pure. He’s the Creator of everything. When you memorize this verse, it will help you remember who God is.

))) Genesis 1:1 – *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*

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_____ [Trek leader] _____ [Date]

WHO AM I?

Every person ever born was made in God’s image. That means we reflect God. We have many of the same attributes God has, like the ability to love. Because of this, every person is important. God made us so we could know Him. After you memorize this verse about creation, you’ll have help remembering who you are.

))) Genesis 1:27 – *So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

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_____ [Trek leader] _____ [Date]

SO WHAT’S THE PROBLEM?

We are born sinners. God has the best in mind for us, but we don’t want to follow His guidelines. We do what WE want to do instead, and that is sin. We all sin. God detests sin. Our punishment will be to spend eternity separated from God in hell – IF we haven’t accepted God’s solution to our problem. Learning this verse will help you understand the reality of sin, and the hope of eternal life.

))) Romans 6:23 – *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

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_____ [Trek leader] _____ [Date]

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Romans 6:23



... "Believe
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Acts 16:31

WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

God loves us so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to save us from our sin. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life – He cannot sin. He willingly died on a cross to take our punishment for sin. On the third day – after Jesus had died and was buried – He rose from the dead! Jesus conquered death and paid the price for sin. This verse tells us how much God loves us.

))) Romans 5:8 – *But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

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_____ [Trek leader] _____ [Date]

WHAT'S NEXT?

If we trust that Jesus paid for our sin on the cross and rose again, we will receive God's gift of salvation. We will be saved. And that means we'll spend forever in heaven with God. Everything you need to do to become a believer in Christ is summed up in this verse:

))) Acts 16:31 – ... *"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved ..."*

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_____ [Trek leader] _____ [Date]

Once we've trusted that Jesus Christ has paid for our sin, we're forgiven. We can never lose the salvation He's given us. This is a great verse that will help you remember God's greatest gift to us!



John 3:16 – For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

7 _____ [Trek leader] _____ [Date]

The greatest treasure in the world isn't found on a map, but you can have it by accepting God's gift of Jesus Christ as your Savior. Explain to your leader or write what it means to trust Christ as your Savior.

8 _____ [Trek leader] _____ [Date]

If you have any questions about salvation, please talk to your leader.

NOW WHAT?

Trusting Christ is the beginning of an adventure with God.
You will get to know Him better by:

Reading the Bible

Attending a Bible-believing church

Talking to God in prayer

Discussing the Bible with other Christians

☐ **I'VE FINISHED THIS BOOKLET AND I'M READY TO CONTINUE ON WITH MY TREK.**

[Me]

[Date]

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