

A TOTAL sense OF WONDER

A Special BLAST lesson thinking about God and the Solar Eclipse

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THE SKIES PROCLAIM THE WORK OF HIS HANDS." PSALM 19:1



God is Creator!

In the Bible (Genesis 1 & 2) we learn that God created in 6 days out of nothing. On the 4th day of his amazing work he created the Sun and the moon. The sun was created to provide energy that supports life. The moon was created as a "lesser light." It helps to stabilize the earth's tilt and plays a role in the ocean tides.

God the Greatest Artist!

When a total Solar Eclipse happens we get to see something out of the ordinary! Breathtaking! And it helps us to truly realize how awesome our God is a unique master and Artist!

SO JUST WHAT IS A TOTAL ECLIPSE?

A total solar eclipse happens when the moon's shadow passes over the earth so that the sun's light is blocked.

During a total eclipse the sky becomes dark (but not like midnight darkness). There might be a bit of a red glow to the sky that day. Brighter stars and planets might be visible.

And what is really cool is the glow of the outermost part of the sun. This is called the Corona. There is also a thing called Prominences... these are red loops that seem to almost flare out.

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Share with you friends in BLAST a time when you were really surprised by something GOOD that happened in your life.
How did you feel??

I bet you've felt super excited, thankful and maybe even had your breath taken away by something super special. On April 8th, God is surprising us with something out of the ordinary and beautiful in his creation through the solar eclipse. But did you know that God surprises us everyday with beautiful things? He does!! God is our creator and he is our provider. And while there are surprises and really special things that happen in our lives like a total solar eclipse, we can't forget that God is blessing us everyday. You know, sometimes it can be easy to forget or sometimes we can take the everyday beautiful things in our lives for granted.

**What are some the beautiful things God gives to you everyday?
As you think about the everyday beautiful things should our response to God be? Everyday?**

Did you know that the greatest blessing the world has ever seen is God's Son Jesus. Jesus is the BRIGHTEST AND THE BEST; He is the LIGHT OF THE WORLD and there is no darkness that extinguish his powerful love for us.(1 John 1:15)

When a total solar eclipse happens the sky gets very dark, but here's the thing, what really stands out during a total eclipse is the brightness of the Sun! In fact our eyes are drawn to it (BUT DON'T LOOK WITHOUT SPECIAL GLASSES). Did you know, when the darkness of sin came into the world, God our creator and provider provided a plan in Jesus. Jesus died on the cross to defeat darkness. On the first bright and sunny Easter morning he rose from the dead and because he did we are forgiven and can live in the light of his love forever. The Good News for you and me is that God draws our eyes to the brightness of his Son (not sun) JESUS' love everyday! Jesus is our beautiful Savior. He is the King of Creation (Colossians 1:15-20) and because he is, he is brighter and more powerful than any darkness we might experience in life.

Jesus is with us everyday and he wants us to look to him ALWAYS! And unlike a total solar eclipse we Don't need special glasses to fix our eyes on him!!

On April 8th as you experience the total eclipse; lets give thanks to God for his beautiful handiwork. But let us too be filled with wonder for the bright shining Love of Jesus which shine in and through us!

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The Word Wonder can mean
"a feeling of
surprise and appreciation
caused by something beautiful
or out of the ordinary."

