

God Creates the World

Unit 1 | Week 1

Bible Point:

God always loves us...and gives us all we need to live.

Purpose

The word *genesis* means “beginning” or “origins.” This first book of the Bible begins God’s story of love for us. Consider how we benefit from each microscopic detail of God’s creation. Gravity keeps us on the ground. Oxygen in the atmosphere keeps us alive. From the nutrients in vegetables to the cuddle of a puppy, God’s creation gives us life and shows us his unending love—love that ultimately sent Jesus to our world to give us a new beginning.

In the Beginning

Genesis 1:1-25

“And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.” (Ephesians 3:18)



Opening Options

How to Start Options Choose one-or both- to introduce today’s Bible discoveries.

[?] What would your perfect Lego world be like?

In our Bible story, we’ll discover how God made *our* amazing world.

God always loves us. We can see God’s love in the world around us.

Paper Creations: Create something to give to someone you love.

Let’s meet our Bible Memory Buddy, Savanna the giraffe!

Show Savanna Bible Memory Buddy video (Week 1).

Supplies:

- Children’s Bible
- construction paper
- stickers
- crayons
- scissors
- glue sticks

Show the Bible. The Bible is God's true story of love! It's one big book that's filled with a bunch of little books. Our Bible Memory Verse comes from Ephesians 3:18. Let's say the verse together. I'll say a line, and then you repeat after me.

“And may you have the power *(make muscles with arms)*
to understand, *(point to head)*
as all God's people should, *(sweep hands in front of you)*
how wide, *(spread arms wide)*
how long, *(move arm in front like tracing a long line)*
how high, *(stretch up with hand above head)*
and how deep *(crouch down)*
(God's) love is.” *(hug yourself)*
(Ephesians 3:18)



“He's Got the Whole World in His Hands”
music video.

God always loves us. And he's got the whole world in his hands!

Experience the Bible Story

Read aloud Genesis 1:25. From any children's Bible

God made fish and birds and animals to live in the world he created. Shout out some of God's creations with me.

On the count of three:

- Shout out a kind of fish.
- Shout out a kind of bird.
- Shout out a kind of bug.
- Shout out a kind of animal.

God made everything we need to survive and enjoy life on this earth. And God said it was good. Creation shows us his love.

[?] What's your favorite thing God made? Why do you like it?

Apply-It Options

Supplies: Bibles, clear plastic cups, water, shaving cream, blue food coloring, wet wipes

God separated land and sky. He created our atmosphere and weather. Let's create sky cups!

- Fill a cup $\frac{3}{4}$ full of water.
- Add shaving cream “clouds” to the top of the water to create “sky.”
- Drop a few drops of blue food coloring “rain” on top of the shaving cream, and watch it fall into the water.

The Bible says, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Want to hear something cool? Jesus was there, too! God later showed his love for us by sending Jesus to our world to rescue us from sin and be our friend.

I’d like to read you something about our friend Jesus. As you listen, lie back, close your eyes, and imagine you’re looking up at a night sky filled with stars. Pause. Keep quietly stargazing as I read about Jesus.

Read the first section of the Unit 1, Week 1 Take-It-Home Flyer

Prayer

God, your awesome name fills the earth. It’s amazing to think that you, the Creator, care for me. Thank you. And thanks for caring for the kids I’ll lead today. May they see your love in our world and in my life. Amen.

