

**Skegness Community Church**  
**Weekly Bible Study 2025**  
**52 passages of Scripture that every believer should know**

**Week 1**

**Genesis Chapter 1 verse 1**

**“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”**

Everyone has a world view. We all view life through some type of lens. So many factors determine how each of us views our world. Worldviews change across the decades, but there is a single constant that does not change. The simple fact is that one's worldview can be determined by one's response to the first four words of the Bible **“In the beginning God”**. If we believe these four words, then we will view our world through the lens of Scripture that does not change. If we do not, then we will continue to view our world through the lens of culture that continually changes.

Perhaps there is no other verse under such constant abuse and ridicule as Genesis 1:1. It demands the answer to three important questions:

When? Who? What?

**WHEN? “In the beginning”**

It should be noted that history does not begin in Genesis 1:1. Before that there was love. Note that Jesus prayed “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.” (John 17:24)

One should not think of Genesis 1:1 as the beginning of everything, for in the Gospel of John we read, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God”.

So that there would be no mistake about whom he spoke, the apostle John added, “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth”.

**WHO? “God”**

The Bible translates the Hebrew word *Elohim* here as God. The significance is that the word is in its plural form, thus in the initial verse of Scripture God is pictured as three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the great mysteries of the Bible. Yet, beginning with this first verse, the idea of the trinity is woven throughout Scripture. It is often illustrated by comparison with water - a liquid, however, it can also be solid (ice) or a vapour (steam). Yet in all three manifestations, it is still the same water. So it is with God manifesting Himself in three persons.

**WHAT? “created the heavens and the earth.”**

There is a huge difference between *creating* something and *making* something. Many of us have made things, but none of us has ever created anything from nothing.

The physical universe was spoken into existence by God Himself. Is it possible that, in the entire vast expanse above us, the solar system, the constellations, and the measureless space, all having billions of stars moving in clocklike precision, do so without a master Creator and Designer? Is it also possible that no-one else among the billions of people presently on the planet has DNA or a thumbprint quite like yours? And is that kind of creativity and variety possible without Someone behind it all who sees you as indescribably valuable?

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As you memorise Genesis 1:1 this week, meditate on the rich meaning of each of these sacred words and remember that those first four words of the Bible determine one's personal worldview. Yes, indeed, “In the beginning God!”  
Make these four words the lens through which you view your world.