**Jesus, Our Creator**

To deepen our understanding and appreciation for Jesus' divine role as Creator of all things, and to reflect on the implications of this truth for our faith and worship.

**Introduction**

"When you think about 'creation,' what's the first thing that comes to mind? Who do you typically associate with creation? Today we're going to explore what the Bible says about Jesus' active and essential role in creating everything.

**Part 1: Discovering Jesus in Creation - Scripture Exploration**

**Passage 1: John 1:1-3**

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."

**Discussion Question:** How does the opening of John 1:1-3 establish Jesus' role in creation? What does it mean that "through him all things were made"?

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**Passage 2: Colossians 1:16**

"For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him."

**Discussion Question:** In Colossians 1:16, what is the significance of the phrase "all things have been created through him and for him" in revealing Jesus as the Creator? What does it mean that creation is "for him"?

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**Passage 3: Hebrews 1:2-3**

"But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe."

**Discussion Question:** What does Hebrews 1:2-3 convey about Jesus' divine authority and his role in making the universe? How does this passage connect Jesus' sonship with his creative power?

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**Passage 4: Genesis 1:26**

"Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness...'" (The plural form "us" has often been interpreted by theologians as a reference to the Trinity, including Jesus as Creator.)

**Discussion Question:** How does the plural form "us" in Genesis 1:26 reflect theological interpretations of Jesus as part of the Trinity and Creator? What does this imply about the relationship within the Godhead in creation?

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**Passage 5: Revelation 4:11**

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

**Discussion Question:** What aspects of worship and creation described in Revelation 4:11 affirm Jesus' role as the Creator? How does recognizing Jesus as Creator impact our worship of Him?

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**Part 2: Deeper Reflection & Application**

* **Personal Impact:** How does knowing that Jesus is the Creator change or deepen your understanding of who He is?
* **Worship:** If Jesus created "all things...through him and for him," how should this truth influence our worship and our view of the world around us?
* **Confidence & Trust:** How might understanding Jesus as the powerful Creator impact your confidence and trust in Him, especially during challenging times?
* **Sharing with Others:** How might you share the truth of Jesus as Creator with someone who doesn't know Him, or who struggles to believe in God?

**Closing**

**Summary:** Jesus is not just a part of creation, but its source and sustainer; creation reveals His glory and power

**Prayer:** Close in prayer, thanking God for revealing Jesus as the Creator and asking for a deeper appreciation of His power, wisdom, and love displayed in creation. You might pray specifically for:

* + Deeper worship of Jesus.
	+ A greater sense of awe for creation.
	+ Opportunities to share this truth with others.

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**Personal reflection**

Spend some time outside this week observing nature. As you do, consciously reflect on the truth that Jesus created it all. How does this change your perspective?

Read Psalm 19:1-6. How do these verses affirm what we've learned about creation revealing God (and Jesus)?