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In the Beginning, God

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-25

Theme: God is the Creator of all things

PreK-K (Ages 3-5)

Free curriculum for small and rural churches

Lesson Overview

God made everything in the whole world! He made the light, the sky, the water, the land, the plants, the sun, moon, stars, fish, birds, and animals. Everything God made was good. This lesson helps young children understand that God is the Creator of all things.

Bible Story

Before there was anything , no people, no animals, no trees, no stars , there was God. God has always been!

God said, 'Let there be light!' And there was light! God called the light 'day' and the darkness 'night.' That was the first day.

God said, 'Let there be a sky!' And God made the sky. He separated the water above from the water below. That was the second day.

God said, 'Let the water be gathered and let dry land appear!' And it happened! God called the dry land 'earth' and the water 'seas.' Then God made plants, trees, and flowers grow on the land. That was the third day.

God made the sun to shine during the day, the moon to glow at night, and twinkling stars everywhere. That was the fourth day.

God made fish to swim in the sea and birds to fly in the sky. 'Be fruitful and multiply!' God said. That was the fifth day.

God made all the animals , big elephants, tiny ants, roaring lions, and fluffy sheep. Then God made something very special , people! God made the first man and the first woman. That was the sixth day.

God looked at everything He had made , the light, sky, water, land, plants, sun, moon, stars, fish, birds, animals, and people , and said, 'It is very good!' Then God rested on the seventh day.

Key Verse

Genesis 1:1

This verse tells us that God made everything, the sky, the earth, and everything in it! He didn't need help. He just spoke and it happened. God is powerful and creative!

Activities

Activity 1: Creation Collage

Children create a collage representing the days of creation using simple craft materials.

Supplies needed:

- Large paper (one per child)
- Crayons or markers
- Cotton balls (clouds)
- Blue tissue paper (water)
- Green paper (land)
- Yellow stickers (stars)
- Animal stickers or stamps
- Glue sticks

1. Give each child a large piece of paper divided into sections for each day of creation.
2. Help them add materials for each day: yellow for light (day 1), cotton balls for sky (day 2), blue for water and green for land (day 3), yellow circles for sun/moon/stars (day 4), fish and birds (day 5), animals and people (day 6).
3. As they work, review what God made each day.
4. Have each child point to their favorite part and say, 'God made the !'

Activity 2: God Says, 'Let There Be!'

An interactive game where children act out creation as God speaks.

Supplies needed:

- None needed

1. Have children sit in a circle. Say, 'And God said, Let there be LIGHT!' and children jump up and spread their arms wide.
2. 'And God said, Let there be a SKY!' , children wave arms above their heads.
3. 'And God said, Let there be WATER!' , children make wave motions.
4. 'And God said, Let there be ANIMALS!' , children pick their favorite animal and act it out.
5. 'And God said, Let there be PEOPLE!' , children hug themselves and smile.
6. End with: 'And God saw that it was VERY GOOD!' , everyone cheers!

Discussion Questions

- What did God make on the first day? What about the second day?
- What is your favorite thing that God made? Why?
- How did God make everything? (He spoke! He just said the words!)
- Do you think God was tired after making everything? (God never gets tired!)
- God said everything was 'very good.' What does that mean?

Prayer Focus

Thank God for making the whole world and everything in it. Thank Him for making each one of us. Ask Him to help us take care of His creation.

>> Missions Spotlight

The Bushmen of the Kalahari Desert in southern Africa have an ancient oral tradition about a Creator God. For thousands of years, they have passed down stories about the one who made the world. Now missionaries are sharing the full story of Genesis with these tribes, and many Bushmen are coming to faith in the God their ancestors once knew, the God who sent Jesus!

-> To the Cross

God created everything good and perfect. He made people to be close to Him and to enjoy His creation. But in the next lesson, we'll learn that people sinned and broke God's 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.