



1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12



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Bible Verse

1 Peter 2:1

2 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

Life Skills Class

Our Wednesday night Youth Life Skills classes with Tom are back!

Come out for fun, fellowship and maybe even a little learning about topics important to you.

7:00pm every Wednesday night only at LWA! Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 9/27/15



Hello Chris

This week, we started our exciting new series on seeing the thread of the Gospel throughout the Bible.

We started at the beginning of God's story on page 1 in **Genesis 1**. We said that the evidence of God's love can be easy to miss as it comes in the middle of the amazing account of God creating the universe and everything in it.

We looked at the first 5 days of Creation and the first part of the 6th day up to **Genesis 1:25.** We then looked more closely at the creation of mankind in **verses 26-31** and immediately noticed some very meaningful differences from the rest of creation.

Several important things that we noticed were that we are the only thing in all of creation that God created in His image and we were also given dominion over God's creation on Earth. God created us to be very special. He even called us "VERY good" when He created us. We also noticed that God made sure that everything was ready for us before He created us.

We said that this tells us a lot about how God views us, His children, and how much we mean to Him. It tells us how valuable we are and how much God truly loves us.

We finished up creation with **Genesis 2:1-3** and then moved

on to find evidence of Jesus in the account of Creation.

We looked at **John 1:1-5** to see that not only was Jesus present at Creation, according to John, all things were also made through Him. We also noticed that **John 1** and **Genesis 1** both start the same way with "**In the beginning...**" We said that John did that as a way to connect Jesus with God for his audience to help show them that Jesus IS God and as such was present at Creation.

Another thing we noticed, looking back at Genesis, was that it says "Let **US** make mankind in **OUR** image" indicating more than one or specifically the Trinity of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. All were present at Creation and all had a part in creating the universe and everything in it.

We said that the most important thing to get from this lesson is that we each have tremendous value in God's eyes. While the world or sometimes even our own selves can sometimes put us down or make us feel insignificant or worthless, we are always extremely valuable and greatly loved in God's eyes.

Each and every one of us are valuable because God chose to make us. We are each here because God wants us to be here. We are also not good by anything we did but by what Jesus did for us on the cross.

From **Genesis 1**, we learned not only was Jesus and the love of God present from the very beginning, but also that no matter what the world does or says to us or about us, we are always immensely valuable in God's eyes. Each one of us is worth creating and each one of us is worth dying for.

Join us next time as we look at sin and the fall of mankind in the garden then find evidence of God's Grace, Love & Mercy.

Upcoming Events

Harvest Night, October 24th

The Youth will be selling drinks to raise funds for future activities. We will also host a "selfie photo booth".

Please sign-up in the Youth Room for a time you can help run either of the booths or set-up or clean-up. Also, let us know if you have any ideas or can help create backgrounds, props, etc. for the photo booth.



Winter Jam 2015 Promo

Winter Jam - Nov 6th!!!

Get your tickets now! for Winter Jam 2015 coming on Friday, November 6th. Ten great Christian bands all on one stage. This year we are going VIP. Ticket price is \$30 pre-paid only.

A <u>limited number</u> of group VIP tickets have been purchased and are now available from Chris or Michelle in the youth room for \$30 each (cash or check).

Concert is Friday, November 6th. We will be leaving LWA by 3:30pm as a group.

Our VIP tickets get us early admission for the best seats as well as a Q&A session with the artists & more!

Follow **THIS LINK** for a list of artists performing.

FX15-BeU Youth Conference!

Mark your calendars now for the biggest most exciting FREE Youth Conference ever!

November 12th through November 14th at Living Word in Mesa

Lots of fun activities for Junior High and High School students with amazing guest speakers and performers each day. Invite all of your friends!

More details to come...Mark your calendars now!

Check out our **Facebook Page** For more information!

"Glow" Mini Golf

Mark your calendars for a fun night of indoor "glow" mini golf on **Saturday, November 21st**. More details to come.

Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Genesis 1:1-31, Genesis 2:1-3, John 1:1-5

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller 1 Youth Ministry

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