

Bible Story 1: CREATION OF THE WORLD

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 1 - 2:4, 18-22

MEMORY VERSE: GENESIS 1:1

BIBLE STORY:

In the beginning, the world was without form and empty. It was very dark and covered with water. God decided to create the sky and the earth and created the world in this order:

On the **first day**, God said, *“Have light.”* The light was seen and began to exist. God saw that the light was good and made a separation between the light and the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness “night.” The first day of creation passed.

On the **second day**, God continued working. Everything was covered with water. God separated the waters and made a space between the two divisions. This space was called “sky.”

On the **third day**, God gathered the waters under the sky together and called them “seas.” He caused dry ground to appear and called it “land.” Afterwards, God created every type of vegetation which was to reproduce, that is, the plants were to give seeds, and the trees were to give fruits.

On the **fourth day**, God made the sun, the moon and the stars, and He saw that everything that He was made was good.

On the **fifth day**, God created every type of fish that lives in the water and all of the species of birds that fly. They multiplied themselves on the earth.

On the **sixth day**, God created all the animals, each one in accordance with its species: the domestic animals and the wild

animals, such as: cattle, snakes, etc.

However, man still did not exist. Then God said, *“Let us make man similar to us.”*

God made the first man and called him Adam. God told him: *“Adam, you will take care of everything that I made. You have charge over the animals, the birds and the fish.”*

Adam was alone; he didn’t have another person with him. Then the Lord God said, *“It is not good that man is alone.”*

God made Adam sleep, took one of his ribs and transformed this into a woman. Her name was Eve.

God blessed them and said, *“You are in charge of the animals, the fish, the birds and the reptiles. Now you must multiply and fill the earth with your children.”*

God saw that everything that was made was very good. And the sixth day passed.

On the **seventh day**, God rested from all the work that he had done as Creator. God blessed the seventh day, and thereafter, during the time of the Old Testament, the people of God rested from work on that day to worship the Creator. At the time of the New Testament, Jesus’ disciples began meeting to worship God on the first day of the week, the day which Jesus resurrected.

LIFE LESSONS:

1. In the beginning, God created all the world. God is the Creator. Give thanks to God for the beautiful world that He has created.
2. God created the world in order. Everything was good. Help take care of the world that God has created. How? Examples: Help take care of animals, grass, flowers, trees, etc. Help replant trees and flowers, etc. Do not throw trash in the forest where animals may hurt themselves or throw trash out of the car, etc.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Who created everything? What are some things that God created?
2. What is the great difference between the creation of man and the creation of animals?
3. What were Adam and Eve's responsibilities?
4. Today, what are our responsibilities of taking care of the world that God created?
5. God rested on the seventh day. Adam and Eve rested from work and worshiped God on the seventh day of each week. Should we worship God? Why? How do you worship God?

ACTIVITIES FOR THIS BIBLE STORY:

Choose activities that may be used in your specific situation. Consider the age and maturity of each person, locality where the story will be told (customs and traditions), and available resources, time and space.

TELLING THE BIBLE STORY:

- Tell the Bible story about the Creation in your own words, expressing the sentiments of the story. Immediately after telling the story, make applications of the lessons taken from the Bible story as they apply to the lives of the listeners. Ask questions for discussion.
Activity: After telling the story, use seven volunteers. Each person represents one day of the creation. Retell the story, letting each volunteer tell what was created or happened on his particular day.

PICNIC:

- Go on a picnic with your group, family, etc. Observe and talk about God's creation, such as the types of trees and flowers. Then eat a lunch/snack.

OUTING:

- Give each person a sack and then take a walk outside, letting each person collect items that God has created. (Examples: collect plants, leaves, stones, flowers, etc.) Afterwards talk about the items they found.
 - Option 1: Give a list, "treasure items," to find.
 - Option 2: If cameras are available, let each one take pictures of things God has created and share these pictures with the group.

CUTTING AND PASTING:

- Pass out old magazines or newspapers. Each person will look for and cut out items that God has created. As a group, talk about the items found.
 - Option: Hand out a list of items that each person must find in the magazines.

MISSION ACTIVITIES:

Option 1: Vegetable Garden

- Plant a garden and share the produce with the needy and elderly. (Suggestion: At harvest time, let needy ones pick the produce themselves without charging.)

Option 2: Flower Garden

- Plant flowers. Pick flowers and share them with homebound people or the elderly.

Option 3: Animal Shelter

- Volunteer time and help at an Animal Shelter.
 - Adopt an animal.

Option 4: Pets

- Help a homebound person or an elderly person care for his pet. (Examples: walk his pet, help feed the dog, clean an aquarium, etc.)

Option 5: Yard

- Help mow the grass, trim bushes, pick up leaves or sweep the driveway for the homebound or an elderly person.

OUTING:

- Take the group fishing, go swimming at a beach or park, visit a zoo or Sea World.

GAME: "SEARCHING THE BIBLE OR FISHING FOR SCRIPTURE"

Option 1: Each person searches the Bible and reads Bible verses related to God creating the earth.

Option 2: Cut out fish figures out of construction paper or old newspaper and put a paper clip on each mouth. On each fish, write a Bible verse about the creation.

- Make a fishing pole, attach a string and put a magnet on the end of the line. Let each person catch a fish, and then have someone read the Bible verse.

Examples of Bible verses:

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| ...Genesis 1:1 | ...John 1:3a |
| ...Genesis 1:16c | ...Matthew 5:45 |
| ...Proverbs 20:12 | ...Psalm 24:1 |

DAILY BIBLE READING - Genesis 1 - 2:4, 18-22

1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH
Genesis 1:1-5	Genesis 1:6-8	Genesis 1:9-13	Genesis 1:14-19	Genesis 1:20-23	Genesis 1:24-31	Genesis 2:1-4, 18-22