

# Heroes of Scripture and Screen: Creation and The Lego Movie

After watching the movie, read these **questions** and the Bible passage and talk about them as a family. It's best to do this right after watching the movie but you can also do it in the next day or so. The conversation could take anywhere from 10-20 minutes but we hope that it sparks an interest in noticing and sharing God throughout your daily life.

**A Moment to Remember:** **Which moment in the movie did you like the most? Why?**

*Read this passage from the Bible (Genesis 1:26-31 NRSV):*

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

*If you have the time, take a look at this Venn Diagram and talk about whether it lines up with how you interpret the scripture and the movie (or just skip to the rest of the **questions**):*

## Creation

Creation is not under threat of being frozen in place forever.

The father and the son (God and Jesus) work in unison for creation.

The story that God is telling is redeeming all of creation.

The world that has been created is full of sorts of different kinds of life that are all "very good" or "special."

People are made in God's likeness—themselves creators and storytellers. Certain Lego are "master builders" capable of making anything and driving the story forward.

## Lego

The Lego world is under threat of being glued in place forever.

The father and son (Finn and his dad) are working against each other.

The story Finn is telling brings them together.

### **Theme in Scripture – Your Creator:**

God doesn't create the earth, call it "very good," and then freeze it in place forever so that it can never change. God let's life loose into the world, but not without direction. That's what dominion is about. When Eve and Adam are challenged with dominion over the earth, they are challenged to be like their creator. That's because "dominion" means something specific. When "dominion" is used elsewhere, in the Psalms, it's used to refer to God as a loving and attentive protector of the goodness of creation. We hear about God holding dominion over the earth by cultivating and protecting harmony and balance for all life. God has dominion over us. We have dominion over creation. As Jesus might put it, we are to love creation as we would want to be loved. So the question emerges, **how do you want to be loved by God? What sort of relationship do you want to have with your creator?**

### **Theme on the Screen – Your Creator:**

The Lego Movie is about a kid who wants to play freely with Lego and a dad who wants to literally superglue the perfect Lego set in place. In scripture we see that God didn't look at the "very good" creation and just freeze it in place forever. Creation is good because it has the capacity to constantly grow and adapt as life flourishes in new and amazing ways all around the world. We are part of that creation and meant to be part of the flourishing, but humans are different. We are created but we also get to create. We get to shape our own futures and our relationship with the rest of creation. Finn, the boy in the movie, creates Emmet and Wyldstyle and a boatload of other characters and things to tell a story about being special. He seems to discover what's "very good" about what he has made. **Does he also discover what's "very good" about himself? What is "very good" about Finn, the kid who teaches his own dad an important lesson about being special?**

**The Scene that Says it All:** **Which scene in the movie best represents this theme of Your Creator. Why?** *(Is it when Emmet first sees the world of humans, or when the dad decides not to glue all the Lego, or another scene?)*

**Bonus question:** **If you were transformed into a Lego master builder and could suddenly make anything you can imagine, what would you build? Why?**