

Monday:

Before Time

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The beginning of camp is pretty fun and exciting, isn't it? You can look forward to making new friends, playing lots of games, trying new foods and activities, and learning about God. All of this is just the beginning.

A long, long time ago was another beginning—the beginning of the world. Look around you. Everything you see—trees, grass, animals, hills, rivers, insects, lakes, clouds, rocks, and people—was all created by God.

Everything in this world had a beginning. Some things like mountains and oceans haven't changed a whole lot since the beginning. If you come back to camp next year, they'll look pretty much the same.

If you're ten years old, then your beginning wasn't that long ago. But the beginning of people goes all the way back before your parents and grandparents—all the

way back to the very first parents, Adam and Eve.

The very first verse of the Bible tells us how everything got started. God created the heavens and the earth. Before there was time, there was God. And he made everything.

You might be able to make something this week at camp—like a craft project, a model rocket, or a picture. If you take it home, you can always look at it and know that it had a beginning. Someone had to make it. You did! You thought it up. You put it together. You were around before it was made.

The same is true with this world and people. We had a beginning. But before we were made, God our maker was around. Unlike us, he didn't have a beginning. He was always here. He was before time.

WRITE

- How old are you now?

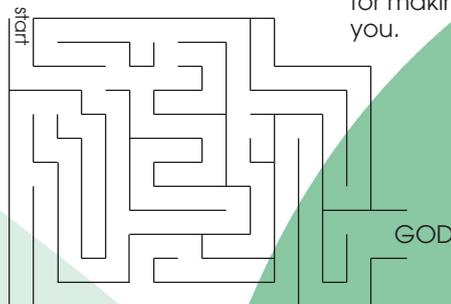
- Find a big tree at camp. How old do you think it is?

- How old do you think the dirt is?

- Who made all of these things?

- How do you know for sure, especially since you weren't around to watch it happen?

- Follow the maze to see who made the world.



PRAY

"Dear God, you have always been here, so I know that you must be amazing. And you made everything, so you must be really great and powerful. I want to learn about you this week and get to know you. Please help me and soften my heart. In Jesus' name. Amen."

LIVE

What you learn in each of these devotions over the next two weeks should make a difference in how you live—what you think, how you speak, what you do, the things you love. The main thing you can do to live out today's verse is to be fully convinced that God is the maker of everything and has always been around. Try to pause at least three times today to remind yourself of how amazing God is and to thank him for making you.