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3) Christ is creator & \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>•15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the <u>firstborn</u> of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For <u>by him all things were created</u>, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—<u>all things were created through him</u>

<u>and for him</u>. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the <u>firstborn from the dead</u>, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and <u>through him to reconcile to himself</u> <u>all things</u>, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross." (Colossians 1:15–20, ESV)

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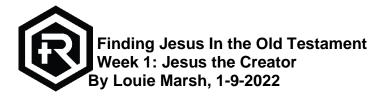
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