

GOD CREATED THE LAND, PLANTS, SUN, MOON AND STARS

STORY: CREATION / YEAR: KINGDOM

BIG TRUTH: GOD CREATED THE LAND, PLANTS, SUN, MOON AND STARS

Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 8:3; Psalm 104:19; Psalm 136:7-9; Psalm 147:4; Isaiah 40:26

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 74:16

"Yours is the day, yours also the night; you have established the heavenly lights and the sun."

BIG IDEAS

- On day three God created the land and the plants.
- On day four God created the universe.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:9-19

God's creation of the world was completed in six days. On day three, God separated the land from the expanse of water that He had created. He caused plants and vegetation to grow on the land. On day four, He created the universe, which includes the sun, the moon, the stars and everything that is in the universe. God created all things and everything that He created was good.

STORY: CREATION

God created everything. Everything we see, hear, feel, taste, and that exists was created by Him. Not only did He create everything, but He created everything perfectly, including humanity. He created mankind in His very image and likeness to reflect His worth. All of creation was made just like He wanted and designed it to be. To His delight, God looked at everything He made and declared that it was good. All creation exists for God, is good, and was created to bring Him glory.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- God created everything in six days.



Every child should feel:

- Awe at God's creativity seen through all of creation



Every child should:

- Treat God's creation with honor and steward it well



Every child should want:

- To fulfill God's created purpose for their lives

FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE

The universe is huge and includes many stars, planets, moons, and things we don't even know about. God is the creator of the universe and everything that is in it. He is bigger and greater than the universe and spoke into being all that is in the universe.

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BIBLE VERSE: PSALMS 74:16

"Yours is the day, yours also the night; you have established the heavenly lights and the sun."

God is the mighty Creator of all things.

- God is mighty and powerful in all things.
- He is the Creator of everything.
- He not only is the Creator, He is the ruler of all things.
- He is mighty and more powerful than all of creation.
- He is bigger and mightier than the universe because He is the Creator of the universe.

God is the Creator of the day and the night.

- Because God is the Creator of all things, all things belong to Him.
- He created the day and night and they belong to Him.
- God spoke the light into existence and separated it from the darkness.
- He is greater than the light, even the sun, which He spoke into existence.

God is the Creator of the land and heavenly lights.

- God made all of the land and the plants on it. Everything that grows on the land is from God.
- He spoke the flowers, plants, vegetation, trees, grass, and everything else into being.
- He created the land and separated it from the expanse of water.
- He made the sun and the stars. He knows the names of each star. He is greater than the sun.
- Everything comes from God and God is bigger than the universe in all of its greatness.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:9-19

God Created The Land, Plants, Sun, Moon, and Stars

Opening Illustration:

Gather together white paper, crayons, and markers. Give each child a piece of paper, crayons, and markers. Ask the children to create a self-portrait. Do not give them a lot of guidelines, except to create a self-portrait that shows who they are and where they live. When they are finished, show the class each self-portrait. Lead the children in a discussion about how God is the Creator of everything and He rules over Creation. He also created each of us to be unique.

- Were any of the self-portraits the same? (No, they are all different because we are all different.)
- God is the Creator of everything. He made the earth and He made us.
- Are we all the same? (No, we are different, even though we are all humans.)
- God created us all to be different, even though we are all created in His image.
- He also rules over all of creation because He is the ruler of all things.

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BIG IDEA: ON DAY THREE, GOD CREATED THE LAND AND THE PLANTS.

Opening Question:

How do plants help us live? (They provide food, oxygen, and protection for us.)

God's creation of the land and plants shows His plan for all of life.¹

- God's design of the world was a good design.
- He planned for life to grow from His creation of the world.
- He called the land from the water and named the dry land Earth.
- He called the water the seas and designed it to help provide life on earth.
- God's plan for our world was that there would be dry land and bodies of water.
- God designed the earth to produce life through the land and the water.



Bring in leaves from several different trees. Ask the children to take turns trying to identify the tree that the leaf came from. Remind the children that God created everything on the land, all of the plants and vegetation.

God caused vegetation to grow on the land.

- God's plan was for vegetation to grow on the earth.
- The plants that God created produced seeds so that they could reproduce and life could continue to grow on the land.
- God's plan was for the plants to produce more plants and for them to provide life for the earth and man.
- We see God's great design for the world through His creation of the land and the plants.
- He designed the plants in such a way that they produce oxygen needed by mankind and the animals.
- He made the land and plants for man and He made man for Himself.
- Everything that God created was created for His glory and it shows His mightiness and wisdom.

What did God create on day three? (He created the land and the plants.)

What purpose do the plants serve? (They provide oxygen and life for man and the animals.)

1. Nehemiah 9:6: God is the Creator of all things, the seas, the land, the plants, the universe.

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BIG IDEA: ON DAY FOUR, GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE.

What is the universe? (The universe is the sun, moon, stars, planets, and everything that is above the earth in the atmosphere and beyond.)

God's plan for all life is seen in His creation of the universe.

- When God created the heavens, He called forth lights to give light.
- The stars are created by God and placed in the universe to declare His glory.
- The planets, comets, moon, and sun are all created by God and placed in the universe as a display of His greatness.
- The lights separated the night from the day and gave light to all of the world.
- The sun gives warmth and life to the earth; without it, life on earth would not be possible.
- God's creation of the sun shows His great majesty and His plan for all of life on the earth.

God's creation of the universe shows His great wisdom and understanding.

- When God created the sun, the moon, and the stars, He made a way for His greatest creation, mankind, to live and work on the earth.
- These elements are necessary for life to exist on the earth.
- They are detailed and intricate, yet God made them by speaking them into being.
- God made the sun just the exact size, temperature, and distance from earth that was needed just by speaking it into being.
- God placed the stars in the sky and named them.²
- God planned so perfectly how He created the universe, showing His wisdom and understanding.
- The universe, or heavens declare God's majesty and glory. We see God displayed in the universe above us.

God created the universe to help mankind.

- The heavens declare God's glory; they speak of His greatness just by existing.
- When we see the stars, the moon, and the planets, we get a sense of God's greatness.
- That the universe orbits or rotates in unison so perfectly and all on God's Word shows how wise and powerful God is.
- He is our great Creator!

What did God create on day four? (He created the universe.)

2. Psalm 147:4: God determined the number of stars and He calls them by name.

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HOOKS



KNOW

God Created the Land

Bring in different types of “land”, such as sand, topsoil, and clay. Show the different types of “land” to the children. Allow them to examine each type and ask them to describe what each type is like. Lead them in a discussion about how God created the land, every type of land all over the earth.



DO

- Do these types of “land” feel the same and look the same? (No, each one is different.)
- Who is the Creator of all of these? (God is the Creator of the land.)



FEEL

God Created Vegetation

Give the children Play-Doh and ask them to create trees and flowers with their Play-Doh. Lead them in a discussion about how God created all the plants, flowers, trees, and vegetation that grow on the earth.

- God is the Creator of all vegetation on the earth.
- All of our plants, trees, flowers, and grass were created by God.
- On the fourth day, He created it all and caused it to continue growing and producing.



WANT

God Made The Universe

Give each child a paper star. Ask the children to decorate their star using markers, crayons, and glitter glue. Lead the children in a discussion about the universe and all that is in it. Remind them that all of it was created by God.

- Do we know how many stars are in the universe? (No, they are too numerous to count.)
- God knows how many stars are in the universe. He determined the number and He even knows their names.