

GOD CREATED THE WORLD

GENESIS 1-2



CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus is King over everything.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: God made our wonderful world. Psalm 104:24

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- God made everything.
- Everything God made is good.
- God loves and cares for His creation.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS: In the beginning, God made the world. He said, “Let there be light,” and there was light! He called the light “day” and the darkness “night.” God spoke and made the sky. He made the land, the trees, and the plants. God made the sun, moon, and stars. God made fish to swim in the water and birds to fly in the sky. God made all the animals that live on land, from the biggest elephant to the smallest bug. God saw that everything He made was good. Finally, God made people. He made a man named Adam and a woman named Eve. They lived in a beautiful garden. God loved them and took care of them.



LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide **handheld Bibles** for babies to handle. Open a Bible to Genesis 1. Show the **Bible story picture** as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the **key passage phrase card**. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A SONG

Sing to the tune of “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”:

“God made our wonderful world.
God made our wonderful world.
He made the heavens and the earth.
He made it all so wonderful.
God made our wonderful world.
God made our wonderful world.”

SAY “ Our key passage phrase says, ‘God made our wonderful world.’ Everything God made is good. God loves and cares for His creation. God is wonderful! ”

2 COUNT AND MOVE TO SIX AND REST

Sit babies in leaders’ laps or in **horseshoe-shaped pillows**. Lead the babies in doing specific movements six times, and then resting. Movements can include clapping, raising arms, touching your nose, touching your head, kicking your feet, and so forth. Do each movement while counting to six. Then stop and pretend to rest. Review the gospel gems as babies play.

SAY “ God made everything. He made everything in six days. Everything God made is good! Jesus is King over everything! ”

3 TAKE A CREATION WALK

Secure babies in **strollers** and go on a walk. Weather permitting, take babies outside and show them what God made on each day of creation. If preferred, take babies on a walk inside and look out windows to point out examples of God’s creation from each day. Consult your church’s safety procedures and guidelines before taking any child outside of the room.

SAY “ God made everything in our wonderful world! He made all things good! We can praise God because God loves and cares for His creation. ”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to Genesis 1. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it. Pray for the toddlers.

2 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE OF "A TISKET, A TASKET"

Sing to the tune of "A Tisket, A Tasket":

"God made it, God made it,
The whole world He created.
He made the heavens and the earth.
God made our wonderful world."

SAY "Who made you? Who made me? That's right, God did! God made everything. God made all things good."

3 MAKE A STARRY NIGHT

Cut out stars from construction paper and invite the toddlers to color and decorate them with crayons or markers. Tape the stars to various lengths of precut strings (one per star) and attach them under the table (or ceiling). Have the children lay on the floor, looking up at the table (or ceiling) like it is a starry night. Review the Bible story as toddlers gaze at their stars.

SAY "Who made the sun, moon, and stars? Yes, God! God made the stars beautiful. We can look at the sky at night and see the stars. God made all things good."

4 SHOW SOURCES OF LIGHT

Provide different sources of light (flashlights, tap lights, light-up toys or wands, glow sticks, string lights, Christmas lights, etc.) for the toddlers to observe and explore. Retell the story as toddlers play. If desired, dim the lights to allow toddlers to see how lights shine brighter in the dark. Monitor closely to ensure no child shines a light in another child's eyes.

SAY "God said, 'Let there be ...' What? Yes, light! God said it, and there was light! He called the light 'day' and the darkness 'night.' God is so wonderful! God created everything, even light!"

5 SPOT CREATION

Display the Bible story picture. Retell the Bible story, allowing toddlers to point to the items in the picture as they listen to the story. Be prepared to assist if some items are more difficult to spot in the picture. If you can't find a certain type of animal or creation (i.e., sea creatures), ask the children where they could go to find them.

SAY "Can you spot a tree? God made the trees and everything we see. God made all things good. God loves and cares for His creation."

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: CREATE WONDERFUL ART

Lay butcher paper or a long sheet of paper on the floor. Use a marker to write WONDERFUL across the paper. Provide decorating supplies (pom-poms, chenille stems, stickers, etc.) for children to glue onto the paper. Instruct toddlers to make a wonderful creation as you review the Bible story.

SAY “ God made our wonderful world. God is wonderful, and He made all things good. God loves and takes care of His wonderful creation. ”

2 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing to the tune of “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”:

“God made our wonderful world.
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3 LISTEN AND CREATE

Provide copy paper and crayons or markers for the toddlers to use. Instruct toddlers to draw trees, stars, plants, and any other item of creation that they recall from the Bible story. Retell the Bible story as the toddlers draw. Provide suggestions as needed. Allow toddlers to trace their hands on their papers. Explain that God made everything—and that includes people!

SAY “ What is your favorite part of creation? [Allow responses.] That is amazing! We enjoy His creation every day because God made everything. ”

4 LOOK UP AT STARS

Tape star-shaped cutouts from different colored papers to the ceiling. Retell the Bible story as toddlers look up at the stars. Challenge the toddlers to count the stars. If desired, dim the lights to see if toddlers can still see the stars. Be sensitive to any child who may be afraid of the dark.

SAY “ Who made the stars? Yes, God did! God made our wonderful world and that includes the sun, moon, and all the stars. God made everything good. ”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church’s security procedures. Give parents today’s big picture card to reinforce today’s Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.