

# GOD MADE THE WORLD



## TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

### SNACK

Include the children in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their help.

### MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Welcome the preschoolers to group time. Mention several daily activities and lead the children to decide whether the activity typically happens during the day or at night. Activities might include: eat a sandwich, read a bedtime story, watch fireworks, play at the playground.

### INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

#### GOD MADE THE WORLD—BASED ON GENESIS 1:1-19

- » Mention that God made the day and night, earth and sky, plants, oceans and rivers, and trees. Tell the children that today, they will hear about the things God made during the first four days of creation.

### SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

- » In the beginning, God said, “Let there be light!” and light appeared.
- » God separated the water and made the sky.
- » On the third day, God made dry land, oceans, lakes, and rivers.
- » God also made plants and trees to grow fruits and vegetables.
- » God made the sun, moon, and stars on the fourth day.
- » God said that the things He made were good.

### REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- » What happened when God said, “Let there be light!”?
- » What did God gather the waters into?
- » What do we enjoy from the plants and trees that God made?
- » How did the moon and stars get into the night sky?
- » What did God say about His creation?

### EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- » Say that God made the world.

### ROOM

### YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

### DATE OF USE

### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh.

### LIFE POINT

God made the world.

### UNIT VERSE

The earth is full of the living things God made.  
*Psalm 104:24*

### WEEKLY VERSE

God made the earth and everything on it.  
*Nehemiah 9:6*

## SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of “God Is So Good”:

*God made the world;  
God made the world.  
God made the world;  
Yes, God made the world.*

## SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Open a Bible to the book of Nehemiah and invite a child to help you locate chapter 9 and verse 6. Read the verse to the preschoolers and ask them to repeat it. Remark that nothing existed at the beginning except for God, who made the world and everything on it.

## PRAY

Lead the children to think about how powerful God is as you pray. Lead the prayer and thank God for creating the world in six days. Thank Him for making trees, grass, and flowers. Thank God for making the moon and stars. Agree with God that the things He made were good.

## BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

**Emphasize: God made the world.**

- 1. Design a nighttime mobile.** Cut circle and star shapes out of heavyweight paper. Punch a hole near an edge on each shape. Give the preschoolers washable markers and suggest they decorate shapes to make stars, the sun, the moon, or the earth. Tie yarn to shapes and attach to plastic clothes hangers. Remind the children that God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh.
- 2. Explore fruit.** Post an Allergy Alert to notify families that their children will be tasting food items. Wash or sanitize children’s hands. Cut an apple in half and show its seeds to a preschooler. Remark that God made apple trees to make apples with seeds so that when the seeds are planted, they will grow new apple trees. Cut off a thin slice of apple and offer it to a child to taste. Consider serving sliced bananas as well.

**3. Build a mountain.** Tape a mountain shape onto the floor. Set blocks beside the mountain’s outline. Lead the children to stack blocks all along the taped lines. Search an electronic device or tablet for photographs of mountain scenes and show pictures to the boys and girls. Remind the children that God made the dry land and gathered water into oceans, lakes, and rivers. Recall that God made the land and waters on the third day and said that they were good.

**4. Light up a verse.** Write each word of the weekly verse onto sticky notes and attach randomly to the wall. Open the Bible and read the verse aloud. Give flashlights to the children, lead them to shine lights on the words and read the words aloud. Guide the preschoolers to discover the words’ correct order, rearrange sticky notes, and read the verse. Remind the children that God created light.

## CLEAN UP

Tell the children that God created the world in six days and challenge each child to put away six items. Recall that God made the stars on the fourth day and ask them to clean up four more items. Continue until the room is neat and tidy.

## PASS THE LIGHT

Gather the children and sit in a circle. Show the boys and girls a crumpled piece of yellow paper, a ball of foil, and a star shape. Remind the children that God created the sun, moon, and stars on the fourth day. Give the yellow ball to the child on your right and lead the children to pass it around the circle to a steady beat. Instruct the child who receives the yellow ball to say the word “sun” while he has it. Introduce a second and third item, leading the preschoolers to say the words “moon” and “stars” while holding the props. Lead the children to all say the Life Point each time the game starts again.

## DISMISS

Help children gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.