

## Lesson Introduction

(Print off a picture of a cell from the Internet to show the child.) This is a strange picture. You may wonder what it is because you have never seen anything like it before. It is a picture of a cell which is something so small you can't see it with your eyes alone. People have to use a machine called a microscope to see it. Microscopes make things look bigger than they really are. (Use a magnifying glass to illustrate how looking through a lens can make something appear bigger.)

All living things are made up of cells. All plants, all animals, and even you, are made up of tiny, living cells. Cells grow and divide and make up all the different parts of a plant and all the different parts of your body. Cells are a wonderful part of God's design for life.

## Discussion Questions

Day 1: What are living things made up of? Why can't we see the cells that we are made of?

Day 2: What does everything living start out as? What happens to the cell? How is a cell like a human body?

Day 3: What do cells become? How do they become those things?

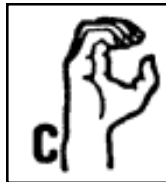
Day 4: Where does life come from? Why can't people make living things?

Day 5: What does every human start out as? Why do we have life? What should we do because God has given us life?

Day 6: How should we respond to God? Why?

## Lesson Rhyme

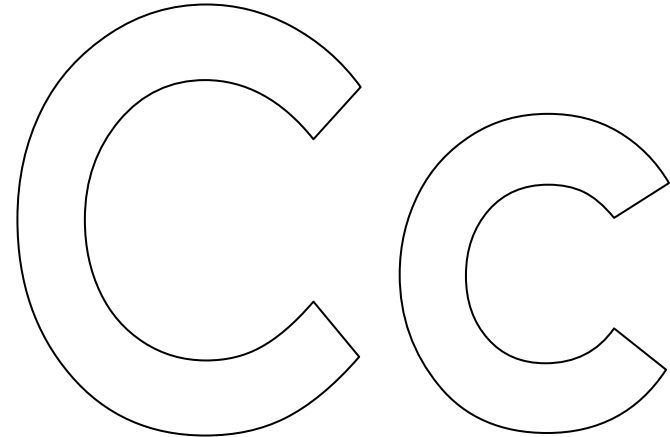
C—C	Make sign of "C"
Cells	Put index finger and thumb together in a circle facing out
So small they	Hold index finger and thumb straight out and move together
can't be seen	Point to eyes and shake head "no"
C—C—Cells	Same as above
Make up each living being	Bring hands up in front of body wiggling fingers



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# What is a

# cell?



C—C—Cells

So small they can't be seen

C—C—Cells

Make up each living being

## Day 1

When God created living things,  
he put life into a cell.  
And we know that everything God does,  
he does it very well.  
A cell is itty, bitty.  
It's so small it can't be seen.  
Our God puts cells together  
to make a living being.

*Look up and draw a picture of a cell.*

## Day 6

Don't you think life is amazing?  
Can you understand God's mind?  
How do animals develop,  
reproducing their own kind?  
God designed each living thing,  
unique in its own way.  
To such an awesome God,  
we should listen and obey.

*Draw a picture of an animal and its baby.*

Psalm 105:4-5: <sup>4</sup> Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. <sup>5</sup> Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.

Psalm 139:17-18a: <sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup> Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.

## Day 5

Every human being  
as a single cell starts out,  
Which grows into a person,  
as God brings a life about.  
The life that we've been given  
is because of God's great love,  
So with every cell we're made of,  
we should worship God above.

*Draw a picture of a baby.*

## Day 2

Everything that lives  
as one single cell starts out.  
The cell divides and changes;  
it's the way life's brought about.  
Cells act like a body;  
they breathe and eat and grow.  
How each cell does function  
only God does fully know.

*Look up and draw a picture of cells dividing.*

Psalm 139:13-14: <sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Ecclesiastes 11:5: <sup>5</sup> As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things.

### Day 3

As cells divide and change,  
they organize together,  
Becoming different parts  
like an eye, a bone, or feather.  
In a plant some cells form roots,  
others make the flower,  
Each cell becomes what it should be,  
through God's majesty and power.

*Draw a picture of an eye, a bone, and feather.*

### Day 4

Life can't come from non-life;  
life needed God to be.  
Our God gave life to matter  
to make a bird and tree.  
Men are very clever;  
they make all kinds of things.  
But men cannot turn matter  
into living beings.

*Draw a picture of a living thing.*

Job 42:1-2: <sup>1</sup> Then Job replied to the LORD: <sup>2</sup> "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.

Job 33:4, 6: <sup>4</sup> The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. <sup>6</sup> I am just like you before God; I too have been taken from clay.