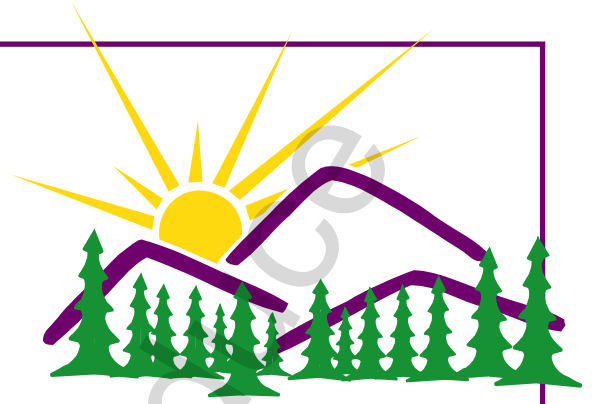


God Creates the World

Theme: Faith — Recognizing God as Creator



Sunday Morning Lesson

Pre-Class Activity: Write a personal note to each student about what will be studied and what you expect, expressed in an enthusiastic and loving way. Briefly discuss the note when class begins. You may also have a Days of Creation matching activity on a worksheet or with cards at the students' table or desks.

Bible Facts: Brush Up On Bible Facts (See page 8 of this Guide)

Memory Verse: Introduce the new Memory Verse. Have Memory Verse strips in the pocket chart. Read it aloud together. Ask "Who, What, When, and Why?" about the Memory Verse.


Prayer

Lesson of the Day

This lesson plan is unusual in that part of the lesson is covered on Sunday morning and the remainder on Wednesday night. Typically, the entire lesson is covered on Sunday morning and then illustrated and applied on Wednesday night.

Ideas for Telling the Story

1. In the classroom Bibles, have students find and mark Genesis 1:1. Take Bibles, and move to the Floor Map Bible Story Center for the story.
2. Use a pointer to point out on time line "The Beginning." Discuss that this is the beginning of everything and that this is also the beginning of the process "Jesus is coming — Jesus is here — Jesus is coming again."
3. Talk about the meaning of "Genesis" as "beginnings." Have students open their Bibles. Read Genesis 1:1 together. The teacher reads all of Genesis 1 with animation and enthusiasm. Let the students sense in your voice and facial expressions God's mighty power and wisdom.
4. Using the Lesson Graphics depicting the days of creation from the *All Things Made New Gift Box*, tell the story again of what God did in the beginning. Show the graphics to illustrate and reinforce what God did on each day of creation.
5. Make a banner featuring "... God saw that it was good." As you tell the story of creation, have students raise their *pinkie fingers* each time they hear this phrase and raise their *hands* when they hear it change to "very good."

6.  Make a ring bound flip book featuring the days of creation. Graphics for the days of creation are included on pages 65-69 of the Guide. Cut out each graphic and each number separately, mount the graphics and numbers to poster board pieces, laminate and trim. Punch holes along the top edge and bind the pages with ring clips to make a flip book, as shown in the photo below. Review the days of creation. Let students tell them back to you. As a class, discuss why each day of creation was “good.”



**Things to Get or Do
for Sunday Morning**

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