

# .... Creation ....

Children will learn that God created the universe.

## Key Scriptures

- Genesis 1:1–2:3
- John 1:3
- Genesis 1:27



## For the Leader

Creation is a fun topic! With stars and planets, flowers and trees, and creepy crawlies of every kind, you can make this Creation lesson a blast for kids, so that they can better understand God's character.

Perhaps no story better portrays God's power than the account of Creation. The idea of God speaking the universe into existence can be a lot for adults to comprehend. But children accept it at face value—they don't have any trouble believing in a big God who can create big things.

You can teach a wide variety of lessons that revolve around Creation, such as learning about God's power or learning to respect and care for God's creation. What's most important for kids to learn about Creation is that God made them, too—and this huge, powerful God loves them and wants to be their friend.

## Bible Time: Creation

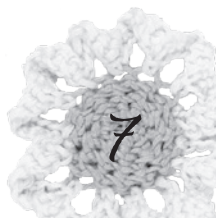
Say: **Today we're going to talk about God making the world. Before God made the world, there was only darkness. Everyone close your eyes to make it dark. Now cover your eyes with your hands so that it's even darker.** Wait while children do this.

**From the darkness, God created everything. I'll tell you the things God made each day when he was creating our world. After each one, let's all say, "And God saw that it was good."** Have kids repeat the phrase once with you as practice—while their eyes are still shut.

**On the first day, God made light, and he separated the light from the darkness.** Have kids open and shut their eyes several times.

**He called the light "day" and the darkness "night." And God saw that it was good.** Have kids repeat that phrase.

**On the second day, God made the sky. Everyone shade your eyes with your hands as if you're looking up high into**



the sky. **And God saw that it was good.** Have kids repeat the phrase.

**On the third day, God made the land, trees, and plants.** Have kids spread their arms to represent branches and wave their branches around a bit. While everyone does this, invite the kids to tell you what kind of tree or plant they like most.

**And God saw that it was good.** Have kids repeat the phrase.

**On the fourth day, God made the sun, the moon, and the stars.** Show children how to open and close their fingers quickly to imitate twinkling stars. **And God saw that it was good.** Have kids repeat the phrase.

**On the fifth day, God made the fish and birds.** Let children move their hands like a swimming fish or flap their arms like a bird. Ask them what kind of fish or bird they would like to be. **And God saw that it was good.** Have kids repeat the phrase.

**On the sixth day, God made people and animals.** Let children take turns telling about their favorite animal. **And God saw that it was good.** Have kids repeat the phrase.

**On the seventh day, God rested!** Have everyone wipe the sweat off their brows, take a deep breath, and sit down. **God saw all that he had made, and God saw that it was good!** Have kids repeat the phrase. Ask:

- **Of all the things God created, what do you like most, and why?**
- **How can we thank God for creating so many wonderful things?**

Say: **God made everything! I love all of God's creation, don't you? We can thank God for his creation by praying to him, singing to him, and taking care of the world and all that's in it. Let's thank God for all the things he created. I'll begin, and then you can name anything in God's creation that you're thankful for.**

Lead kids in the prayer.



## **Game: ABCs of Creation**

Have children sit in a circle.

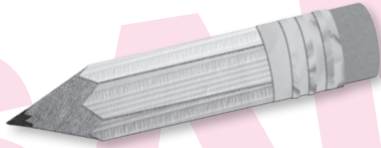
Say: **Let's play a fun game that will help us think about all the things God created. We'll use the letters of the alphabet as our guide. I'll begin the game by saying, "God created the earth, and he made Adam." The person next to me will then say, "God created the earth, and he made Adam and [something that starts with the letter B]. Then we'll keep going around the circle, seeing if we can think of something God created with every letter of the alphabet.**

Play the game letting each child take a turn. If you are playing with children who are a bit older, add to the challenge by having kids repeat back everything that's been said already, before they add another item to the list. After playing this game, ask:

- **What do you think was the most unusual thing God created? Why?**

- **What's a way we can show God we're thankful for what he's created?**

You can play the game again as time allows, or choose one way that the kids suggested to show God thanks for creation and do that right now.



## Craft: Wonderfully Made Posters

### Supplies:

- Bible
- large sheets of newsprint (1 per child)
- pencils, markers, or crayons

Have kids form pairs to begin this activity. Ask one partner to lie down on his or her back on a sheet of newsprint while the other uses a pencil to trace around the child's outline. Then have children switch, using another sheet of newsprint. If children are bigger than the sheet of newsprint, have them trace just the upper part of their body. Be sure to use a pencil or crayon for this, so no marker gets on children's clothing.

When the outlines are complete, have children use markers or crayons to draw a heart in the center of each outline. Children who are old enough to write can add the words of Genesis 1:27 to their

poster: "So God created human beings in his own image."

Encourage kids to decorate their body outlines to look like themselves. Suggest that they add hair, facial features, and clothes. Have them write their names on their paper people. If you have time and additional supplies, let children add yarn, bits of cloth, or other embellishments to their artwork.

After the crafts are complete, discuss these questions:

- **Genesis 1:27 says "So God created human beings in his own image." What do you think this means?**
- **How do you feel knowing that God made you?**
- **How can you thank God for how he made you?**

Say: **Think about it—no one except God can create a person. He made each of us who we are. Let's hang our posters along the walls to remind everyone that God made us all special!**



## Prayer: Seven Days of Thanks

### Supplies:

- flashlight
- cotton ball
- leaf or piece of fruit



- small light bulb, such as for a nightlight
- feather
- stuffed animal

Have children sit in a circle.

Say: **The Bible tells us that God made everything. Let's pray together and thank God for all the things he created.**

Hold up the flashlight, click it on. **On the first day, God said, "Let there be light." God, I'm thankful you made light because** [provide your own answer]. Pass the flashlight around the circle, and have kids take turns finishing this sentence: "I'm thankful God made light because..." Then set the flashlight aside.

Hold up the cotton ball. **On the second day, God made the sky. This cotton ball represents a cloud in the sky. God, I'm thankful you made the sky because...** and provide your own answer. Pass the cotton ball around, and have kids complete the prayer: "I'm thankful God made the sky because..." Then set the cotton ball aside.

Hold up the leaf. **On the third day, God made plants and trees. I'm thankful God made plants because...** and provide your own answer. Pass the leaf and have kids pray: "I'm thankful God made plants because..." Then set the leaf aside.

Hold up the small light bulb. **On the fourth day, God made the stars, sun, and moon. This little light reminds me of the stars. God, I'm thankful you made stars because...** and provide your own answer. Pass around the bulb, and have kids say: "I'm thankful God made the stars because..." Then set the bulb aside.

Hold up the feather. **On the fifth day, God made the birds and fish. God, I'm thankful you made birds because...** and provide your own answer. Pass around the feather, and have kids say: "I'm thankful for birds because..." Then set the feather aside.

Hold up the stuffed animal. **On the sixth day, God made all the animals. God, I'm thankful you made animals because...** and provide your own answer. Pass around the stuffed animal, and have kids pray: "I'm thankful God made animals because..." Then set the stuffed animal aside.

Have all the kids close their eyes. **On the seventh day, God rested. Let's be quiet for a moment and think about our favorite things that God created.** After a moment of silence, say: **Amen.**

