

FOUR
AUGUST 2023

3-5 YEAR OLDS

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT 25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

BIBLE STORY

On days six and seven, God made animals and people, then He rested.

LAND ANIMALS AND PEOPLE
GENESIS 1:24–2:3

MEMORY VERSE

"God saw everything he had made. And it was very good."

GENESIS 1:31, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who made everything?

BOTTOM LINE

God made everything.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.



5. FOLDED EARTH

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Folded Earth" Activity Page; cardstock; creation stamps; washable ink pads; blue and green dot markers; scissors; baby wipes; and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Folded Earth" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Fold each child's paper. Start at the second fold line by folding the paper on itself then fold the paper up at the first fold. At the third line, fold the paper onto itself, then fold the paper down at the designated fold line. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to color their world. Unfold the world and add creation stamps on the blank area. Fold back in place.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit at the table with me. Let's make a picture of the world, and we can add things that God created."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We know that God made the whole wide world. Look at your paper. It's a picture of the world! Color your world blue and green. (*Pause.*) Great job! Now unfold your world. There is a heart. That heart is you. God made you! In the space around the heart, use the stamps to add different things God made. (*Pause.*) Great job! Fold your paper back to make the world."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "We've learned that God made the whole wide world and EVERYTHING in it! On day one, God made light and dark. On day two, God made the sky above water! Day three, God made the land, plants, and seas. Day four, God made the sun, moon, and stars. On day five, God made the sea animals and the birds. The earth was full of so many beautiful, wonderful things! God saw everything He had made, and it was good. But God wasn't finished!

"God made even more! On day six, God made so many different and wonderful animals to live on the land. Then God made His very most important thing in all of creation. God made people. God made the very first man. His name was Adam. God made the very first woman. Her name was Eve. People are the most special thing God made because God made people to know Him! On day six, the whole world was complete! God looked at all He had made, and this time God said it was VERY good! God made the whole world. Then on day seven, God rested from all His work! God is so creative and powerful. God made EVERYTHING! Who made everything? God made everything."



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an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in Bible, journal, fun-shaped pen, and reward stickers or handstamp

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"Now I need everyone to sit down. Anyone who wants to try to say that verse all by themself can give it a try. I have my [stickers/handstamp] ready! (Give each child the opportunity to try to say the Bible verse.) Everyone, clap for [child's name]! Here is your [sticker/handstamp]! (Repeat with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.)

"Okay everyone, when I count to three, I want you to stand up and show me your [sticker/handstamp]. One, two, three! (*Pause*.) Yay! (*Clap*.) Now let's sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open the journal and hold the pen*.)

"God made everything. And out of everything God made, God loves people the most. That's why I'll write all of our names in our prayer journal today because (point to each child) God made you and you and you . . . and God made me! And God loves us very much! (Remember to print as you write in the journal so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"Look at our names! (Hold up the journal.) Let's pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

"Dear God, it's amazing to think that You made the whole world and everything in it. Only You can do that! And because You made everything, we know that You made (name each child) . . . and You made me, too! Thank You for making us and loving us. You are the best, God! In Jesus' name, amen."

