

Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part One



Created for use with young, unchurched learners
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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God Created the World

As you are picking up kids, comment on the beauty of the world—trees, plants, dogs barking, flowers, etc. Ask the kids to name something on this earth that they think is beautiful.

Genesis 1 and John 1

Read the Bible

READ: Genesis 1:1-13 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Memory Verse:

All things were made through Him. Nothing that has been made was made without Him.
(John 1:3 NIV)

Begin With Prayer

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.

The Bible teaches us that God is the Creator. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was empty, so God made light (called day) and dark (called night). That was on the first day. (Genesis 1:1-5)

On the second day, God the Creator, made the sky. (Genesis 1:6-8)
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. (Genesis 1:9-13)

Next, God, the Creator, made two large lights in the sky. He made 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. (Genesis 1:14-19)

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. (Genesis 1:20-23)

On day six, God, the Creator, made the livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals. God also made man and woman on the sixth day. He looked at everything that He had done and He knew it was very good. (Genesis 1:24-31)

On day number seven, God rested. He looked at the earth and was pleased with it. He had made a beautiful world. (Genesis 2:1-2)

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

Lesson Goals:

1. God is the Creator.
2. Name what God created on each day
2. Understand that God loves us and created us.
3. See that Jesus provided the way for us to be with Him forever.

God Created the World – Bible Facts

1. On day one God created the heavens and the earth.
2. On the seventh day God rested.
3. Jesus was with God in the beginning.
4. Jesus died for us so we can go to heaven.

time was right, He came to this world to live with us. (Gálatas 4:4) He even died for us so that we can go to Heaven if we believe in Him. (John 3:16) In Hebrews 1:2-3, the Bible says that God has spoken to us through Jesus. Jesus “provided the way for people to be made pure from sin.” Jesus loves you THAT much!

Review Questions

1. Name the things God created on days one through six. (1– heavens, earth, night and day; 2– sky; 3– land, the seas, the plants, the trees; 4– sun, moon, stars; 5– birds, creatures of the sea; 6- livestock, creatures that move along the ground, wild animals, and man and woman)
2. What did God do on the seventh day? (rested)
3. Where was Jesus? (with God)
4. What did Jesus do for us? (died so we can go to heaven)

Do You Know Jesus?

The Bible says that Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that we can know God. Jesus was with God creating the world and us in the beginning. He was willing to die on the cross so that if we believe in Him, we can live with Him in heaven forever. (John 3:16) Would you like to live in heaven forever? You can if you will believe that Jesus is God’s Son who died for your sins and rose from the dead. (Roman 10:9-10)

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to deliver us from sin.
3. Ask God to help you follow Him.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to be delivered from sin.

Application

God, the Creator, made all things in the beginning. He made the heavens, the earth, night and day; the sky; the land, the seas, the plants, the trees; the sun, the moon, and the stars; the birds, the creatures of the sea; the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground the wild animals, and man and woman. John 1 tells us that Jesus was with God in the beginning. In John 3:16, the Bible says Jesus died for our sins. In Hebrews 1:2-3, the Bible says that God has spoken to us through Jesus. Jesus “provided the way for people to be made pure from sin.” Jesus loves you THAT much!

Planning for the next week:

Adam and Eve — Genesis 2-3

Preschool Lesson

READ: Genesis 1:1-13 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Sing “He’s Still Working on Me,” or another song about creation.

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 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**. (Hold up 2 fingers)

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. (Hold up 3 fingers)

Next, 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. (Hold up 4 fingers)

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. (Hold up 5 fingers)

On day six, What do you think God made? (See if your students can guess) God made the **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. (Hold up 6 fingers)

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

Make up a little song to a familiar tune like Mary had a Little Lamb. 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.”

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus.

Memory verse for younger children:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity**— Have the children color pictures of Jesus on the cross. Put the memory verse on the bottom. Practice the memory verse.
- **Test your memory**— Try to find out the words for things God created in sign language. If you are not able to do that, just use letters from sign language or make up your own signs. Have the children mimic the signs as you tell the story.
- **Taste activity**— Bring chocolate and vanilla pudding. Remind the children God created day and night.
- **Think about it** — 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.

Jesus was with God in the beginning. Talk about how God created us. The Bible says that we are “wonderfully made.” Psalm 139:14

Jesus created us. Then He died for our sins. Talk about God's love for us.

- **Touch activity**— Make a creation booklet to remember when God made everything.

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.

Draw pictures of the moon, the stars, the sun, the earth, Jupiter, Mars, and yourself. Use the pictures to sing, “He's Still Working on Me.” Hold up the pictures as each word is sung.

- **Run and play**— Take a nature walk (if it is nice outside) and look at things God made. As you pray, thank God for these things.
- **Listen**— As the children take time for silence remind them that Jesus was with God in the beginning. He came to make a way so that we can be with Him forever.
- **Sing** — Sing “He's Still Working on Me,” “God's Beautiful World,” “Jesus Loves Me,” or another song related to the story.

Memory Verse

All things
were made
through him.
Nothing that
has been made
was made
without him.
John 1:3 NIV

Word Art

Trace the letters.

God is

the

Creator.

Word Search

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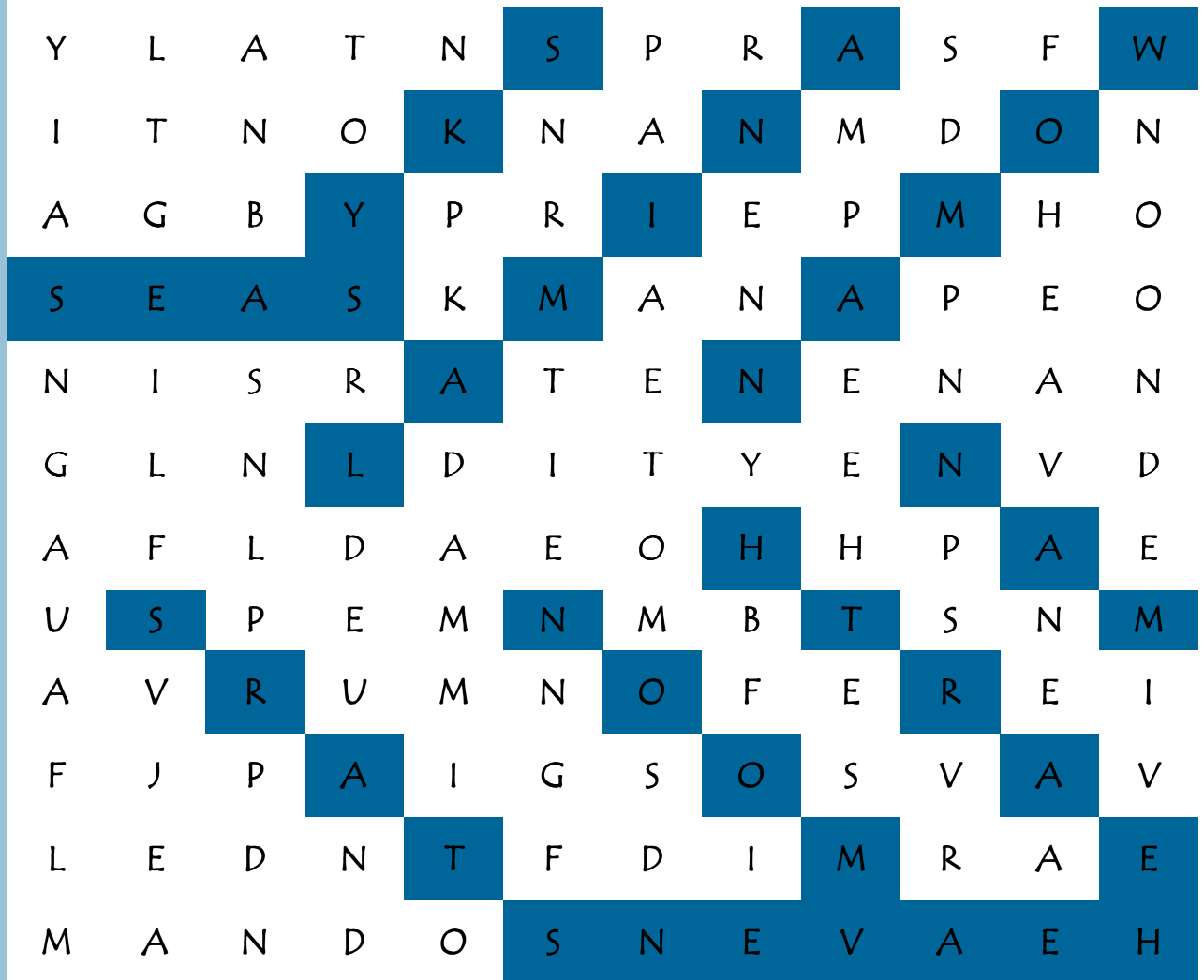
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GOD

MADE

MAN

SEA

MOON

SUN

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Anagram

JESUS

BEGINNING

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