God Creates Heavens and Earth

Lesson 1, Genesis 1:1-3, NIV

Say What?

People have many different ideas about how our world and the universe came into being. How would you use the first sentence in the Bible, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," to respond to the following statements?

"The universe is eternal. It has always existed, and it always will exist." _____

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"The beginning of the universe happened in a spontaneous Big Bang explosion that generated the earth, sun, moon, and stars." _____

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"We have no way of knowing how the universe came into being." _____

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Picture This!

Take a 5-minute walk. Go outside if the weather is good, or walk inside the building. As you go, use your smart phone or your hands to frame pictures of things or people that you think represent the lesson concepts (creation, light or energy, and separation of light and darkness) as you have understood them in Genesis 1. There are no right or wrong answers! You are looking for scenes that speak to you.

Now select your favorite "photo" and write why it is appropriate for the concept you chose it to represent. For example, you may have taken a picture of a big oak tree with the sun shining through the changing leaves because it reminds you of the light or energy in God's creation.

Concept	Photo Example/Why You Selected It
Creation	
Light or energy	
Separation of light and darkness	

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