

Creation Central

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Day 4 of Creation

Sun, Moon and Stars

Memory Verses

You created the moon to mark the months; the sun knows the time to set.

Psalm 104:19

Scripture

Then God commanded, "Let lights appear in the sky to separate day from night and to show the time when days, years, and religious festivals begin; they will shine in the sky to give light to the earth" — and it was done. So God made the two larger lights, the sun to rule over the day and the moon to rule over the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God was pleased with what He saw. Evening passed and morning came—that was the fourth day. Genesis 1:14-19 (GNT)

Lesson

What have we talked about so far in God's creation? What did God create on the first day? (day and night) And what did God create in the second day? (sky) What about the third day? (earth, sea and plants)

On day four, God made lights. What kind of lights do you think He might have made? He made the sun and the moon and the stars! And you know what? The Bible even tells us why God made them. He made them to separate the light from the darkness, but He also made them to help us keep time. How do you think we could tell time if there had never been a day or a night to help us know when to start or how to count the days? God is amazing! He even said that these lights would help us know when to celebrate religious festivals! The people back then had some very different kind of religious holidays. What are a couple of religious holidays we celebrate? (Wait for responses and guide them when needed.) Two of the most important are Christmas and Easter! Did you know they were religious holidays?

Well, they are! Who knows what we celebrate at Christmas? (The birth of Jesus) And what do we celebrate at Easter? (The resurrection of Jesus from the dead) So when God created the world, and when He made the sun, moon and stars, He knew that one day He would need to make a way to clean us up from all the bad things we've done—He would need to send His Son as a baby in the manger. That baby would grow up and live for 33 years, teaching us many wonderful things, showing us how to live and showing us how to love God. Then Jesus died for us because all of us have sinned (or been dark inside) and God raised Jesus from the dead, back to life so that one day we could live with Him. Do you know if you will live with God forever? Let us talk to you and explain what a wonderful gift God gave us—even better than the stars and moon and sun.

Can you believe that thousands of years ago, God thought about the first Christmas and the first Easter and that He made a way for us to be able to remember them forever?

Activities

Study the stars (constellations). (Check out books for more information. If you have access to a smart phone, there are night sky applications that you can download.)

Take children outside after dark and look at the stars. If you have chosen to study the constellations, you can have the children look for specific constellations. Take a dime with you and have one of your children hold it at arms length toward the sky. Ask your children how many stars they think are behind the dime. (Correct Answer: 15 million) Read Psalm 8 together, then ask your children how they feel after looking at the stars and reading the verses.

Crafts

Make origami stars.

Make a wall hanging that includes all the lights God made.

Make glow-in-the-dark suns, moons and stars with plastic beads and an iron.

Recreate the constellations with black construction paper. Either pierce holes in the construction paper where the stars would be or use pasta stars. Label your constellations.

If you have older children, ask them which planet they would travel to, if it were possible. Then provide them with books to study the planet of their choice. How does this planet differ from Earth? Have them write or illustrate what they have learned.

Snacks

Moon Pies

Little Debbie's Star Crunch

Pop Rocks

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Psalms 104:19

Planets

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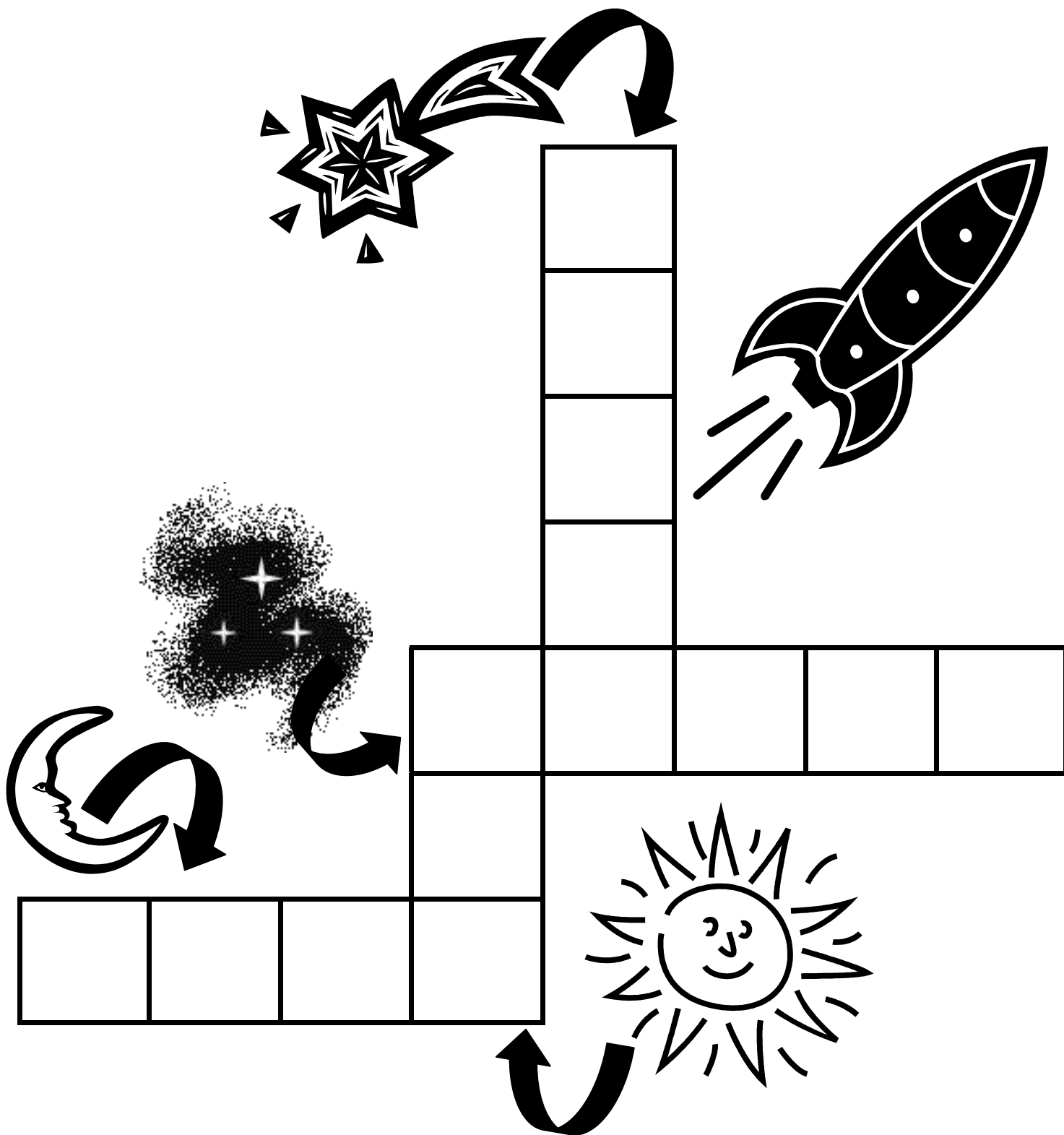
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