BIBLE STORY CHANT: "CREATION OF THE WORLD"

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SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:1-31 - 2:3

PRESENTATION:
1. Be true to the Bible story.
   As you tell the story in your own words, be true to the story in the Bible. Do not embellish the story. The Bible story you tell, will be the oral Bible the listeners hear and learn.

2. Visualize the scenes in the story.
   Before telling the Bible story, mentally visualize where the scenes will be at the locality where the story will be told. As this story is being told, the storyteller makes sure he is placing the sun, moon, and stars in the sky, the birds in the air, the fish in the water and the animals on land. Otherwise, it can be confusing, especially for deaf people.

3. Bible Story Chant: *"Creation of the World"*
   Option 1: ■ Distribute the chant or put it on a Power Point Presentation before telling the Bible story.
   ■ Explain that the leader will say the words under "Leader" and the group will say the words under "participants."
   ■ Explain that everyone will say the words together when it says, "ALL."
   ■ Chant the Bible story.

   Option 2: ■ Show the picture and its word (such as a picture of stars with the word "stars" written at the bottom or top.) The group repeats the word.
   ■ Explain that at the appropriate time in the story you will hold up the picture and they are to say the word. You'll continue doing this until the story is finished.

4. Explain words, phrases or customs that are in the Bible story.
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BACKGROUND OF THE STORY (Initial Situation):
   In the beginning was God. Close your eyes. All is darkness. Only God existed in the beginning.

TELL THE STORY:
   Take your listeners on a story journey by chanting the Bible story, "Creation of the World."
   ■ **Option 1:** Chant the Bible story.
   ■ **Option 2:** Chant the Bible story using Visual Resources.

CONCLUSION:
   (Choose one or more options.)
   ■ **Option 1: Stop**
      ■ After chanting the Bible story, stop.

- **Option 2: Prayer**
    - After chanting the Bible story, pray.
    - Example: Say, "Let us thank God for his creation. After I begin, each one mention something you are thankful for that God has created. 'Thank you God for the beautiful flowers. Thank you God for the ....'"

- **Option 3: Devotional Thought**
    - After chanting the Bible story, state the Devotional Thought. It is a Life Lesson (Bible truth) taken from the story that applies to the lives of the listeners.
    - Example: Say, "May we be like Adam and Eve and help take care of God's creation."
    - Suggestion: End with prayer, such as "Thank you God for your creation. May we help you by taking care of the beautiful world you have created."

- **Option 4: Discussion Questions**
    - After the chant, ask one or more questions, depending upon the time available. Allow listeners to answer the question(s).
    - Example:
        - What did you learn from the story?
        - What does this story teach us about God?
        - What is the great difference between the creation of man and the creation of animals?
        - Adam and Eve helped take care of God's creation. Today, how can we help take care of the world God has created?
        - Suggestion: End with prayer, thanking God for the world he has created.

(Chant is on next pages.)

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LEADER	PARTICIPANTS
"In the beginning, God created	the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).
ALL: On the first day	
God created the	light
separating the light and darkness.	
God called the light	day
and the darkness	night.
Everything was covered with	water.
ALL: On the second day	
God separated the	waters
and made a space between, calling it	sky.
ALL: On the third day	
God gathered all the water, calling it	seas.
He caused the dry ground to appear, calling it	land.
God created the vegetation, such as the	plants, trees and fruits.
God saw that	it was good.
ALL: On the fourth day	
God created the	sun
to shine during the	day.
He also made the	moon and stars
to shine during the	night.
God saw that	it was good.
ALL: On the fifth day	
God created every type of	fish
that lives in the water.	

He made the		birds
that fly in the sky.		
God saw that		it was good.
ALL: On the sixth day		
God created all the		animals.
Then God said, "Let us make man similar to us." God created the first		man
Adam		
and later the first		woman
Eve.		
Adam and Eve were to take care of His creation.		
God saw all that He had made		and it was very good!
ALL: On the seventh day		
God		rested
from all the		work.
"In the beginning, God created		the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1)
The world that God created was		very good!

BIBLE STORY CHANT WITH VISUAL RESOURCES: "Creation of the World"		
INSTRUCTIONS **At appropriate time:**	**LEADER**	**PARTICIPANTS**
Hold up sign with words: *"The heavens and the earth"* *(Genesis 1:1).*	**"In the beginning, God created**	**the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).**
Hold up sign, "On the first day."	**ALL: On the first day**	
Hold up picture of "light."	**God created the**	**light**
Hold up and separate picture of "light" (on top) and "darkness" (on bottom).	**separating the light and darkness.**	
Hold up picture of "day."	**God called the light**	**day**
Hold up picture of "night."	**and the darkness**	**night.**
Hold up picture of "water."	**Everything was covered with**	**water.**
Hold up sign, "On the second day."	**ALL: On the second day**	
Hold up picture of "waters."	**God separated the**	**waters**
Hold up picture of "sky."	**and made a space between, calling it**	**sky.**
Hold up sign, "On the third day."	**ALL: On the third day**	
Hold up picture of "seas."	**God gathered all the water, calling it**	**seas**
Hold up picture of "land."	**He caused the dry ground to appear, calling it**	**land**
Hold up picture of "plants / trees / fruits."	**God created the vegetation, such as the**	**plants, trees and fruits.**
Hold up sign with words: "It was good."	**God saw that**	**it was good.**
Hold up sign, "On the fourth day."	**ALL: On the fourth day**	
Hold up picture of "sun."	**God created the**	**sun**
Hold up picture of "day."	**to shine during the**	**day.**
Hold up picture of "moon and stars."	**He also made the**	**moon and stars**
Hold up picture of "night."	**to shine during the**	**night.**

Hold up sign with words: "It was good."	God saw that	it was good.
Hold up sign, "On the fifth day."	**ALL: On the fifth day**	
Hold up picture of "fish."	God created every type of	fish
	that lives in the water.	
Hold up picture of "birds."	He made the	birds
	that fly in the sky.	
Hold up sign with words: "It was good."	God saw that	it was good.
Hold up sign, "On the sixth day."	**ALL: On the sixth day**	
Hold up picture of "animals."	God created all the	animals
Hold up picture of "man."	Then God said, "Let us make man similar to us." God created the first	man
	Adam	
Hold up picture of "woman."	and later the first	woman
	Eve.	
	Adam and Eve were to take care of His creation.	
Hold up sign "and it was very good!"	God saw all that He had made,	and it was very good!
Hold up sign, "On the seventh day."	**ALL: On the seventh day**	
Hold up sign "rested"	God	rested
Hold up sign "work"	from all the	work.
Hold up sign with words: "The heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).	"In the beginning, God created	the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).
Hold up sign "was very good!"	The world that God created	was very good!