## IS GOD REAL?

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rom reading the Bible, we learn that there is one Creator God who made all things and who loves His creation and the people He made—including you and me (Genesis 1:14–19; Psalm 36:7). But how do we know that this God of the Bible is the one, true God?



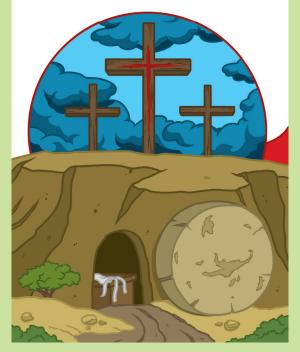
rom the Bible, we learn that God created our world to work in certain ways all the time, following certain laws (Jeremiah 33:25). For example, one law is that life always comes from life—dogs have dogs, cats have cats, etc. We never observe a fly coming from a pile of mud all by itself. This is because, in the beginning, God created all animals and plants to reproduce after their kinds (Genesis 1).

hen God created the sun, moon, stars, and planets, He created them to follow certain laws so that they would mark signs and seasons for us (Genesis 1, 8:22). That is why we see the same stars in the sky every season. We expect our universe to operate in an orderly way because the Creator God of the Bible is a God of order (1 Corinthians 14:33) who doesn't change (Malachi 3:6).

A sthe Creator, God loves the people He made and wants the best for us. He lovingly gave us rules to follow, such as be kind to others (Ephesians 4:32), always tell the truth (Ephesians 4:25), obey your parents (Ephesians 6:1). His rules help us know the difference between right actions and wrong actions. But if there is no God of the Bible who sets the rules, how can we know the right thing to do?



adly, we all disobey God's commands (Romans 3:23). This is called sin. And God has said that the punishment for sin is death and eternal separation from Him in a terrible place called hell (Genesis 2:17; Matthew 10:28). But He loves us so much that He made a way for us to go to Heaven with Him when we die. He sent His only perfect Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to die in our place and rise from the dead three days later!



e can know from the Bible and the orderly creation we see around us that there is a real, loving God who cares about you and me. Do you know Him?

We can receive the gift of eternal life when we turn away from (repent of) our sins and believe all that Jesus has done for us (Romans 10:9).

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