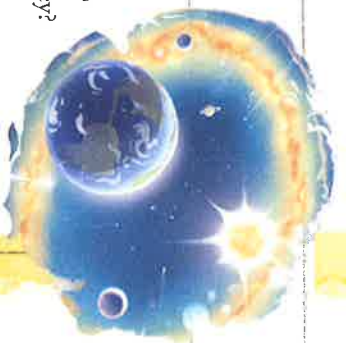


# Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

- FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS**
- Describe what part of the creation story is surprising to you.
  - Why did God create everything?
  - Talk about a time you saw goodness in creation. How did you react or respond?

## God Created the World

Genesis 1

**STORY POINT: GOD CREATED EVERYTHING, AND EVERYTHING HE CREATED WAS GOOD.**

In the beginning, nothing existed except for God. God created the heavens and the earth. God spoke: "Let there be light!" What God said happened. God saw that the light was good. Evening came, and then morning came. That was the first day.

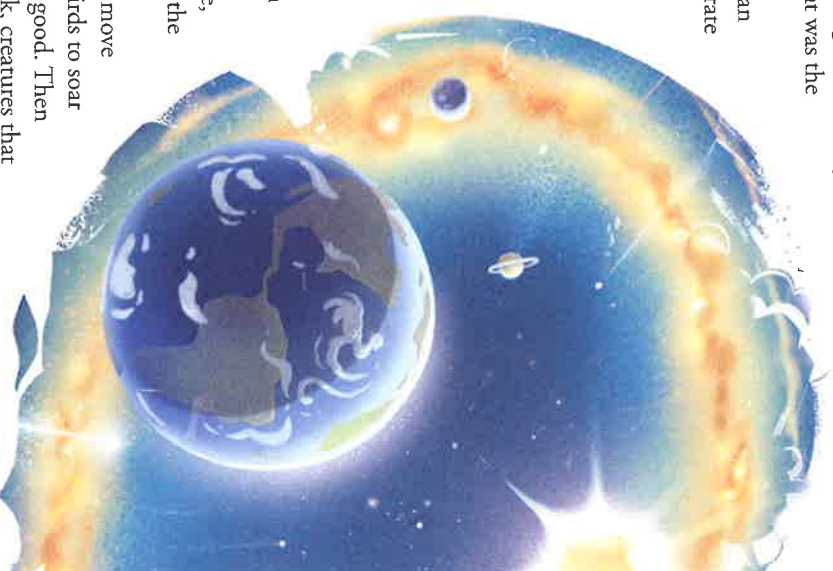
God spoke again: "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate them." What God said happened.

God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear." What God said happened. God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth make plants and trees with fruits and seeds." What God said happened, and God saw that it was good.

Next, God placed lights in the sky. God created the sun to shine during the day and the moon and stars to shine at night. God saw that it was good. Evening came, and then morning came. That was the fourth day.

Next, God made creatures that move and swim in the water. He made birds to soar across the sky. God saw that it was good. Then God made more animals—livestock, creatures that crawl, and wildlife—to live on the earth. When God said it, it happened. And God saw that all of it was good.

*Christ Connection: Jesus is Lord over all of creation. The Son has always existed. The Bible says everything was created by Him and for Him, and He holds everything together. All of creation exists to bring God glory.*



# God's Creation

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Circle the creation or creature that is different from the others in each row.



*Preschool Activity Pages*  
**Unit 1 • Session 1**  
**God Created the World**

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- In the beginning, there was nothing but God.
- God made the world out of nothing.
- God created everything, and it was good.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Colossians 1:16b

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Can we create something out of nothing like God?
- What do you think it means that everything was created for Jesus?
- Ask each family member to share their favorite thing God created.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

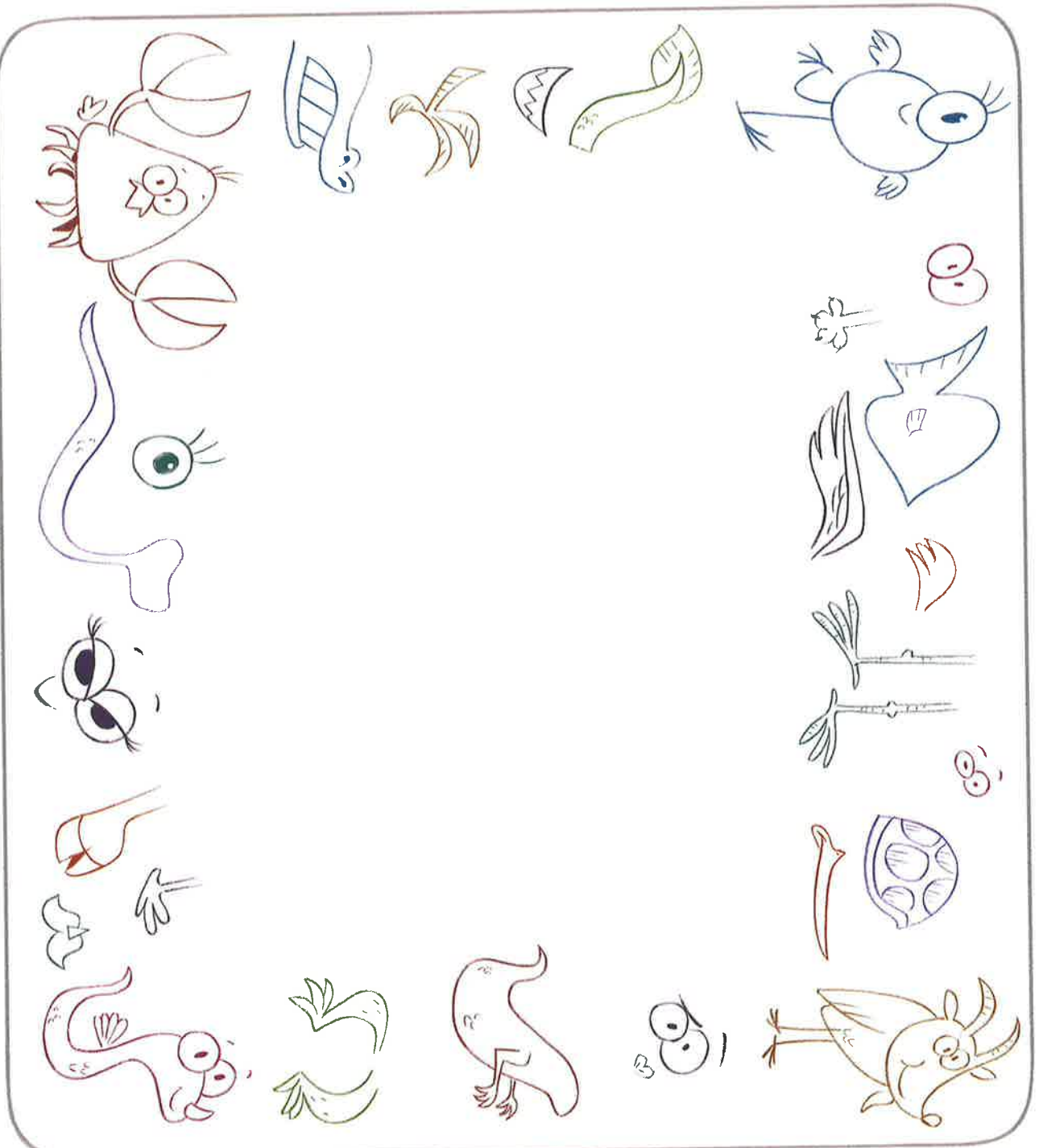
- Take a nature hike as a family and enjoy God's creation.
- Care for God's creation as a family and pick up trash on your street. Be sure to wear gloves.



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# Creature Factory

INSTRUCTIONS: Mix and match the different creature parts to make your own creature.



Younger Kids Activity Pages

Unit 1 • Session 1

God Created the World

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- God has always existed.
- God created the universe in six days.
- God created things we can see and things we cannot see.
- God created everything, and everything He created was good.

**KEY PASSAGE:**

Colossians 1:16b-17

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Why is it important that God created everything?
- Who decides if something is good?
- If God created everything good, why do bad things happen?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- As a family, use paints, clay, paper mache, or other craft supplies to make different kinds of art. Talk to your kids about the difference between our ability to make things using materials we find around us and God's ability to create things from nothing.



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# GOD CREATED THE WORLD

## Genesis 1

**Key Verse:** "All things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."  
Colossians 1:16b - 17

## BIBLE & SCIENCE

### SPREAD THE NEWS

*Supplies: ruler, newspaper, table*

**We live in a vast "sea" of air that exerts pressure around us and on our bodies all the time. Can you feel it? Neither can I. Scientists have measured their pressure and found that our bodies can tolerate approximately 15 pounds of pressure for every square inch. Yet we don't feel it. God made our bodies so wonderfully that they adjust to the constant pressure naturally.**

Place a ruler on a table so that a part of one end hangs over the edge of the table. Cover the remaining part with a single sheet of newspaper (must be newspaper).

Point to the newspaper and ruler. **Talking about pressure, what do you think will happen to the newspaper if I put a great deal of pressure on the ruler's end? In other words, what if I went ahead and smacked the ruler's end with my fist?** Pause as kids respond. Then proceed with the experiment. Bring your fist sharply down on the free end of the ruler. Amazingly, the ruler will resist the blow of your fist. In fact, your strike may indeed snap the ruler without ever tearing or lifting the newspaper.

*How did the results of this experiment compare with what you thought would happen? Name some other amazing things about the world God made. When you see the amazing way God created the world, what do you feel like saying to God? **Is it any wonder that God made an amazing world? And that includes you and me! You're amazing! I'm amazing! This same God who created the universe cares about our bodies and minds and souls.***

**"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom." Psalm 145:3**

## CREATION LUNCH

What better way to learn what God created each day than to eat food! Then of course on the 7th day God rested, so after eating your creation meal, take a good nap. Here are some ideas of what you can eat to represent each day!

**DAY ONE:** *Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Then He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day" and the darkness "night".* Chocolate/Vanilla Ice Cream OR Oreo Cookies!

**DAY TWO:** *Then God said, "Let there be a space between the waters to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth." God called the space "sky".* Drink blue gatorade or some other blue drink to be the waters that separated.

**DAY THREE:** *Then God said, "Let the land sprout with vegetation - ever sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit."* Eat a fruit salad to represent the fruit-bearing seeds!

**DAY FOUR:** *God made two great lights - the large one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night.* Eat Campbells Chicken & Stars soup or some other food that comes in the shape of a moon, stars, or the sun.

**DAY FIVE:** *Then God said, "Let the water swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind."* Goldfish could be the perfect addition to your star soup. You could also try Swedish fish, fish sticks, or marshmallow Peeps (to represent birds).

**DAY SIX:** *Then God said "Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind - livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals."* Eat some animal crackers!

## CREATION BRACELET

Wrap a piece of masking tape around your child's wrist, sticky side out. Take your family outside on a nature walk. Invite the kids to stick nature items on their masking tape to create a creation bracelet. Talk about the different things in nature that God created. Encourage them to enjoy the things God made as they are outside.

*All these things you put on your bracelet are things that God made. God created everything, and it was good. The Bible says everything was created by Jesus and for Jesus. So these things on your bracelet also show how amazing Jesus is! Jesus is Lord over everything.*

## INSTANT RECIPE

Give each person a paper and a pencil. Explain that you are going to name a dish from a cookbook. Participants list all the ingredients they think they will need to make it. Give a minute or so to write. Invite them to share their list, then compare it to the actual list. Who got the most right? What were you missing?

*All of these recipes require ingredients to make the dish. When God created the world, how do you think He did it? God didn't mix together a bunch of ingredients; He created everything out of nothing. Have you ever wondered WHY God created everything? What did you learn today in the Bible lesson?*

## CLAY CREATIONS

Label index cards with names of created things: sun, moon, star, palm tree, bird, fish, camel, etc. Prepare at least one index card per family member. Mix up the cards and distribute them. Give each family member a lump of clay or playdough to shape the item on the card. Allow them time to work. Then invite them to take turns displaying their creation. Have everyone else guess what the item is.

*Good job guessing those creations! Was it easy or hard to make those things yourselves? Imagine creating everything out of nothing! Today we heard about how God did just that!*

# DOWNTOWN ZOO QUESTIONS

*After watching our video and reading the provided Bible passage go through these questions as a family. These are great questions to discuss as a family. Don't just have your child answer, answer them together and discuss the lesson.*

1. What was there in the beginning?
2. Did God use anything to make the world?
3. What did God call the light? The darkness? What did God put in the sky for daytime? For nighttime?
4. What did God say when He saw everything He made?
5. What is your favorite thing that God has created?

## UPTOWN KIDS QUESTIONS (LIGHTHOUSE & THRIVE)

1. What did God create on each of the first 5 days of Creation?
2. How do you think God created everything? Why do you think He created things?
3. God said that everything He created was good. What does that tell us about God? How do we know when something is good?
4. What is your favorite thing that God has created? How do you feel about God when you think about wonderful things He made?
5. When God spoke, things happened. What does that tell you about His power?
6. How can you use God's creation to share the Good News with other people?