



Let There Be Light

WEEK 1 PREVIEW

LESSONS THIS WEEK:

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| • Monday: God Created Everything (Days 1-4) | Genesis 1:1-19 |
| • Tuesday: God Created Everything (Days 5-6) | Genesis 1:20-27 |
| • Wednesday: God Created People | Genesis 1:28-31; 2:4-25 |
| • Thursday: God Planned for the Sabbath (Day 7) | Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11 |

CHRIST CONNECTION: The Bible says that Jesus is Lord over all of creation. Everything was created by Him and for Him. The Son has always existed, and He holds everything together. (Col. 1:16-17)

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Why did God create the world? God created the world and everything in it for His glory.

WHAT YOU NEED THIS WEEK:

- Globe or world map
- Three-ring binder (clear plastic sleeve on the cover in which you can insert your own paper)
- Family pictures (including extended family)
- Large wall or desk calendar
- The Gospel Project: Home Edition Workbook Semester 1 for your child's age
- Ingredients for homemade play dough
- Ingredients for Creation Snack Mix

ENTRIES FROM THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE DICTIONARY FOR KIDS:

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| • Adam (3) | • Eve (55) |
| • Animals of the Bible (6-7) | • Family (58) |
| • Birds of the Bible (22) | • Sabbath (166) |
| • Creation (37) | |

Friday Activities: Make a display of the days of Creation Week. Take a nature walk. Make Creation Snack Mix. Create a piece of pottery in a pottery studio or make homemade modeling clay.

MONDAY AT A GLANCE

LESSON TITLE: God Created Everything (Days 1-4)

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 1:1-19

THE CHRIST CONNECTION: The Bible says that Jesus is Lord over all of creation. Everything was created by Him and for Him. The Son has always existed, and He holds everything together. (Colossians 1:16-17)

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why did God create the world? God created the world and everything in it for His glory.

TODAY: You will need a Home Edition Workbook, globe or world map, and a notebook for Bible Notebook.



PREPARE TO TEACH: THE GREATEST STORY

In the beginning, God created everything. God created the universe *ex nihilo*, or “out of nothing.” All of creation began with a word. When God spoke, things came into existence: light, land, sky, stars, plants, and animals. God made them all, and they were good. Creation was perfect, just as God intended.

Every story in the Bible is a small piece of a much bigger story—God’s redemptive story. Sin would enter the world and affect everything, but God already knew. He already had a plan to show His grace to people through His Son (2 Tim. 1:9), to rescue and restore. In fact, the Bible says that God’s plan existed even before the foundations of the world (Eph. 1:4-6).

The Bible is the story of how a great God redeemed rebellious people by sending His Son, Jesus, to be the perfect sacrifice for sin. The story of Jesus does not begin in a manger. The Son has always existed, and He was present at creation. He is the Word through whom all things were created (John 1:1-3). Everything was created by Him and for Him, and He holds everything together (Col. 1:16-17). Through creation we see and understand God’s eternal power and divine nature. (Rom. 1:20)

Teaching the Bible to your children is one of the greatest callings of being a parent. You have the freedom to ground them in the Word so they can see and acknowledge God and understand their need for a Savior. As you begin teaching your kids about creation, help them discover who God is. Remind them that God created everything with a purpose, to bring Him glory. Psalm 19:1 says, “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the expanse proclaims the work of His hands.”

The Book of Genesis is the beginning of the greatest story ever told. It is a true story, and at the center of it all is the true hero, or Savior, Jesus Christ. This story changes everything. As you lead your kids this semester you won’t be perfect. Neither will they. But the gospel story is all about His glory—His perfection!—and our redemption. We walk in obedience in light of who God is and what He has done.

BEGIN: PREPARING THEIR HEARTS

Holding the globe (or a world map), spin it slowly (or trace the map with your fingers), pointing out different countries and continents. Mention some native animals in certain places, such as Australia's kangaroos and koalas, Alaska's polar bears, or the lions, giraffes, and cheetahs of Africa.

SAY: *How many animals do you think are in the world? Scientists estimate that there are more than 8 million kinds of animals! And researchers discover thousands more every year! In today's Bible story, we are going to hear more about creation and the beginning of the world.*

Invite kids to name their favorite animals.

ASK: *Why did God create the world? God created the world and everything in it for His glory.*

READ: RECEIVING HIS WORD

Ask children to open their Bibles to Genesis.

SAY: *The Book of Genesis is the first book in the Bible. It tells us about the beginning of the universe, when only God existed. No one created God. God has always existed. The Bible tells us that God created everything!*

THE BIBLE STORY: GOD CREATED THE WORLD

Read Genesis 1:1-19 aloud from your Bible or read the Bible story below.

In the beginning, nothing existed except for God. **God spoke and created the heavens and the earth.** When He first created the earth, it had no shape and total darkness covered the earth. The Spirit of God was there, hovering over the waters.

God spoke. **He said, "Let there be light!"** and what God said happened. Light was created. **God saw that the light was good**, and He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light day, and He called the darkness night. **Evening came, and then morning came. That was the first day of creation.**

God spoke again: "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate them." What God said happened. He made a space between the water that was on the earth and the water that was above the earth. **God called the expanse sky. Evening came, and then morning came. That was the second day of creation.**

God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear." What God said happened. God called the dry land earth, and He called the gathered water seas. **God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth make plants and trees with fruits and seeds."** What God said happened. Plants and trees grew, and God saw that it was good. **Evening came, and then morning came. That was the third day of creation.**

Next, God placed lights in the sky. God created the sun to shine during the day and the moon and stars to shine at night. God gave us lights to provide light on the earth, to separate day from night, and to help us track time in days and years. **God saw that it was good. Evening came, and then morning came. That was the fourth day of creation.**

APPLY

SAY: *Before God created the world, nothing existed. Nothing, that is, except for God! No one created God. God has always existed and will always exist. Why did God create the world? God created the world and everything in it for His glory. That means God created everything to show how awesome He is. Everything God made was good. It was perfect! God the Father created everything through His son.*

The Bible says that Jesus is Lord over all of creation. Everything was created by Him and for Him. The Son has always existed, and He holds everything together. (Col. 1:16-17)

GOING DEEPER

Watch the Bible story and Discussion Starter videos “God Created the World” together.

Lead kids to talk about what they saw. Encourage kids to thank God for the beautiful creation they see this week.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

(If kids need help, direct them to find the answers using the references below.)

How did God create the heavens and the earth? *He spoke, and it happened. (Gen. 1:3)*

What did God call the light and darkness? *Day and night (Gen. 1:5)*

What did God make on the third day of creation? *Earth, seas, plants, trees, and vegetation (Gen. 1:9-13)*

What did God create to shine at night? *Moon and stars (Gen. 1:16)*

Was God’s creation bad or good? *God said it was good. (Gen. 1:4, 10, 12, 18)*

BIBLE NOTEBOOK: Throughout this study, children will create a Bible notebook as they journey through the Gospel Project. Purchase a three-ring binder with a plastic pocket for kids to insert a cover. Today, children should make a cover for their binder.



TUESDAY AT A GLANCE

LESSON TITLE: God Created Everything (Days 5-6)

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 1:20-27

THE CHRIST CONNECTION: The Bible says that Jesus is Lord over all of creation. Everything was created by Him and for Him. The Son has always existed, and He holds everything together. (Col: 1:16-17)

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why did God create the world? God created the world and everything in it for His glory.

TODAY: You will need a few family pictures.

PREPARE TO TEACH: HE HOLDS IT ALL TOGETHER

The creation account lays the foundation for every truth in God's Word. As your children begin to understand that a loving, mighty God made the earth and everything in it, they will look at His creation differently. The God they worship is a creative, purposeful, and powerful God.

Today's study begins with a passage from Colossians. As you share this with your children, help them understand that the Son of God was present at creation. Indeed, Colossians 1:15-17 affirms that He was the agent of creation. From the beginning, "all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and by him all things hold together."

All things were created through Christ and created for Christ. He is the one who holds it all together. This truth gives you great purpose! As a Christian parent, your purpose will be challenged daily by the world around you. Wrap your arms tightly around the fact that you were created by God to bring Him glory. You are not called to hold all things together, but you are called to trust the One who does. During this season, glorify God as you allow Him to use you to teach and minister to your kids. This is your primary service to Him!

BEGIN: PREPARING THEIR HEARTS

Read Colossians 1:15-17 aloud from your Bible. This Christ Connection is one of many passages linking the Old and New Testaments together.

SAY: *The Bible says that God's Son, Jesus, is Lord over all of creation. Everything was created by Him and for Him. Did you know that God's Son, has always existed? He was there when the world began! He has always been there. He is God. Even today, He continues to hold everything together.*

ASK: *Why did God create the world? God created the world and everything in it for His glory. When we see a beautiful painting, we don't tell the painting, "You're great!" We tell the artist, "Good job!" Art requires an artist, and creation requires a Creator. Encourage kids to thank God for the beautiful creation they see this week—God's beautiful creation. Lead the way as you are out and about—in the backyard, running errands, and visiting with friends.*

READ: RECEIVING HIS WORD

Read Genesis 1:20-27; 2:7-15 aloud from your Bible or read the Bible story below.

Next, God made creatures that move and swim in the water. He made birds to flap their wings and soar across the sky. **God saw that it was good.** God told the animals to multiply, and they filled the seas and the sky. Evening came, and then morning came. **That was the fifth day of creation.**

Then God made more animals—livestock, creatures that crawl, and wildlife to live on the earth. When God said it, it happened. **And God saw that it was good.**

On the sixth day of creation, God made people. God created people differently than anything else He created. God created people **in His very own image.** God created them male and female. **God took dust from the ground and made a man.** God breathed His very own breath into the man, and the man became alive. God made a garden in the land of Eden, and He put the man in the garden. **God told the man to work in the garden and take care of it.** He gave the man ruling power over the fish, the birds, and the entire earth.

Review the first five days of creation by using the rhyme below. Begin a slow pat-pat-clap rhythm (cadence) as you teach the rhyme.

What did God make on Day 1? He made light where there was none.

APPLY

Jesus is Lord over all of creation. Everything was created by Him and for Him. The Son has always existed, and He holds everything together. (Col. 1:16-17) The Bible says that before God created the world, He knew people would choose not to bring Him glory. [See 1 Pet. 1:20-21] The Bible is about God's plan to send Jesus to earth to fix the relationship between God and people

GOING DEEPER

Complete pages 4-5 in your Home Edition Workbook. Challenge kids to search the creation scene to discover how many animal examples are pictured.

Review the Family Discussion Starters and this week's memory verse together.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

Who created everything? *God created everything for His glory. (Col. 1:16)*

Who is Lord over all creation? *Jesus (Col. 1:15)*

Who holds everything together? *Jesus, God the Son (Col. 1:17)*

What did God make on the fifth day of creation? *Sea creatures, birds (Gen. 1:20-23)*

What did God create on the sixth day of creation? *Land animals, people (Gen. 1:24-27)*

Was God's creation bad or good? *God said it was good (Gen. 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25)*

BIBLE NOTEBOOK: Enjoying Creation

Encourage children to write about some ways they enjoy God's creation (examples: climbing trees, eating fresh strawberries, playing with the family pet). Children may also draw pictures of specific things God created. Add this page to the Bible notebook.

Have your children copy this passage from 1 Corinthians and add it to their notebooks. They may illustrate or decorate the verse however they choose:

"Yet for us there is one God, the Father. All things are from Him, and we exist for Him. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ. All things are through Him, and we exist through Him." (1 Cor. 8:6)

WEDNESDAY AT A GLANCE

LESSON TITLE: God Created People

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 1:28-31; 2:4-25

THE CHRIST CONNECTION: God created people in His own image. Adam was like God in some ways, but he was not a perfect representation of God. God sent His Son, Jesus, to show us exactly what God is like. (Colossians 1:15) Jesus is the perfect representation of God because He is God. (Hebrews 1:3)

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why did God create the world? God created the world and everything in it for His glory.



PREPARE TO TEACH: THE POTTER'S WHEEL

On the sixth day of creation, God created mankind in His own image. God formed the man out of dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living creature. (Gen. 2:7) Man was set apart from the rest of God's creation. God did not breathe into the animals. He skillfully formed man out of dust, as a potter forms a pot out of clay. (Isaiah 64:8)

God sustained the man, provided for him, and placed him in the garden of Eden to tend to it. (Gen. 2:8,15) Then God made woman from the man's rib. She was a suitable helper for him. Both man and woman were created in God's image. The first man, Adam, and the first woman, Eve, lived in Eden, enjoying God's friendship.

As you teach your kids today, help them understand that being made in God's image means we are made like Him, or patterned after Him. God does not have a physical body; He is Spirit, and He has given each of us a spirit. God gives people the ability to think and to feel emotions and to make choices. He gives us the ability to understand right and wrong. We are created to "image" or reflect God's likeness in His creation. God created man and woman to act as His representatives in the world, valuing human dignity and demonstrating love to every person who is created in His image.

Today, thank God that you are created differently from anything else He created. You are created in His own image (Gen. 1:26) and for His glory (Isa. 43:7). Spend a few minutes in quiet reflection as you prepare this lesson, remembering your heavenly Father's complete acceptance of you in Christ. The Bible assures us, "But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Not only did He create you in His own image, but more importantly, He accepts you completely in Christ. Choose to trust Him today. Ask Him to help you be a true reflection of His image as you serve your family.

BEGIN: PREPARING THEIR HEARTS

Have your children tell you one thing they like about how God made them.

SAY: *We're all very special. Do you know why? Because God made you! God made all of us! Remember, the Bible says you were created in God's image. When God made people, He made them to resemble Himself in some ways. We'll learn more about that during today's Bible story.*

READ: RECEIVING HIS WORD

Read Genesis 1:28-31; 2:4-25 aloud from your Bible or read the Bible story below.

God provided food from the trees for the man to eat. There was plenty of delicious fruit of all kinds. Adam had clean, clear water to drink which God provided from a river close by. God gave Adam the ability to worship Him through obedience. **God gave Adam one rule: "You can eat from any of the trees in the garden, except one. If you eat from it, you will die."** By following this rule, Adam would have joy as He worshiped God through obeying Him.

Now God was not yet finished with creation. He saw the man and said, "It is not good for the man to be alone." So **God decided to make a helper for the man. God made wild animals and birds,** and the man gave names to all of the creatures. **But none of the animals was a good helper for the man.**

So God made the man fall fast asleep. He took one of the man's ribs and created a woman. When the man saw the woman, he was very happy.

The woman was a perfect helper for the man; she was his wife. **The man's name was Adam, and his wife's name was Eve.**

God gave Adam and Eve good things. He put them in charge of the animals and provided everything they needed. **God looked at everything He had made, and it was very good.**

APPLY

God created people in His own image. God created them male and female. Being made in God's image means that we are like God in some ways. God gives us the ability to love, to be patient, and to enjoy things that are beautiful. And He gives us knowledge. We can know certain things, but God knows everything! We aren't exactly like God, but we are like Him in some ways. We have knowledge, wisdom, and love, just like God.

The Bible says that Jesus is Lord over all of creation. Everything was created by Him and for Him. The Son has always existed, and He holds everything together. (Col. 1:16-17)

GOING DEEPER

Watch the Bible story and Discussion Starter videos "God Created People" together.

Lead kids to talk about why they might hesitate to be friends with someone who is different from them. Discuss ways your family can respect others at home, church, or in your neighborhood. Remind kids that God created people—*all* people, both male and female—in His own image. Everyone deserves to be treated with respect.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

Why did God create the world? *God created the world and everything in it for His glory.*

On what day did God make people? *The sixth day of creation (Gen. 1:26-31)*

In whose image did God create people? *God created people in His own image. (Gen. 1:27)*

What warning did God give the man? *He could eat from any of the trees in the garden, except for one, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Gen. 2:16-17)*

Why did God make a helper? *God said it was not good for the man to be alone. (Gen. 2:18)*

Who shows us exactly what God is like? *God's Son, Jesus. (Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3)*

BIBLE NOTEBOOK: Self-Portrait

Remind kids that God created the world and everything in it for His glory. Prompt kids to list ways they could use their unique qualities to bring God glory. You could begin the conversation by talking about other people (friends, family members, or other role models); then your children will be able to look at themselves more closely. Encourage children to draw a self-portrait. Add it to the Bible notebook.



THURSDAY AT A GLANCE

LESSON TITLE: God Planned for the Sabbath (Day 7)

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11

THE CHRIST CONNECTION: The Bible says that Jesus is Lord over all of creation. Everything was created by Him and for Him. The Son has always existed, and He holds everything together. (Colossians 1:16-17)

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why did God create the world? God created the world and everything in it for His glory.

TODAY: You will need a large wall/desk calendar.

PREPARE TO TEACH: PROTECT THE REST

On the seventh day of creation week, God rested. *God rested.* The infinite and all powerful God didn't need to rest. He purposed rest. Think about it: God Almighty planned for Sabbath; He planned for rest. Shouldn't we? The non-stop world we live in—with 24/7 access to all things, all people, and all sources—requires that we turn things off and put them on pause to rest. The world doesn't turn itself off when you've had enough. It's up to you to close the laptop, put down your phone, and turn off the TV.

The busyness of life will never stop on its own. Our culture seems to pick up speed and continue hurling itself, and everyone in its path, toward noise, chaos, and turbulence. And we echo this in our sin. We are not victims. The world screams, "Keep going!" and quite often we listen. We rush wherever we're going as quickly as we can, with no regard to the margin, space, and boundaries we desperately need. Yes, need. It is essential for your well-being, and for the well-being of your precious family, to protect rest.

Planning life around discipling your kids can be challenging but so rewarding. Discipling your children is a large part of your life, but remember to prioritize and plan pause in the rhythms of life for yourself and your family. This rest is a benefit and a blessing, not a liability or a limitation. Enlist help as you need it. Guard the rest you need to recharge and refuel yourself. Ask God for the discipline to pause and protect rest.

BEGIN: PREPARING THEIR HEARTS

Review the six days of creation, using the rhyme below.

What did God make on Day 1? He made light where there was none.

What did God make on Day 2? Space called sky, the sky so blue.

What did God make on Day 3? Earth and seas and plants and trees

What did God make on Day 4? Sun and moon and stars galore!

What did God make on Day 5? Fish to swim and birds to fly.

What did God make on Day 6? Man and woman in the mix.

On Day 7, God did rest. His creation is the best!

Using a large calendar as a visual aid, ask children to name the days of the week. Point out which days constitute a typical business working week. Talk about school days and the responsibilities and activities that go along with each day. Finally, talk about the weekend, emphasizing the importance of Sunday.

READ: RECEIVING HIS WORD

Read Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11 aloud from your Bible or read the Bible story below.

God had done everything He planned to do. He had fashioned heaven, earth, and everything on earth. **So on the seventh day of creation, God rested** from His work.

God announced that **the seventh day of the week**, the day when all the work had been accomplished, **would be a holy day**. It was a holy day because it marked that His work was complete. **He was finished with the work of creation, so He rested.** He came to a place where the work could cease.

God reminds us in Exodus about the importance of rest. God said, “You have six days in which to get all your work done. But **the seventh day, the Sabbath, is a day** you will give back to the Lord your God. It’s day when work must cease. It is a day **set apart for worship and for rest.**” This commandment, like all commandments, is a blessing to the people of God. It is not healthy for people to work without resting, and **obeying this commandment is for our good and for the worship of God.**

APPLY

What does it mean to rest? Describe what a day of rest would look like around our home? What would we be doing? What would we not be doing? Work is good, and it is a necessary part of living together in our community. What are jobs that you have as part of our family? Everyone can have an important job to do. But they are important not because of their job. They are important because Jesus loves them. Every person is loved and valued by the God who created them. Remember, we are made in His image. All of us. When we take a day and set it aside to rest and worship God, we remind ourselves that it is not what we do or how hard we work that makes God love us. He loves us because He made us.

The Bible says that Jesus is Lord over all of creation. Everything was created by Him and for Him. The Son has always existed, and He holds everything together. (Colossians 1:16-17)

GOING DEEPER

Complete pages 6-7 in your Home Edition Workbook. Show the corresponding teaching pictures and Bible Stories from page 50.

Review the Family Discussion Starters and this week's memory verse together.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

(If kids need help, direct them to find the answers using the references below.)

In how many days did God work to create the world and everything in it? *Six days (Gen. 1:31)*

Recall the beginning of Genesis 2. What did God declare the seventh day to be? *Holy (Gen. 2:3)*

What does holy mean? *To be holy is to be set apart for God's use. God is holy.*

After children try to answer, explain that *holy* means to be set apart, sacred, and devoted to the Lord. The Lord's Day is no ordinary day. It is the day God called holy. God created every day of the week, and every moment of every day is a gift from Him—He allows us to work and accomplish our many tasks during the week— but on the Lord's Day, He tells us to set a special day aside for worship and for rest.

BIBLE NOTEBOOK: Day of Rest

Guide kids to draw a picture of what they would consider the “perfect day of rest.” Encourage older children to write a paragraph describing this perfect day and what they would do or not do to make it complete. Add these items to the Bible notebook.

IT'S FUN DAY!

Today is Fun Day! Fun Day is a chance to wrap up loose ends, work on projects, or go on a field trip. This page is not a to-do list, but a collection of ideas from which you can pick and choose.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Gen. 1:1)



CHOOSE A JOURNAL QUESTION

- What is your favorite animal?
- List some ways you can help take care of God's earth, God's animals, and God's people.

FIELD TRIPS/RESOURCE PEOPLE

- Plan a trip to a nearby planetarium to see an educational presentation about the night sky.
- Visit a florist or botanical gardens to look at the many plants God made.
- Get away from city lights and head for a rural destination that will allow you a great view of the night sky. Try a free iPhone app such as SkyView to gaze at the stars on your own.
- Connect with a Christian doctor, dentist, or veterinarian in your church or community that would be willing to take a few minutes to share with your children some of the wonderful details about God's creation and why they have a passion for helping people (or animals).

THINGS TO DO

- Make a poster, booklet, or display board about the seven days of Creation Week.
- Take a walk in nature or a nearby park. Choose some rocks, bugs, leaves, or plants and talk with your children about how nature reveals the character of God and brings Him glory.
- Enjoy the Creation Snack Mix recipe as you review each day in God's Creation Week.
- Create a bowl, pot, vase, or other masterpiece at a pottery studio (or enjoy the recipe for homemade play dough), and make some creations of your own.

HOMEMADE PLAY DOUGH

- 1 cup flour
- ¼ cup salt
- 2 T oil (vegetable, corn, or canola)
- 2 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 cup water
- 1 package any flavor dry drink mix (unsweetened)

Mix dry ingredients. Add oil and water. Cook on medium heat in electric skillet or on stove using a skillet or sauce pan. Stir continuously until dough congeals. Remove from heat and transfer to wax paper until cool. Once cool enough to touch, knead dough until workable. Allow to cool completely before handing to children.

CREATION SNACK MIX

Make your own snack mix to help children remember what God did on each day of Creation. Use between ½ cup and 2 cups of each day's ingredients.

DAY 1—LIGHT AND DARK

Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. (Gen. 1:3-4) — Use mini sandwich cookies (chocolate with white filling) or chocolate chips and white chocolate chips.

DAY 2—SKY, SEAS, AND EARTH

Then God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters, separating water from water.” So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above the expanse. And it was so. God called the expanse “sky.” (Gen. 1:6-8) — Add a frosted wheat cereal, explaining that the white, sugary side helps us remember clouds above, and the wheat side reminds us of ground below.

DAY 3—PLANTS AND VEGETATION

Then God said, “Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds.” And it was so. (Gen. 1:11) — Use your favorite dried fruit (bananas, apples, etc.), add pretzel sticks for trees, and sunflower or pumpkin seeds and raisins.

DAY 4—SUN, MOON, AND STARS

Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will serve as signs for seasons and for days and years. They will be lights in the expanse of the sky to provide light on the earth.” And it was so. (Gen. 1:14-15) — Add small orange and yellow fruit-flavored candies to represent tiny suns and moons.

DAY 5—BIRDS AND FISH, WATER CREATURES

Then God said, “Let the water swarm with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.” (Gen. 1:20) — Add cheese-flavored crackers shaped like fish/whales.

DAY 6 —LAND ANIMALS AND PEOPLE

Then God said, “Let the earth produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that crawl, and the wildlife of the earth according to their kinds. Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.” (Gen. 1:24, 26) — Add animal-shaped cookies.

DAY 7—REST/SABBATH

God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, for on it He rested from His work of creation. (Gen. 2:3) — Add mini marshmallows, soft and pillow-like, reminding us of rest.



TIME TO PLAN **WEEK 2**

Plan a field trip to your state capitol building, and/or make plans to talk with a lawyer or police officer.

Resource people: Officers of the Law & Government Officials

Next week's Bible lessons focus on choices:

- Adam and Eve's choice to sin
- Abel's choice to give God the best
- Cain's choice to give God less

The Law of Tithing—Does your family tithe? Pray now about explaining this principle to your children. SHOPPING: 100 pieces of candy

COMING SOON - WEEK 3: We'll begin studying Noah's Ark. Field trip ideas include the zoo or a local TV station. Many news stations are open to the public and the meteorologists often enjoy talking with kids. Make some calls now and see what's available.



Creation Maze

INSTRUCTIONS: Find your way through the maze to reveal the days of creation.



Finish



Start



Journal

What part of God's creation do you enjoy the most? Describe it here or draw a picture of something God created.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What are some things God created? (See Genesis 1–2.)
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THE BIG QUESTION

Why did God create the world?
Unscramble the words to find the answer.

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Creation Scene Search

Two of these animals are NOT in the creation scene.
Can you find them?



Journal Page

What part of God's creation do you enjoy the most? Describe it here or draw a picture of something God created.

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Discuss with your family or journal your answers.

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