

JOURNEY
ADVOCATES
PARENT GUIDE

LESSON 3.2: UNIVERSE
SCRIPTURE: PSALM 148

SUMMARY:

This week we get down to the details. After each day in Genesis 1, God declared His newest creation good. But after creating mankind, He said it was *very good*. All of creation was preparation for one thing: us! And science confirms this. Recently, scientists have observed what they call the fine-tuning of the universe. There are many constants that govern nature, values for specific forces within the universe that, if even slightly different, wouldn't support any life at all! So what is the best explanation for this fine-tuning? The universe is perfect for life because it was designed that way by God.

The psalmist was in awe that God would care about such seemingly insignificant creatures as us. Yet He does. And as amazing as our universe is, it's even more amazing that God, the one who made it, would come down, live among us, and die for our sins, all because He loves us.

CORE VERSES	CORE CONCEPTS
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Psalm 8:3-4</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The fine-tuning of the laws that govern the universe is best explained as the product of intelligent design.</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">FINE-TUNE: Make small adjustments to (something) in order to achieve the best or a desired performance</p>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- How do you see God's precise hand on your life and how He's created you?
- How does God's precision and consistency impact your trust in Him?
- What questions about science and your faith do you have at this point in your study?
- Describe your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?