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THE  
WHOLE  
STORY

*for the whole*

family

A YEAR OF

JESUS-CENTERED FAMILY

*devotions*

# Everything from Nothing

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## **Show**

Distribute pen and paper, Legos, Play-Dough, or some other material to each family member. Explain that they will have two minutes to create something brand-new. It could be a new building, a new animal, a new food—anything new. Start the timer and allow the family to work. Once the work is done, allow each family member to explain what they made, commending each one for their creativity. Then explain that even though you all created new kinds of things, you all used materials to create them. You didn't create the Legos, the paper, or the Play-Dough. Even though you made something, you didn't make something from nothing. But that's what God did when He created.

## **Read**

Genesis 1:1–5

## **Explain**

The Bible tells us that in the beginning, there was God, and God alone. He has always been, and He will always be. When He created, God didn't use material that was already present; instead, He created all things just by speaking them into existence. Everywhere we look we can see evidences of God's power, His creativity, and His love. There is no one and nothing like God

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who has the power to bring things into existence by His power. Every time we see a tree, a cloud, or a mountain, it's a chance to remember the powerful God who spoke it all into existence. As the story continues, we will see that we need a powerful God to do what we could never do for ourselves.

### ***Reflect***

1. What does God's creation show us about Him?
2. How should we respond to a God so powerful that He can create something from nothing?
3. What are some of your favorite things in the world that remind you of how powerful God is?

### ***Pray***

*Thank You, God, that You are powerful. Help us today, as we walk through the world You made, to remember that You are the Creator of all things.*