

GOD CREATED THE DAY, NIGHT, SKY, AND SEA

STORY: CREATION

BIG TRUTH: GOD CREATED THE DAY, NIGHT, SKY, AND SEA

Genesis 1:3-8; Psalm 33:6; Psalm 136:5-6; Proverbs 8:27; Isaiah 45:7

BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 3:19

“The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding He established the heavens.”

BIG IDEAS

- On day one God created the light and the darkness.
- On day two God separated the sky from the sea.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:1-8

God created the heavens and the earth in six days. On day one, He created the light and the dark. He called them good because they were. On the second day, He separated the sky from the sea. This, too, was good because God said it was. God is the great Creator of all things.

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



KNOW

Every child should know that:

- God created everything in six days.



FEEL

Every child should feel:

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



DO

Every child should:

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



WANT

Every child should want:

- To fulfill God's created purpose for their lives

FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD CALLED LIGHT FROM DARK

God is the great Creator and He is purposeful in His creation. On the first day, He commanded light into being and He called separated it from the dark. He shines light on all of the earth and in our hearts.

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God is the wisest being of all beings.

- God is the source of all wisdom.
- Wisdom comes from God because He is the beginning of all things.
- God’s wisdom gave birth to our world and everything in it.
- The heavens and the earth are created from God’s wisdom.
- In His wisdom, He created the sky and the sea and separated the sky from the sea.

God created the heavens and the earth through His wisdom.

- God is the only wise being.
- It is His design to create the heavens and the earth.
- God’s great wisdom and understanding were used to create our world.

The heavens and the earth show God’s great wisdom.

- When we look at the heavens, at the day and the night, we see God’s great power and wisdom.
- When we look at the earth, at the sky and the sea, we see God’s infinite understanding and wisdom.
- God is the Creator of all things and He created the heavens and the earth in a very detailed and intricate way.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:1-8

God Created The Day, Night, Sky and Sea

Opening Illustration:

Gather together several soft balls and medium sized containers. Divide the children into two to three small teams. Give each team one of the balls and ask them to toss the ball into the container. If they hit the container, they get to name something that God created. If they miss the container, they get to name some way that God rules over creation. Once they’ve played several times, lead them in a discussion about how God is the Creator of everything, even people and He rules over everything.

- Who is the Creator of all things? (God is the Creator of all things.)
- Who rules over all of creation? (God is the ruler of all creation.)
- God is our Creator. He creates every person and He cares for us, too.
- God is the Creator of everything everywhere

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BIG IDEA: ON DAY ONE GOD CREATED LIGHT AND DARKNESS.¹

What is the difference between light and darkness? (Light is bright and lets us see things; darkness prevents us from seeing things.)

In the beginning, there was only God and no earth.²

- Only God existed in the beginning.
- There was no earth, no heavens.
- There was no light and darkness before God created the heavens and the earth.
- There was only God and God is light, so there was no darkness.
- Isaiah 45:7 tells us that God created darkness when He created the world.
- There was a void, or emptiness.
- There was darkness in space.



Bring in an empty box with a lid. Raise the lid slightly and allow the children to peek inside. They should see darkness inside. Next, remove the lid from the box. Lead the students in a discussion about how God created light and separated it from the darkness. The lid on the box separates the light from the darkness.

Day one of creation God spoke light into being.

- There was darkness on the earth in the beginning.
- God spoke, commanding light to begin and light began to shine.
- Into the deep darkness that filled the earth, God's Word created light.
- The light obeyed God's voice and there was no longer just darkness.

God separated the light from the darkness.

- God saw that the light He created was good because God is good and all He does is good.
- He separated the light from the darkness, drawing the day from the night.
- God named the light He had called from the darkness "Day".
- He named the darkness "Night".
- The day and night were good because God created them and everything that God does is good.

What was in the beginning before God created the light? (There was only God in the beginning and then only space when He created the heavens and the earth.)

What did God call the light? (He called it "Day".)

What did God call the darkness? (He called it "Night".)

1. Isaiah 45:7: God is the Creator of all things, including darkness. Before the universe and the earth, there was only God.
2. Proverbs 3:19: God created the heavens and the earth. He is the Creator of everything.

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BIG IDEA: ON DAY TWO GOD SEPARATED THE SKY FROM THE SEA.

God created the earth and all the elements on it.

- God created the earth and He made light.
- He separated the light from the darkness.
- He created the water that was on the earth.
- He, in His great wisdom, chose to separate the sky, or heavens from the sea.
- The water was created by God for His purposes.

The sky was made by God and includes the heavens.

- God chose to create a space, or expanse separate from the water and land.
- The expanse was named the heavens.
- It includes the atmosphere above the earth, the place where celestial lights and the birds are seen.
- God separated this space, forming the world into what we see and know.

We have a sky and a sea because God created them.

- God was intricately involved in creating every part of our world.
- The sky didn't just evolve or happen.
- God spoke it into being.
- The water didn't exist already.
- God spoke it into being.
- God is the Creator of everything.
- On the first two days, He created day and night and separated the sky from the sea.



Give each child a small cup of water that is almost full and a straw. Tell the children that before God separated the sky from the sea, the earth was full of water like their cups. Next, ask the children to use the straw to drink about half of their water. This is like when God separated the sky from the sea.

What did God create on the second day? (He created the sky and the sea by separating the sky from the sea.)
Who created the water on the earth? (God created the water on the earth. He is the beginning of it all.)

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HOOKS



KNOW

God Made The Day And Night

Bring in several pictures of activities that are done during the day and activities that are done at night. Divide the children into two groups. Play a game of beanbag toss. The team who hits the designated mark with the beanbag should look at one picture as you hold it up and put it in the "Day" or "Night" column. If they get it correct, the team gets to keep the picture. The team with the most pictures at the end of the game wins.



DO

- Before God made the light, there was only darkness.
- When God made the light, He separated it from the darkness making day and night.
- We have day and night because God made them.



FEEL

God Separated the Sky from the Sea

Give each child blue and white Play-doh. Ask them to create clouds with their white Play-doh and water with their blue Play-doh. Lead them in a discussion about how God separated the sky from the sea.



WANT

- Before God separated the sky from the sea, there was water on the earth.
- God created the water and then He separated the sky from it.

Light Broke Through Darkness

Bring in a bandana or a piece of cloth that can be used as a blindfold. Instruct the children to take turns wearing the blindfold and describing what they see. Once every child has had a turn wearing the blindfold, lead them in a discussion about what it might have been like before God created light and then what it's like since He created light.

- God created the light and He made the day and the night. He separated the light from the darkness.
- God is the Creator of everything.