

## **Conversation Starter** ***FOR the week of March 2 to 8, 2008***

This week's theme: God Revealed Through Creation

Reading #1: Genesis 1:1 to Genesis 2:1  
Reading #2: Job 38:4-7  
Reading #3: Job 38:32-38

The words of the chorus to the hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* is as follows: *All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.* The message within this chorus declares that God is the Creator of all things. Within the verses to this hymn we learn about some of the wonders of His creation such as: "each little flower that opens", "each little bird that sings", "the purple-headed mountain", "the river running by", "the sunset, and the morning", "the pleasant summer sun" and "the ripe fruits in the garden". Certainly the author of this hymn believed strongly the reality of God revealed through creation. Near the end of the children's story book *Johnny Appleseed* a spectacular sunset – one of the wonders of creation referred to in *All Things Bright and Beautiful* – is described as an "apple blossom sky". As wonderful ... as beautiful ... as complex ... as breath-taking God's creation is, there are many people who choose to believe that what they see before them did not come as a result of the work of a Creator.

1. Describe some of the wonders of creation as referred to in the Bible's "creation story". (See Reading #1.)
2. What do you say to someone who struggles to believe that there is a God who created the heavens and earth?
3. What do God's words to Job in Readings #2 and #3 tell us about the Creator?
4. Tell those in your group about some of your most meaningful wonders of creation.
5. In what ways has God's creation demonstrated to you His love, power, might and wisdom?