

Old Testament

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One Year Plan



GOD'S WORD

Created for use with young, unchurched learners. Adaptable for all ages.

GENESIS 1 AND JOHN 1



GOD CREATED THE WORLD

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

Lesson Goals

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

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.

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God Created the World

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

Do You Know Jesus?

Jesus was with God creating the world and us in the beginning. The Bible says that Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that we can know God. 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) Talk to your teacher if you would like to know more.

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. Jesus loves you THAT much!

Begin With Prayer

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.

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 for the 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 time was right, He came to this world to live with us. (Galatians 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, 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)

Next Week: Adam and Eve; Genesis 2-3

Memory Verse

All things
were made
through him.
Nothing that
has been made
was made
without him.

John 1:3

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Preschool Lesson

God Created the World

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

Memory verse for younger children:

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

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

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.

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 was to shine during the day. (Can you guess what it is?) The **Sun!** And He made one large light for the 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 very 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

In the beginning
God created
the heavens
and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

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Word Art

Trace the letters.

God is

the

Creator.

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Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity**— Make a creation booklet to remember when God made everything. Include a page for 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.

Bring cupcakes and decorate them with sprinkles to create the moon, stars, sun, etc.

•**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**— Have the children color pictures of Jesus on the cross. Put the memory verse at the bottom. Practice the memory verse.

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.

For older children: Watch Louie Giglio's “Indescribable.”

Use clay to make some of the things God created.

•**Run and play**— If it is nice outside, take a nature walk and look at things God made. As you walk, pray and thank God for these things.

Create two sets of pictures of the things God created. Have the children divide into two teams. First the team must decide the correct order for the pictures. Next have them run a relay to move the pictures from one end of the room or area to the other end. The team who does it correctly and finishes first, wins.

•**Listen**— As the children take time for silence remind them that in the beginning Jesus was with God. 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.

•**Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Take creation booklets to them. Pray with the children who were absent. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

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Rooted and Grounded



Pray

Ask God to show you the beauty of His creation.
Thank God for the beautiful things He created.
Pray for Bible study leaders who are telling others about God's creation.

Read the Bible Daily

This week read Genesis 1-3.
You may want to choose a reading plan that allows you to read through the Bible in a year. Begin today.

Think About It

Think about what you read. Think about what this means for you.
(Because of all that God created, we have air to breathe; water to drink; food to eat; etc.)

Do It

Plant something (a tree, flowers, fruit or vegetables).

Tell About It

Share the Bible story with a friend.

Change it

Ask yourself about what needs to change in your life, your attitude, your actions. (Be careful about where you throw your trash — don't litter.)

Study it

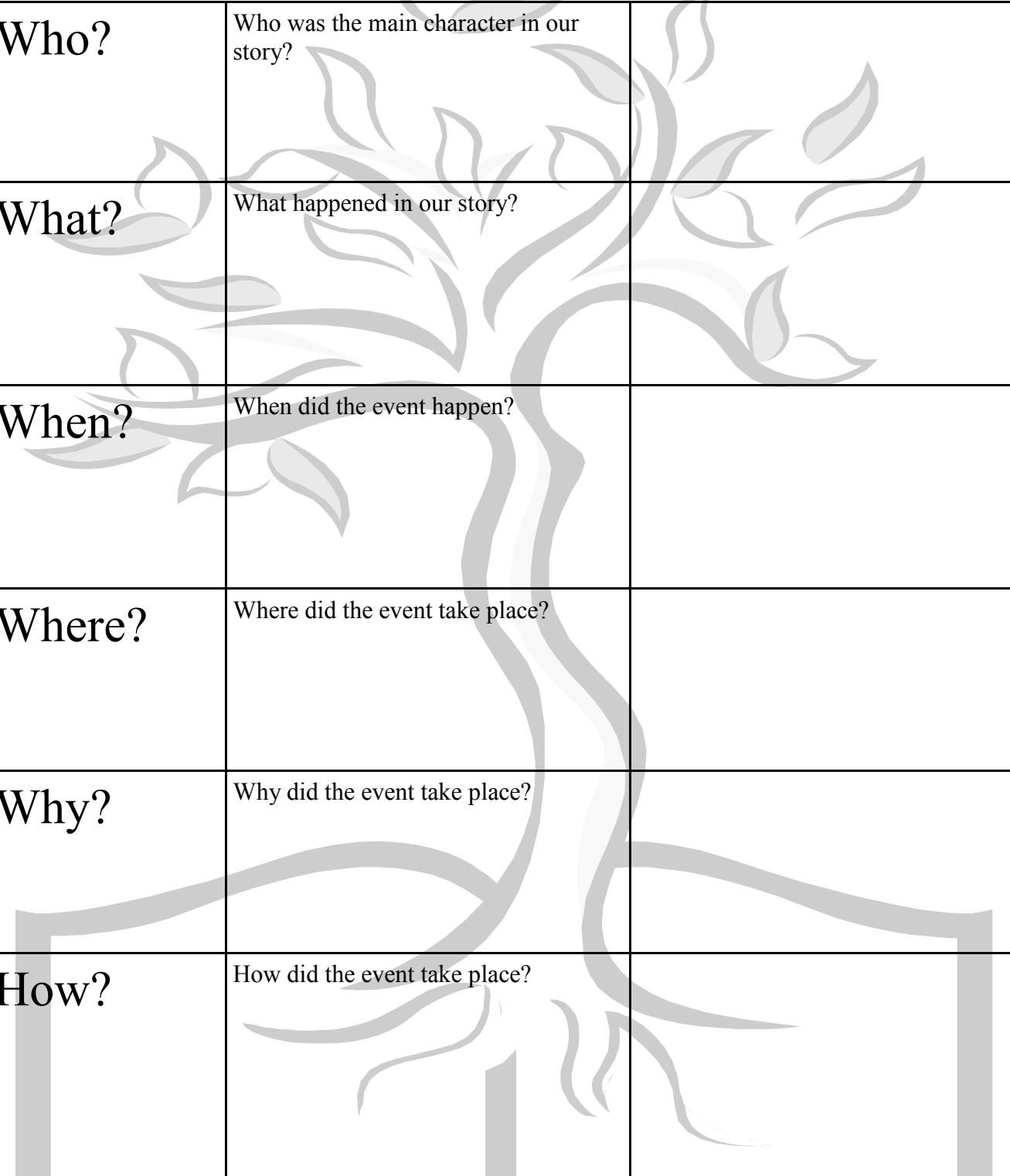
Attend Bible study this week.

Record It

Create a spiritual journal and write about what God is teaching you about sin and forgiveness. Put a date on each entry.

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Learning the Facts



Who?	Who was the main character in our story?	
What?	What happened in our story?	
When?	When did the event happen?	
Where?	Where did the event take place?	
Why?	Why did the event take place?	
How?	How did the event take place?	

Word Search

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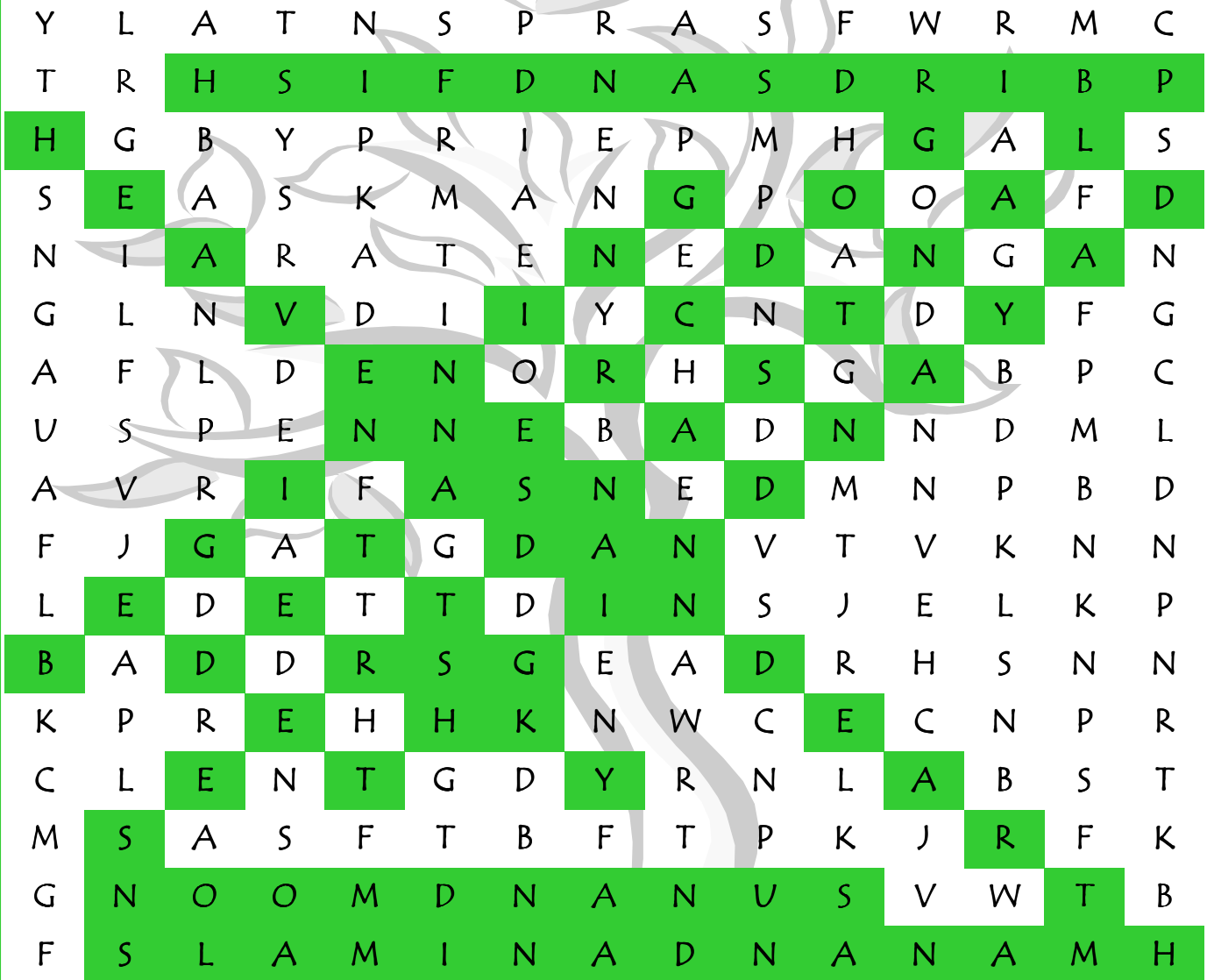
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SUN AND MOON

BIRDS AND FISH

MAN AND ANIMALS

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Anagram

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NOTHING

HAS BEEN MADE

WITHOUT HIM

JOHN

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