

# A HERITAGE OF TRUTH

“Your testimonies are my heritage forever;  
for they are the joy of my heart.”

Psalm 119:111

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## THEME FIVE: God’s Creation

Truth #6

### QUESTION

How did God create the world?

### ANSWER

He spoke, and it came into existence.

### MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 33:6, 9

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the  
breath of His mouth all their host. For He spoke, and it came  
to be; He commanded, and it stood firm. ESV

### SUGGESTED HYMN

“Songs of Praise the Angels Sang”

*\*Available at [www.cyberhymnal.org](http://www.cyberhymnal.org).*

### FURTHER STUDY

The Power of His Word

Genesis 1:3	The Creative Power of the Spoken Word
Psalm 33:6-9	The Sustaining Power of the Spoken Word
John 1:1-3	The Creative Power of the Incarnate Word
Hebrews 1:1-4	The Sustaining Power of the Incarnate Word

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Notice how closely the New Testament authors connect the spoken word to the Incarnate Word. Why does John specifically refer to Christ as the Word? What significance does this title have?
- What is the right response to the power of God's word? To help you answer this question, see Hebrews 11:3. (In the statement "what is seen was not made out of things that are visible," the latter does not refer to atoms or molecules, protons or electrons. It refers to the spoken word of God.)
- How do the unregenerate respond to the power and authority of God's creative word? To help you answer this question, see 2 Peter 3:1-7. Is their rejection of God's word unintentional or deliberate (v. 5)? How does their purposeful rejection of God's past work affect their view of Christ's future return (v. 4)? How should these realities affect the way we seek to win them to Christ?
- If God's word—spoken and incarnate—is so powerful that it spoke the universe into existence, then what is the basis for our confidence in God's written word? In the contemporary debate between creationism and evolution, is our confidence in God's record defensible? Why?

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