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In the Beginning, God

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-25

Theme: God is the Creator of all things

Nursery (Ages 0-2)

Free curriculum for small and rural churches

Lesson Overview

God made everything! The sky, the water, the land, the animals, and people too. God made everything good. This lesson uses simple sensory experiences to help babies and toddlers begin to understand that God is the Creator.

Bible Story

Before anything existed, there was God. God was always there!

God spoke and said, 'Let there be light!' And there was light! God made day and night.

God made the sky and the water. He made the land and the plants.

God made the sun, the moon, and the stars. He made the fish and the birds.

God made the animals , big ones and small ones. And then He made people!

God looked at everything He made and said, 'It is very good!' God loves what He made.

Key Verse

Genesis 1:1

This verse tells us that God made everything, the sky, the earth, and us! He was there before anything else, and He made it all.

Activities

Activity 1: Creation Sensory Bins

Provide simple sensory bins with items representing each day of creation (blue water beads for water, yellow pompoms for sun, green felt for land, animal figures).

Supplies needed:

- *Shallow bins or trays*
- *Blue water beads or fabric*
- *Yellow pompoms*
- *Green felt or fabric*
- *Small toy animals*
- *Cotton balls for clouds*

1. Set out sensory bins with different textures representing creation.
2. Let babies/toddlers explore each bin while you say simple words: 'God made the water!' 'God made the animals!'
3. Repeat the key verse slowly as they explore.
4. Hold up each item and say, 'God made this!'

Activity 2: God Made Me! Touch and Feel

Help toddlers discover that God made their bodies , eyes to see, hands to touch, mouths to sing.

Supplies needed:

- *A simple mirror*
- *Soft fabric*
- *Gentle music*

1. Hold each child and point to their eyes: 'God made your eyes to see!'
2. Touch their hands: 'God made your hands to hold!'
3. Gently bounce them: 'God made your legs to jump!'
4. Sing a simple song: 'God made me, God made me, yes He did!'

Discussion Questions

- What did God make? (Point to things in the room)
- Who made the animals?
- Did God make you? Yes! God made you!
- Is God happy with what He made? Yes! God said it is good!
- Can you name something God made?
- Is God bigger than the sky?

Prayer Focus

Thank You, God, for making everything! Thank You for making me! Amen.

>> Missions Spotlight

The Bushmen of the Kalahari Desert in southern Africa have an ancient story about a Creator God. For thousands of years, they have known that someone made the world. Now missionaries are sharing the full story of Genesis with them, and many Bushmen are learning that the Creator God is the God of the Bible, the God who sent Jesus!

-> To the Cross

God created everything good and perfect. He made people to be close to Him. But later, people sinned and broke that perfect world. That's why Jesus came, to fix what was broken and make everything new again. The God who created the world is the same God who sent Jesus to save it.