



Creation Day

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Bible Story: The first day of Creation from Genesis 1:1-5

Learning Objectives: After this lesson, the children will demonstrate:

1. An understanding of the difference of making and creating...by explaining to you in their own words.
2. An understanding God's power...by coming up with a list of things that God can do that we cannot.
3. An understanding of what God created on the first day of creation...by choosing from a list of options.

Teaching: The First Day of Creation

Bible Lesson Introduction

- Give your child(ren) a small amount of play-dough. Have them make anything that they want.
- After a few minutes of play, turn the lights off (if there are a lot of windows in your room, try to cover them up as best as possible before class starts). The room needs to be as dark as possible.
- Ask your child(ren):
 - What would you do if there was no light anywhere on the earth?
 - Where does light come from? (the sun, the moon)
 - Who created the light? (God)

Bible Lesson

Have your child(ren) open their Bibles to Genesis 1:1-5. To help them find it, use the following questions. Answers in italics.

- What is the first book of the Bible? *Genesis*
- Which part of the Bible is Genesis in? *Old Testament*

Read Genesis 1:1-5 aloud to the children.

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light,

that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.”

Discuss the Bible Reading

In the beginning -

In the beginning of what? The beginning of the world.

God -

God was in the beginning of the world.

created -

In the dictionary, create means, “to bring somebody or something into existence”. In the dictionary, make means, “to assemble something from parts”. Many people say that God made the world. No He didn’t!! He **created** the world! That means that God created something with nothing! He didn’t have parts laying around and decided to make the world. No! He didn’t have anything, but He created! Just think how awesome that really is!

the heavens and the earth -

What was there before God created the heavens and the earth? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. How did God create the heavens and the earth? I really don’t have the answer, other than God is God and His power is beyond our comprehension.

The earth without form -

What? The earth didn’t have any shape? So what was it?

and void -

So the earth had no form (shape) and it was void (empty), Wow! That’s really hard to think about, isn’t it? An earth that is empty. I guess it had to start somewhere.

Darkness was over the face of the deep. At that time, the ocean covered the earth.

So the earth had no shape, it was empty, it was dark and the ocean covered the earth. Wow! What a sight! Well, not really a sight, because you can’t see anything since there was only darkness. So, at this point, there is only water in the earth? Strange!

The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Wow! The Spirit of God moved over the waters! What would it be like if God moved or was over us? Would you do some of the things you do, or act the way you do if you saw God moving or staying over you? God is over us. He can see everything we do, even though we can’t physically see Him.

God said, “Let there be light.” And there was light.

God only has to speak things into existence. If I said, "let there be light", nothing would happen. What power God has!

God saw that the light that it was good.

God liked what He saw. God has an opinion of things, whether it's good or bad. Sometimes we think of God as someone completely different from us. Well, He did make us in His image and so we do have some of the same characteristics as God. Put anything that you do in place of "the light" in that sentence. For example, "God saw that the way I treated my sister yesterday was good." Would it be true? Think about what God would think about things, before you do them. Would He think your actions are good?

God divided the light from the darkness.

This is amazing! Separating light from dark! How? Who knows! That just shows the awesome power of God!

God called the light "day." He called the darkness "night."

God gave things names. Later on, He let man name everything. But, before He made man, He named everything.

the evening and the morning were the first day.

It only took God one day to create the heavens, the earth and light? Isn't that just amazing? All of that happened in only one day. This was the first day, ever! God made light on the first day...what would you have made?
