

# Old Testament

## God created the world      Genesis 1

### Younger Verse

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ Jesus.  
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### Older Verse

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Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God’s ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

### Welcome Time

As you are knocking on doors, point out parts of nature and comment on how beautiful God’s world is. Share that we will talk about how it all began today.

### Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

As you teach the story, have the kids repeat what happened on each day before you say what happened on the new one. This reinforces what they are learning.

Turn to the very first book in the Bible. It is called Genesis. The word Genesis means beginning. Today we are going to see what happened in the beginning of the world.

In the beginning, on **day one**, God created the heavens up above and the earth. The earth was empty, so God made light (called day) and dark (called night). That was on the first day.

On the **second day**, God made the sky.

On **day three**, God created the land (or earth). He also made the seas and oceans. Then He said, “Let the earth grow plants, and trees, and fruit.” God looked at the world and knew that it was good.

Next **day (four)**, God made two large lights in the sky. One during the day (Can you guess what it is?) The Sun! And He made one large light at night (the moon!). God also made stars to shine in the night sky. God looked at His creation on the fourth day and knew it was good.

On the **fifth day**, God designed birds to fly above the earth. He also made sea creatures to swim in the sea. God saw what He made and He knew it was good.

On **day six**, What do you think God made? (See if they can guess) God made the

### Lesson Goals

Name what God created on each day  
Understand that God loves us and created us just like we are  
See that Jesus cares for us too

animals. Name some animals that God created.

God also made man and woman on the sixth day. He looked at everything that He had done and He smiled—He knew it was good.

On **day number seven**, God rested. He looked at the earth and was proud of it. He had made a beautiful world.

In the New Testament John 1:1-2, the Bible says that Jesus was with God in the very beginning. He was right there helping make the world. Wow! Isn't it awesome to think that Jesus was there. Then when the time was right, He came to this world to live with us. He even died for us so that we can go to Heaven if we believe in Him. Can you believe that Jesus loves you **THAT** much! He does and wants to be your best friend too. Will you believe in Jesus and trust Him today?!

#### Learning Activities

Teachers—there is an exciting way to present this lesson using ice cream or cool whip. See the “Creation Concoction” sheet. It’s guaranteed to help your kids remember the story and have tons of fun too.

Also, be prepared to answer questions about where God came from. Help them understand that part of believing God is trusting Him and just believing what He said—that He was in the beginning. Be ready for evolution questions too. Public schools leave God out of creation. Please explain that the Bible is true and tells us that **God** created all things!

#### Memory Verse Activities

Circle up and show the children the verse. As a ball or bean bag (or wad of paper) is thrown to a person, they must say the next word of the verse until it is complete (with the reference too).

#### Prayer Time

Pray for the new year and how we can do things to show that we believe in Jesus.

#### Snack Time/CleanUp

Make the “Creation Concoction” if you have time (there are varieties of snacks in the Mission that you can use). (see last page for details)

Planning for Lesson 2  
Adam and Eve  
Genesis 2-3

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Preschool Lesson  
For  
God created the World

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In the beginning on **day one**, God created the heavens up above and the earth. The earth was empty, so God made light (called day) and dark (called night). That was on the first day. (Hold up 1 finger)

On the **second day**, God made the sky. (point to the sky)

On **day three**, God created the land (or earth). He also made the seas and oceans. Then He said, "Let the earth grow plants, and trees, and fruit." God looked at the world and knew that it was good. (act like a plant grow, grow, growing up)

Next on **day four**, God made 2 large lights in the sky. One during the day (Can you guess what it is?) The Sun! And He made one large light at night (the moon!). God also made stars to shine in the night sky. God looked at His creation on the fourth day and knew it was good. (squint for the sun, flick your fingers to resemble the stars)

On the **fifth day**, God designed birds to fly above the earth. He also made sea creatures to swim in the sea. God saw what He made and He knew it was good. (wave hands like a bird and move your mouth like a fish)

On **day six**, What do you think God made? (See if they can guess) God made the animals. Name some animals that God created. (make animal noises)

God also made man and woman on the sixth day. He looked at everything that He had done and He smiled—He knew it was good. (SMILE big)

On **day number seven**, God rested. He looked at the earth and was proud of it. He had made a beautiful world. (Hold up 7 fingers)

Make up a little song to a familiar tune. The words may be similar to "God made you and me, God made you and me, God made you and me, in the very beginning."

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Hands-On Activities  
For  
God Created the World

Make the yummy “Creation Concoction.”

Make a creation booklet to remember when God made everything.

Take a nature walk (if it is nice outside) and look at things God made. As you pray, thank God for these things.

Make thumbprints and share how God makes everyone’s thumbprints different; no two are the same. Now, using your thumbprint, make animals with the print being the body of the animal.

It’s the beginning of the new year. Share how many people try to do better at things, or try to quit bad habits. Talk about some things that God may want them to change or improve.

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## Creation Concoction

This mixture is sure to keep your children's attention and help them remember the days of creation.

### Day 1 Day and Night

Begin with an empty bowl. For day, add cool whip. For night, add chocolate chips.

### Day 2 Sky

For the sky, add marshmallows

### Day 3 Earth/Sea/Plants

For this day, add green coconut or another candy/cookie that would resemble earth or sea. (Some kids don't like coconut)

### Day 4 Sun/Moon/Stars

You can add star sprinkles, peanut butter chips, or other goodies that look like sun/moon or stars.

### Day 5 Fish/Birds

Add gummy fish or birds

### Day 6 Animals/Man and Woman

Add animal crackers and 2 gingerbread cookies.

### Day 7 Rest

Explain that God rested and said, "It is very good." Now we can rest and enjoy eating our concoction.

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Obviously you can substitute other goodies instead of the ones listed above. New products are always coming out!

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