

The Creation

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“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

Objective: Children will be able to know and understand the creation story told in the Bible. They will be able to identify each day of creation and know what was done on that day.

Introduction:

Materials needed:

- Pictures of various animals, insects, plants, oceans, mountains, stars, clouds, people (anything created by God)
- Memory verse written on a large piece of construction paper or a white/chalk board if one is available (“In the beginning God created the heaven and earth.” Genesis 1:1)

1. Begin by showing the pictures to the children and asking them what each is.
 2. Ask them to choose some of their pictures are and why. (the place is beautiful, the animal is strong, the person is happy etc.)
 3. Then ask them how each of these things are alike. As they talk, guide them to the fact that all were created by God. He created all of these things including people.
 4. Ask children how we know God did these things. Explain to them that it tells us of the creation of the world in the Bible. Ask them if they know what book of the Bible has this story. Tell them it is found in the book of Genesis. The very first verse in the Bible tells us how the world came to be. At this time introduce the memory verse: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Genesis 1:1 Explain to them that by the time they’ve finished learning about creation they will be asked to have the verse memorized.
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Memory Verse Activity:

Materials needed:

- Prepare ahead of time small strips of paper with the verse already printed on them, enough for each child to have one.
- Tape and wall or board to place note cards on when completing activity
- Take 3x5 note cards or pieces of paper and print each word of the memory verse on its own card as shown below:

In	the	beginning	God	created	the
heaven	and	earth.	Genesis 1:1		

1. After showing the large paper with the verse printed on it, post it somewhere in the room where the children can see it during the activity.
2. Explain to the children they are going to be doing an activity to help them remember their memory verse. Reread the verse then have all the children read or repeat it again with you.
3. Show them the note cards with the words of the verse written on them. Explain to them that you are going to mix up the cards and then have them put the verse back together again in the right order. They will each get a card and have to tape it to the board/wall in the right order so the verse can be read correctly. Mix up the cards and pass them to the children (face down) until they are all used. Some may get more than one. Tell them not to look at their card until all the cards have been passed out.
4. Have them flip their cards over and read them. Then have the person who thinks they have the first word of the verse come to the wall or board where you are going to post the cards. Remind them they can use the posted verse to help them. When the first child comes up, put a piece of tape on the back of their card, and have him or her stick it to the wall/board.
5. Continue this until all the cards are used and the verse is complete. You can repeat this if the kids want to, this time without the verse posted to help them.
6. The small copies of the memory verse can be given to children when they leave. For an additional activity you can have them glue the strips of paper onto construction paper to create a border and decorate it.

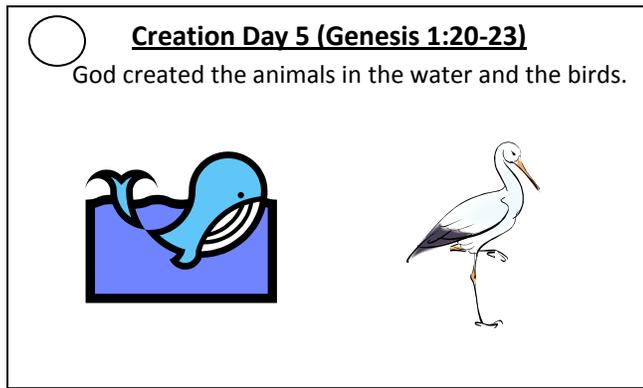
Creation Lesson Craft:

Materials needed:

- 3x5 or 4x6 note cards (enough for each child to have 8)
- Binder rings, 1 per child
- Crayons, markers, colored pencils
- Hole punch (you will punch a hole in the upper right hand corner of each card used before you pass them out to the children)
- Construction paper cut outs or stickers of what took place each day of creation or you can just have the kids draw their own for each day and skip this step

1. After reading through the creation story the children will make cards depicting each day of creation. The first card will be the title: **The Creation** along with the memory verse. Then the children will create a card for each day. They will be labeled with the title: Creation Day 1 etc. along with the scripture reference for where that can be found in the Bible. The children will then draw a picture or use the prepared materials to create a card to help them remember what was created each day. You can stop and complete each card after you learn about that day, or continue until the story is done and complete all of the cards at the end.

Example of completed card:



Creation Lesson:

1. Once again ask the children where they can find the creation story and guide them to tell you it can be found in the Bible which is one of the books God gave us so we would have his word with us to help us live our lives the right way. God answers many questions in the Bible and Book of Mormon we may have about life. One question may be: Where did all the plants and animals come from? The Bible tells us the answer to that question. Ask them if they remember earlier when you told them which book of the Bible tells us about creation. Remind them it is found in Genesis at the very beginning of the Bible.
2. Begin telling them the story of creation by asking a few questions to get them thinking about what they will be learning. How many days did it take God to create the earth? What happened on each day? After talking through their answers begin telling them the story of creation. You may want to read it directly from the Bible and clarify it for younger children as you go. You can also find a copy of a children's Bible and read the story from there, or simply tell it in your own words. Or you can use the story below. If you are using this story, or another without pictures, it helps to have some pictures to go along as you read. There are many sources for free pictures that can be used for Sunday School lessons online (www.akidsheart.com/bible/, www.ebibleteacher.com/children/ , <http://gardenofpraise.com/bibleles.htm>) these are just a few there are many more if you do an online search.

The Creation Story

We live in a wonderful place called Earth. It is filled with animals of every shape and size, beautiful plants to look at and use for food, and awesome sights such as mountains and oceans. God made each and every one of these things just for us. In the beginning, where all things started, God made the heaven and the earth. It took God seven days to finish the job and he did something special on each day.

When God created the earth everything was very dark, and then He said "Let there be light." This made the first morning and evening. He called the light day and the dark night. This was what he did on the first day of creation. The second day he separated the water that was everywhere. He put some of it in the sky, like clouds. The rest he kept on the earth, there was no dry ground only water. The third day he put all the water together into oceans and lakes so the dry land could appear. On the land he made trees, grass, and all the plants we see today.

Even though He had created day and night, God knew we would need special lights to help us see and to know what time of day it was. So on the fourth day He made the sun, the moon, and the stars. The sun is the brightest, so it gives us light during the day. The moon and stars don't give as much light, so they are out at night.

The very next day God began to make some animals. He made all the animals that live in the water like fish and whales. He also made every kind of bird to fly through the air. These things he did on the fifth day.

On the sixth day God made all the animals that live on dry land. He made horses, cows, lizards, bugs and any other creature you can think of! Even though He had made all of this in one day he wasn't done yet. He also made a man. He made Adam the very first person.

Finally God was finished. He had created heaven, earth, and all of the things that are in them. He had made the perfect place for plants, animals, and people to live. He made sure we would have everything we needed to live and take care of ourselves for a long time. After he had created all of these things God did one more very important thing on the seventh day, He rested. He created a special day just to rest from our work. He made this special day of rest holy.

The creation of the world shows how much God loves us. He loves us so much that he created us to live and to be happy. We can see how much He loves us by the world he gave us to live in. God used his mighty power to create all living things and the place we live. What an amazing gift!

Creation Lesson Review Activities:

Paper Bag Questions

1. Prepare several questions about the creation story ahead of time and place them in a paper bag. (ex. Which were created first birds or horses? How many days did it take God to create the earth? What happened on the last day? etc.)
2. Have the children take turns choosing a question from the bag. Read the question aloud. If the child gets the answer correct they keep the paper. If not it goes back in the bag. Continue until all questions are answered.

Creation Memory

1. Prepare ahead of time cards with Creation Day 1 through Day 7. Then create a matching card with what was done on that day written on it. (Be sure the kids won't be able to see through them when they are lying face down on a table.)
2. Mix up the cards and lay them face down on the table. Have kids take turns choosing a card and trying to find its match. If they find the match they get to keep the pair. Continue playing until all matches are found.