

## Creation

**BIBLE PASSAGE**

Genesis 1; 2:7,15-17,22-24;  
3:6,20-21,23

**CHRIST FOCUS**

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from Jesus.

**LIFE VERSE**

*God cares for  
you.*

— 1 PETER 5:7

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**LEADER BIBLE STUDY**

This week focuses on a review of God's creation of the world and what happened afterward. Read Genesis 1:1-25. Note that God spoke His creation into existence. All He had to do was speak the word, and everything came into being. On the fourth day God blessed His creation. What was His blessing?

Read Genesis 1:26-31. According to verse 27, God made people in His image, according to His likeness. You are made in God's image. How does this impact you?

Read Genesis 2:7,22-24. God used His very breath to create a living being. The man received his life from the Creator Himself. The creation of man and woman is distinctly different from the creation of anything else. God was intimately involved in forming man and woman.

Read Genesis 2:15-17; 3:6,20-21,23. God made people with free will, the ability to choose for themselves what they would do. God told Adam what to eat and what to avoid. He made clear the consequences for disobedience. However, Adam and Eve made a conscious choice to disobey.

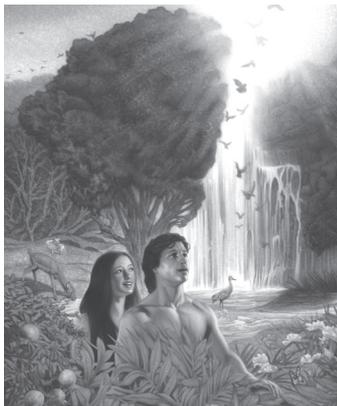
Even though Adam and Eve chose to disobey, God still loved them and cared for them. He provided garments for them. He still desired a relationship with them. His love showed through the banishment from the garden. They could not eat of the tree of life and live forever with the shame and knowledge of their disobedience.

God's grace is evident throughout the first three chapters of Genesis. God's power is obvious in all of creation. God's love for His creation is reflected in His concern for its continued nurture and growth. Thank God for His grace and love.

# BIBLE STORY

Decide when you plan to have group time;  
then select learning activities to use  
before and/or after group time.

**CHOOSE**  
Your Own  
**SCHEDULE**



## GOD CREATED THE WORLD

—Based on Genesis 1; 2:7,15-17,22-24; 3:6,20-21,23

In the beginning, there was only God. God chose to create the world. The earth was dark and empty. Water covered it. No plants or trees grew on the earth. No animals or birds or fish lived on the earth. No people were on the earth.

God spoke the whole world into creation. In six days He created the whole world. God made the sky and the land. God made many kinds of plants to grow. Each plant had its own kind of seed so it could continue to grow. God made the sun, moon, and stars to shine in the sky. God made all the fish and birds. He created every kind of animal to live on land. Then God made His most important creation. God made people. God looked at all He made and said it was very good. Then God rested.

God planted a garden where the man could live. The man was named Adam. God brought every creature to Adam, and Adam named every creature that God had created. Then God made a woman. The woman was named Eve. Adam and Eve took care of the garden.

God told Adam and Eve to eat from any tree in the garden except the one in the center of the garden. God made Adam and Eve able to choose. Eve chose to disobey God. Then Adam chose to disobey God. They had to leave the garden. But God still loved Adam and Eve. God made them clothes out of skins. He showed them where they should live.

## GROUP TIME

- ▶ **Say the Life Verse.** Open your Bible and read 1 Peter 5:7. Repeat the verse with the children several times. Distribute the cards with the words. Say the verse again, one word at a time. Lead the children to place the cards in the correct order. Say the verse again as you remove one card at a time.
- ▶ **Tell the Bible story.** Open your Bible to Genesis 1 and tell the Bible story in your own words.
- ▶ **Review the Bible story.** Show the Teaching Picture. Invite each child to point to and name something in the picture that God made.
- ▶ **Sing together.** Sing “I will Trust in You” (track 5). Explain that God made the world because He loves people.
- ▶ **Talk about the Life Point and pray.** Encourage the children to name something in God’s creation that they enjoy. Help them know the difference in what God made and what people make. Pray and thank God for His world. Ask God to help us be thankful for everything He gives us.

### Notes

- ▶ Pack Item 14: “Bible Markers”
- ▶ CD: “Teaching Picture”
- ▶ Index cards, marker
- ▶ Print the Life Verse onto index cards, one word per card. If you have a large group, make more than one set.

### LIFE VERSE

*God cares for you.*

**1 Peter 5:7**

# LEARNING ACTIVITIES



▶ CD: Kids Activity Page

▶ Wooden blocks, plastic or wooden people figures, dollhouse furniture, crayons

▶ CD: "Allergy Alert"

▶ Basket, tablecloth, napkins, plates, plastic knives, cups, water, apples, bananas, paper towels

▶ Post the allergy alert.

▶ CD: "Teaching Picture," "Bible Markers"

▶ Construction paper, two 30-inch dowels, string, magnets, scissors, marker, paper clips, small tackle box with rubber worms (optional)

▶ Washable ink pads, baby wipes, paper, magnifying glass

## PLAY WITH PEOPLE FIGURES

▶ **Christ Focus:** Nothing was created apart from Jesus.

▶ **Bible Focus:** God made people.

- Place a variety of people figures with the blocks and furniture. Encourage the children to build a house for the people.
- Talk about the Bible story. Comment that God made people and He loves them. God created the world for people to enjoy.
- Offer a crayon to a child to complete the Kids Activity Page. Thank God for His creation. (*Blocks*)

## PREPARE A PICNIC

▶ **Christ Focus:** Nothing was created apart from Jesus.

▶ **Bible Focus:** God made plants for food.

- Instruct the children to wash their hands. Encourage them to help place the items into the basket. If convenient, go outside for the picnic. If not, picnic in your room.
- Invite the children to sit on the tablecloth, unpack the basket, and help prepare the snack. Tell the Bible story as they enjoy the snack. Comment that God made some plants to give food, like apple and banana trees.
- Pray, thanking God for all the things He created. (*Dramatic Play*)

## GO FISHING

▶ **Christ Focus:** Nothing was created apart from Jesus.

▶ **Bible Focus:** God made fish, birds, and land animals.

- Cut simple fish shapes out of construction paper. Print the words of the Life Verse onto fish shapes, one word per shape. Leave other fish blank. Attach a paper clip to the mouth of each fish. Print the Life Verse onto a strip of paper.
- Tie string to the end of a dowel; then attach a magnet to the end of the string. Scatter the fish shapes in a pile on the floor.
- As the children fish, show the Teaching Picture and talk about the Bible story. When a child "catches" a word, lead him to match it to the same word from the Life Verse. Say the Life Verse when all the words are found. (*Puzzles and Games*)

## MAKE FINGERPRINTS

▶ **Christ Focus:** Nothing was created apart from Jesus.

▶ **Bible Focus:** God made people special.

- Encourage the kids to make several fingerprints on paper using different fingers.

- Offer the magnifying glass to compare fingerprints. Explain that God made each person special and different and their fingerprints are like no one else's.
- Pray, thanking God for making each person. *(Nature and Science)*



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**DRAW CHALK PICTURES**

- ▶ **Christ Focus:** Nothing was created apart from Jesus.
- ▶ **Bible Focus:** God made the sun, moon, and stars.
  - Guide the children to choose black paper and white chalk to make a nighttime picture or blue paper and yellow chalk to make a daytime picture. Show how to dip the chalk into the water before drawing on the paper.
  - Talk about the Bible story. Ask the children what God made to shine in the day and what He made to shine in the night.
  - Help the children print the appropriate word on their pictures. *(Art)*

- ▶ Black and light blue construction paper, white and yellow chalk, star stickers, index cards, marker, small bowl of water

- ▶ Print the words *day* and *night* on separate index cards.

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**BONUS ACTIVITIES**

**PLAY "WHAT'S MY CHOICE"**

On separate pieces of paper print the words *Right Choice* and *Wrong Choice*. Tape them to opposite walls of the room. Think of some right and wrong choices that children make. Say aloud the choice and prompt the children to move to the correct sign. Comment that Adam and Eve made a wrong choice but God still loved them.

**USE PLAY DOUGH**

Provide play dough, rolling pins, and cookie cutters (animals, stars, people) for the children to use. Talk about the things God made as they play.

**CLEAN UP**

Give each child a specific job to help clean up. Thank each one for helping.

**LIFE VERSE**  
**God cares for you.**  
**1 Peter 5:7**

**EXTRA SESSION**

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Your teaching partner(s)  
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\_\_\_\_\_*Thank you for serving!*

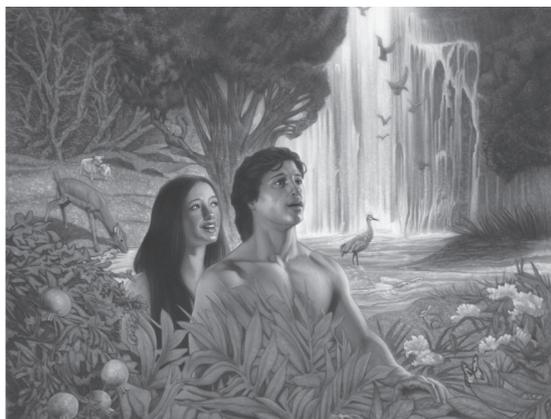
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*Creation**Genesis 1; 2:7,15-17,22-24; 3:6,20-21,23***LIFE POINT**

God shows His love for us through creation.

**CHRIST FOCUS**

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**LIFE VERSE**God cares for you. *1 Peter 5:7***BIBLE FUN ACTIVITIES**

days. Direct the kids to listen to find out when He created everything and what His most special creation was. Open your Bible to Genesis 1 as you tell the Bible story.

- In the beginning, there was only God. In six days God created the whole world.
- He made the sky and land and many kinds of plants to grow. God made the sun, moon, and stars to shine in the sky. God made all the fish and birds and animals that live on land. Then God made His most important creation—man.
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**SNACK**

Talk with the children about favorite activities at home or at church.

**MOVE TO GROUP TIME**

Tell the children that God made them and gave them certain hair and eye colors. Lead the children with brown hair to move to group time. Continue, naming other hair or eye colors.

**TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE STORY**

Comment that God made the whole world in six

## SING TOGETHER

To the tune "Row, Row, Row Your Boat," sing:

"Sun, moon, stars, and earth,

God made everything.

Think about the \*land and plants.

God made every one."

*Substitute: birds that fly, fish that swim, cats and dogs, or any combination the children suggest.*

## SAY THE LIFE VERSE

Open the Bible and read aloud 1 Peter 5:7. Say aloud the verse with the children several times. Ask a child to name something God made that he likes. After he responds, lead the children in saying the verse.

## PRAY

Invite volunteers to pray, but do not force anyone to do so. Pray and thank God for the wonderful world He created and for making us special and able to make choices.

## BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

As children play in activities, emphasize that God made the world because He loves us.

**A. Hike and hunt for colors.** Pair up the kids and take a walk outside. Assign each pair of children a color. Challenge the children to find something God made that matches the assigned color. If you are unable to walk outside, provide magazines with nature pictures for the children to cut out and glue on paper.

**B. Trace shoe prints.** Offer paper, crayons or markers, and scissors. As a child traces his shoe prints on the paper, talk about how God made people and loves them. Encourage the child to cut out the outline. Assist as needed.

**C. Make stick puzzles.** Lay 6–8 craft sticks side by side and tape them together across the top and bottom. Turn the sticks over so the tape is on the back. Encourage a child to draw something God made. Suggest the sun, moon, animal, tree, flower, or person. Remind the child to make sure every stick contains part of the picture. Remove the tape and mix the sticks so a child can work his puzzle.

**D. Build with blocks.** As the children play with the blocks, talk about the Bible story. Remind the children that God made people able to make choices. Ask what would be a right choice while playing with the blocks. Encourage the children to continue working together.

## CLEAN UP

Remind the children a few minutes early that it is almost time to clean the room. Assign a specific job to each child, such as collecting craft sticks or putting away blocks.

## PLAY A PICTURE GAME

On a marker board, chalkboard, or paper, draw pictures of things God created. The children will guess what each picture represents. If needed, provide verbal clues to help them discover the correct answer.

## DISMISS

Greet parents as they arrive. Help each child collect his artwork, Activity Page, and other belongings before he leaves.

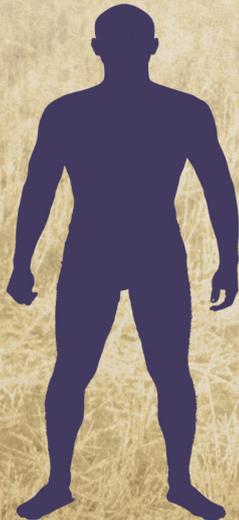
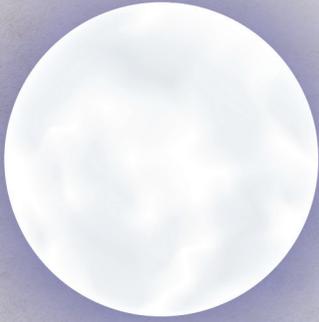
# When Was That Made?

## LIFE VERSE

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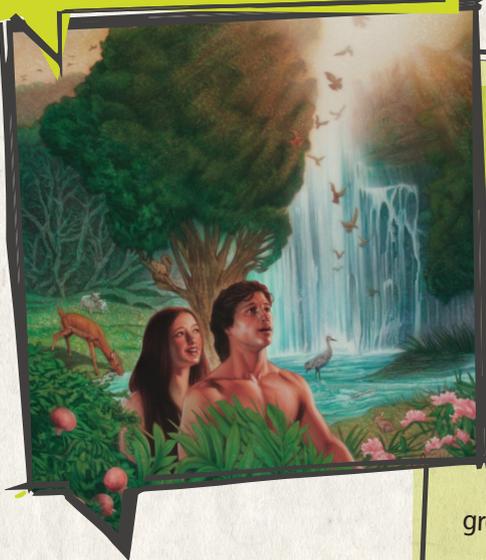
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Draw a line between the two things God made on the same day.



**THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE:** Do I have any responsibility toward the earth around me? One group borders on nature worship, calling us to avoid doing anything that upsets or changes nature as it is now. Another group sees humans at the top of the food chain and has no problem with exploiting natural resources for their own benefit. God intended the earth to be used and cared for. Scripture gives us principles to guide us in how we use the earth.

### PRESCHOOL



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**LIVE IT OUT:** Enjoy an outdoor picnic while exploring God's creation. Thank God for everything He made.

**BIBLE AND ME:** Read these verses each day with your kids.

Sunday: Psalm 104:24

Monday: Psalm 104:33

Tuesday: Psalm 91:2

Wednesday: 2 Peter 3:18

Thursday: 2 Timothy 2:2

Friday: Numbers 14:9

Saturday: Matthew 19:26

### TAKE IT FURTHER:

Check out the *Praise God* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.





**GOD CREATED THE WORLD**

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