



GOD'S CREATION

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Concept

God made everything and everyone.

Goal

Children will learn that God made all created things - the earth, the sun, moon, plants, animals and people.

Passage

Genesis 1:1-27 and 2:4-7

Key Verse: "God made you and me." Genesis 1:27a

Planning Ahead

Lesson Supplies	Craft Supplies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible in Pictures for Toddlers, Lindvall, pp. 6-9 • Read Aloud Bible Stories Vol. 3, Lindvall, pp. 5-33 • The Rhyme Bible Storybook for Toddlers, Sattgast, pp. 8-17 • The Beginner's Bible for Toddlers, Zonderkidz, pp. 7-17 • Individual laminated, magnet-backed pictures of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Plants, trees, sea creatures, birds, and animals ◦ Sun, moon, & stars ◦ Adam and Eve ◦ People 	<p>Craft #1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation coloring page • Crayons <p>Craft #2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Die-cut cardstock switch plate • Die-cut mini star, tree, fish, boy, girl stickers • Crayons <p>Craft #3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Die-cut man, woman, boy, girl, baby • Craft sticks • Transparent tape • Crayons <p>Craft #4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person outline printed on page • Crayons

*TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE

For clarity, the italicized areas in the Planning Ahead section indicate supplies that are in—and should be returned to—your classroom SHARED SUPPLY bag.

Background Information/Teacher Helps

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“Since the creation of the world, God’s invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that man is without excuse.’ ‘This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven.’ These words from Romans 1:19-20 and Colossians 1:23 clarify that, according to the Bible, every one has the opportunity to know God. His/her response to the evidence in the creation is a key factor. . . . The evidence is awesome in both quantity and quality—especially to our generation.

“More than speaking merely of God’s existence, the creation, according to Romans 1, also reveals essential truths about God’s character, which would include His desire and means to form a relationship with man. As an illustration of the accessibility of that information, the Bible includes an account of an ancient character, Job (Job 7-19), who without the aid of scriptures, and in opposition to the religion of his peers, discerned all the elements of ‘the gospel,’ the good news of how man can find eternal life in God. Here is a review of those elements:

“A Creator must exist. . . .

The Creator must have awesome power and wisdom. . . .

The Creator must be loving. . . .

The Creator must be just and must require justice. . . .

Each of us falls hopelessly short of the Creator’s standard...

Because the Creator is loving, wise, and powerful, He must have made a way to rescue us. . . .

If we trust our lives totally to the Rescuer, we will be saved. . . .

“The creation, thus, reveals all the necessary steps to develop a right relationship with God. . . .”[1]

Children intuitively know that they were created by Someone. Without the baggage of western education, they bear out Romans 1. Pray for the children in your class this week, that they would come to see their Saviour revealed all around them. Ask that He would make His desire for a relationship with each one of them very clear. Praise Him that He chose to plant pictures of Himself in so many ways in His creation.

[1]Hugh Ross, *The Fingerprint of God*, Promise Publishing Company, Orange, California, 1991, pp.180-182.

Prayer

Pray for the children

- With your team before class
- During the week

Pray simple short prayers with the children

Lesson Lg. Group

Instructions: Give children the laminated figures to put up as you talk about them. Use the story bibles to tell the story.

Main Points:

- Before there was anything, God was.
- God created everything – plants, sky, sun, moon, stars, trees, animals
- The most important creation of all was people
- God made you and me!
- We can be friends with God

Activity

Song – God Made Me [1]

(Sing to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell.")

Slap your thighs and clap your hands as you sing it.

God made me, God made me,

God made everything and God made me.

(Go around the room and use each child's name.)

God made Dustin, God made Dustin,

God made everything and God made Dustin.

(After singing the song with each child's name, ask your children to tell you something they do well, and then sing the song again.)

God made me a helper, God made me a helper,

God made everything, and God made me a helper.

[1] http://www.daniellesplace.com/HTML/bible_themes_creation.html

Craft #1

Creation picture

Instructions: Give each child a coloring page and crayons. As the children work, talk about all the things on the page that God made. Help them think about other things not on the picture, e.g., their pets, their siblings, grandma and grandpa, etc.

Craft #2

Switch Plate Cover

Instructions: Give each child a switch plate cover and stickers. Color and place stickers as desired. As the children work, talk about all the things God made. Introduce the word "create".

Craft #3

People Puppets

Instructions: Give each child one or two paper people and crayons. Color the people and attach a craft stick to the back. As the children work, talk about all the parts of the body God made. Have them use their puppets to talk to puppets of other children.

Craft #4

God Made Me

Instructions: Give each child a printed person and crayons. The children can make a self-portrait or portrait of a good friend, parent, etc. As the children work, talk about all the people God made. We are all very different and he loves us all very much!