

Creation Day One

Bible Story: The first day of Creation from Genesis 1:1-5

Items Needed:

- Bible: Genesis 1:1-5. There is a detailed account of these verses below to help emphasize the importance of these few verses.
- Play-dough, Legos or paper and writing utensils
- Flashlights
- Any object

Opening Activity:

- Give each child a small amount of play-dough. Have them make anything that they want. (if no play-dough or legos around, they can draw a picture)
- After a few minutes of play, turn the lights off (if there are a lot of windows in your room, try to cover them up as best as possible before class starts). The room needs to be as dark as possible
- Ask the children the following questions. The answers are in italics:
 - **What would you do if there was no light anywhere on the earth?** *(Allow for responses.)*
 - **Where does light come from?** *The sun, the moon.*
 - **Who created the light?** *God.*

Bible Reading:

Have the children open their Bibles to Genesis 1:1-5.

To help them find it, use the following questions. Answers are in italics.

- **What is the first book of the Bible?** *Genesis.*
- **Which part of the Bible is Genesis in?** *Old Testament.*

Read Genesis 1:1-5 aloud to the children.

- *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth didn't have any shape. And it was empty. There was darkness over the surface of the waves. At that time, the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day." He called the darkness "night." There was evening, and there was morning. It was day one.*

Discuss the Bible Reading

- **"In the beginning..."** In the beginning of what? (Allow for responses.)
The beginning of the world. "...God..."
 - God was in the beginning of the world. "
- **...created...** In the dictionary, create means, "to bring somebody or something into existence." In the dictionary, make means, "to assemble something from parts." Many people say that God made the world. No, He didn't!! **He created the world!** That means that God created something with nothing! He didn't have parts lying around and decided to make the world. No! He didn't have anything, but He created! Just think how awesome that really is!
- **"...the heavens and the earth."** What was there before God created the heavens and the earth? (Allow for responses.) *Nothing. Absolutely nothing.* How did God create the heavens and the earth? (Allow for responses, if any.) I really don't have the answer, other than God is God and His power is beyond our comprehension.

- **“The earth didn’t have any shape.”**

What? The earth didn’t have any shape? So what was it? *(Allow for responses. Encourage thinking outside of the box. There is not a right answer, but try to get them to think deeper.)*

- **“And it was empty.”** So the earth had no shape and it was empty, huh? That’s really hard to think about, isn’t it? An earth that is empty. I guess it had to start somewhere.
- **“There was darkness over the surface of the waves.”** So the earth had no shape, it was empty, it was dark, and the ocean covered the earth. Wow! What a sight! Well, not really a sight, because you can’t see anything since there was only darkness. So, at this point, there is only water on the earth? Strange!
- **“...the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”** Wow! The Spirit of God hovered over the waters! What does it mean to hover? *(Allow for responses.) It kind of means to glide over or fly over something.* What would it be like if God hovered over us? *(Allow for responses.)*
- **Would you do some of the things you do, or act the way you do if you saw God hovering over you?** *(Allow for responses.)* God does sort of hover over us. **He can see everything we do, even though we can’t physically see Him.**
- **“God said, ‘Let there be light.’ And there was light.”** *God only has to speak things into existence.* If I said, “Let there be light,” nothing would happen. What power God has!
- **“God saw that the light was good.”** God liked what He saw. God has an opinion of things, whether it’s good or bad. Sometimes we think of God as something completely different from us.
- Well, He did make us in His image (which we’ll learn about in a few weeks) and so we do have some of the same characteristics as God.
- **Put anything that you do in place of “the light” in that sentence.** For example, *“God saw that the way I treated my sister yesterday was good.”* Would it be true?

- **Think about what God would think about things, before you do them.**
Would He think your actions are good?
- **“He separated the light from the darkness.”** This just blows my mind! Separating light from dark! How? Who knows? That just shows the awesome power of God!
- **“God called the light ‘day.’** He called the darkness ‘night.’” God gave things names. Later on, He let man name everything. But, before He made man, He named everything.
- **“There was evening, and there was morning. It was day one.”** It only took God one day to create the heavens, the earth and light? Isn’t that just amazing? All of that happened in only one day. This was the first day, ever! God made light on the first day. **What would you have made?** *(Allow for responses.)*

Activities (you can do both or just one)

I - Flashlight Find: What did God create on the first day of Creation? (Allow for responses.) Right, God created light. Without light, we wouldn’t be able to see anything because it would be completely dark. We are going to do a game now that involves finding something in the dark, by using light. I am going to turn the lights off and hide this (name object) somewhere in the room. You have to find it by using flashlights. Ok, let’s get started!

II - Bible Verse Memorization: *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."* **Genesis 1:1**

- Have the children do the following sign language motions along with repeating the words after you, to help them learn the Bible verse:
- "In the beginning"—the index finger twists between the fingers of the other hand to indicate the turning of a key in an ignition switch
- "God"—hold hand up with fingers towards the sky...the hand is raised to the heavens and then downward in a sign of respect
- "created"—the hands (in fists on top of one another) twist as if they were putting something together
- "the heavens"—the hands move up, in a large circle, towards the heavens
- "and the earth"—the thumb and middle finger pinch the side of the wrist which represents the earth rotating on its axis
- "Genesis 1"—hold up one finger "1"—hold up another finger

Do this a few times with the children. Make it fun for them to do the motions and say the words. Involving them in active learning is essential for memorization.

Close in Prayer: Thanking God for All He has created for us.

Coloring Pages:

- Let there be Light
- Let there be Light2

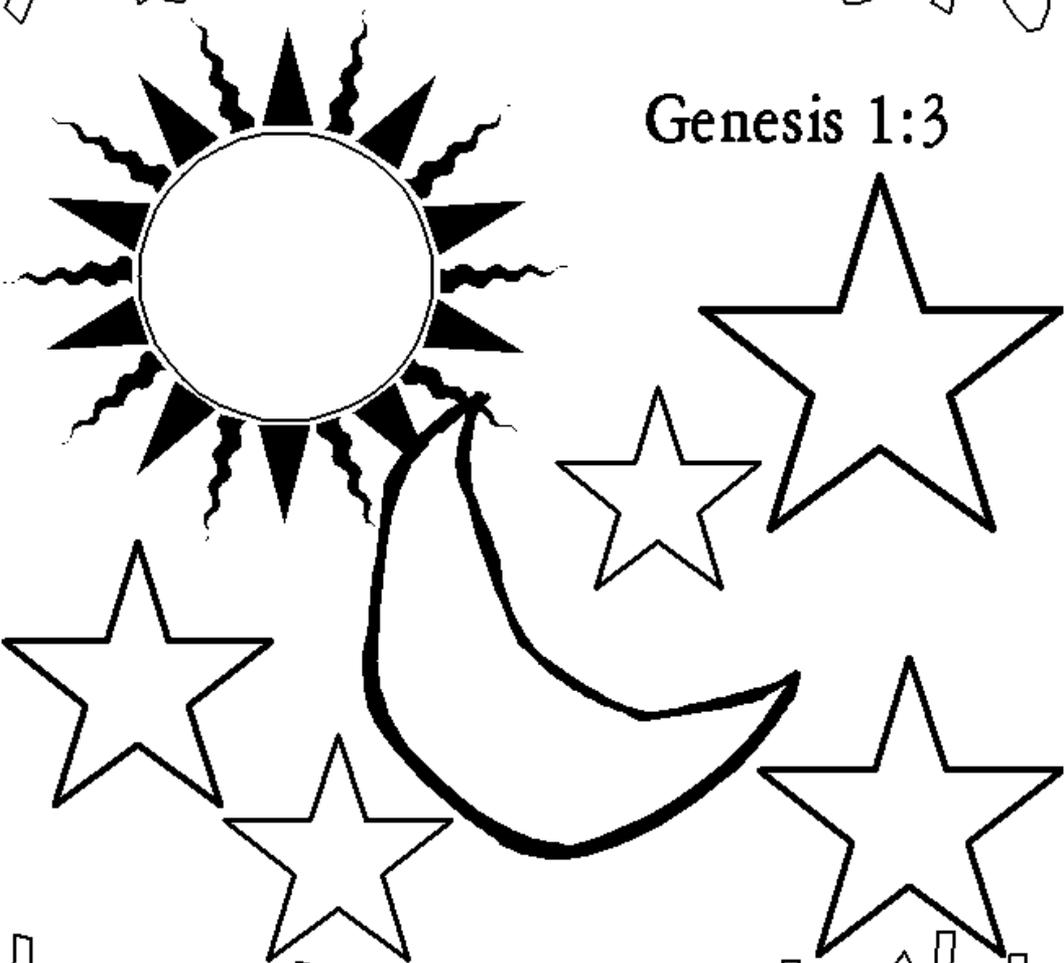
Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teu7BCZTgDs>

Feel free to take a picture of their art work or share how your activity went! Post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe. Have a Blessed Day & Week! Until we can meet again ~ *Teacher Chrissy*



AND GOD SAID

Genesis 1:3



LET THERE BE LIGHT