

GOD CREATED THE SEA CREATURES, BIRDS, ANIMALS, AND MAN

STORY: CREATION

BIG TRUTH: GOD CREATED THE SEA CREATURES, BIRDS, ANIMALS, AND MAN

Psalm 148:5-13; Job 12:7-10; Job 38; Isaiah 42:5; Acts 4:24

BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:26

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

BIG IDEAS

- On day five God created the sea creatures and birds.
- On day six God created the animals and mankind.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:20-31

God’s creation of the world is an intricate, yet marvelous one. He created everything by speaking it into being, until He created mankind. Before He created man though, He spoke into being the sea creatures and the birds. All that lives in the sea and in the air was created on the fifth day by God’s Word. On the sixth day, He created mankind, forming him with His hands from the dust of the ground. He breathed life into the man and woman. God also created all of the animals that are on the earth. He is the Creator of all things.

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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 CREATED MAN AND GAVE HIM DOMINION

God’s special creation is mankind. God formed man with His hands from the dust and breathed life into his lungs. He created woman from man’s rib and breathed life into her lungs. He gave the man and woman dominion or rule over the earth. They were His unique and special creation.

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Mankind is held above the rest of creation.

- All creation is valuable to God, but mankind is created with a greater purpose.
- Man is placed above all of the sea creatures, birds, and animals.
- God created man in His image to be in a relationship with Him.
- Nothing else bears God’s image, only mankind.
- God made the fish, birds, and animals to be ruled by man.

Man has authority over the sea creatures, birds, and animals.

- God created man in His image and then He gave man authority, or rule over all of the animals.
- The animals were created for man. Man is held higher than the rest of creation because of how God created mankind.
- God is the maker of all things and He created all of the creatures in the heavens and on the earth.
- He created man to rule over the animals, sea creatures and birds.

Man is created in God’s image for a purpose.

- God chose to create man differently than He created the rest of creation.
- He formed man with His own hands from the dust of the earth.
- He breathed life into man’s lungs and then He gave man a place of authority over the earth and the animals on the earth.
- Man was created in God’s image and lives as a reflection of God to the world.
- God has given man a special place of importance above the other created things on the earth.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:20-31

God Created The Sea Creatures, Birds, Animals, And Man

Opening Illustration:

On heavy cardstock paper, write down different things that God created. Make sure to include the following: sea creatures, birds, animals, angels, and man. You can have as many pieces of cardstock as you like. Place the pieces of cardstock on the floor and then play a game of beanbag toss with the children. When a child hits one of the pieces of paper, they get to turn it over and tell the class something that God created. When every child has had a turn, lead them in a discussion about God as the Creator of all things. Make sure to include that God created the sea creatures, birds, animals, angels, and man and He rules over everything.

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BIG IDEA: ON DAY FIVE GOD CREATED THE SEA CREATURES AND BIRDS.

Opening Question:

What are some of the creatures that live in the ocean? (Help the children name some of the creatures who live in the ocean, such as fish, dolphins, sharks, whales, manatees, sea horses, etc.)

What are some of the birds that live in the sky? (Help the children name some of the birds common to your area and then some not common, such as parrots, cranes, etc.)

God is the Creator of every creature in every body of water on the earth.¹

- When God created water and separated it from land, it had no creatures in it.
- The water itself did not give life to sea creatures, like fish, frogs, alligators, and sharks.
- God created everything in the waters.
- Every species of fish comes from God, spoken into being by His Word.
- Every type of dolphin, whale, alligator, etc., was given life by God when He spoke them into being.



Divide the children into groups of three or four. Give each group a soft ball and ask them to toss the ball into a container a few feet away. Each time one of their group members hits the container, they get to name a sea creature that God created on the fifth day.

God not only created every sea creature, but He blessed them to multiply, also.

- God blessed all the creatures in the sea and commanded them to multiply.
- The creatures in the sea obeyed God's voice and filled all the oceans and bodies of water.
- There are many, many species of fish and God is responsible for them all.
- God created each creature specifically to live in the right conditions in certain parts of the world.
- God, in His great wisdom, made every sea creature in the right way so that it can live in the exact body of water and area of the world that God created it to live in.

1. Psalm 148:5-7: God is the Creator of everything. He created the heavens, the earth, and all the creatures that live on the land, in the sea, and in the sky.

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BIG IDEA: ON DAY SIX GOD CREATED THE ANIMALS AND MANKIND.²

What are some of the animals that live on the earth? (Help the children name some of the animals on the earth, such as the dogs, cats, lions, bears, tigers, etc.)

God created the animals separately from mankind.

- Animals were created by God to fill the earth and to be used by man.
- Animals are God's creation.
- They didn't come from the land on their own; they were created by God.
- God spoke each and every species of animal into being.
- He created each one by speaking them into being.
- Animals began to fill the earth, every animal that is seen and those that are not seen.



Bring in a small mirror and pass the mirror from child to child. Ask the children to identify something about themselves, such as the color of their hair or their eyes. Remind the children that every person is created by God.

God created every animal perfectly with His Word.

- When God created the animals on the land, they were perfect.
- He spoke them into being by His powerful Word.
- The animals were made perfectly to live on the earth in harmony.
- God, the Creator, spoke every animal into being, creating a complex cycle of life just by His Word.
- All that He made was good, yet the sin of man broke God's creation and caused trouble on the earth.

God created mankind after He made the animals.

- Man was made differently than the rest of creation.
- Man did not come from animals; mankind was made separately.
- Man was formed, or made using the dust of the earth.
- God breathed air into the first man's nostrils, breathing life into his body.
- Man was made in God's image, unlike the animals.
- Man's purpose is different from animals' purpose.
- Man was given dominion, or rule over every animal.
- Man did not evolve or come from animals because man was created separately from animals and is a unique creation of God.

2. Job 12:7-10: Everything that exists was created by God. God created every animal on the earth.

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HOOKS



God Made Every Creature On The Earth

Create a list of cards with pictures of animals, sea creatures, and birds on them. Use them to play a game of charades with the children. After each child has a chance to play, lead them in a discussion about how God created every creature on the earth.



- Who is the Creator of everything? (God is the Creator of everything and all things.)
- What animals did God create? (Help the children name some animals that God created.)
- What sea creatures did God create? (Help the children name some sea creatures that God created.)



God Made Every Bird In The Sky

Before class, print off a bird template and cut out enough birds from white paper for each child. In class ask the children to color their birds any way they like. Once they finish, talk with them about how each bird is different just like the many different birds in the world. God is the creator of all of them.



- All of our birds are different. They aren't the same just like there are different birds in the world.
- Who is the Creator of all the birds? (God created every bird in the sky.)