

# BIBLE STORY CHANT: "CREATION OF THE WORLD"

**BIBLE STORY:** "Creation of the World"

**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.

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Option 1: ■ 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.

Option 2: ■ 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."

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. There was nothing created. Only God existed.

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INSTRUCTIONS At appropriate time:	LEADER	PARTICIPANTS
	"In the beginning, God created	The heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).
<i>Hold up sign, "On the first day."</i>	<b>ALL: On the first day</b>	
<i>Hold up picture of "light."</i>	God created the	light
<i>Hold up and separate picture of "light" (on top) and "darkness" (on bottom).</i>	separating the light and darkness.	
<i>Hold up picture of "day."</i>	God called the light	day
<i>Hold up picture of "night."</i>	and the darkness	night
<i>Hold up picture of "water."</i>	Everything was covered with	water
<i>Hold up sign, "On the second day."</i>	<b>ALL: On the second day</b>	
<i>Hold up picture of "waters."</i>	God separated the	waters
<i>Hold up picture of "sky."</i>	and made a space between, calling it	sky
<i>Hold up sign, "On the third day."</i>	<b>ALL: On the third day</b>	
<i>Hold up picture of "seas."</i>	God gathered all the water, calling it	seas
<i>Hold up picture of "land."</i>	He caused the dry ground to appear, calling it	land
<i>Hold up picture of "plants / trees / fruits."</i>	Ge created the vegetation, such as the	plants, trees and fruits
<i>Hold up sign, "On the fourth day."</i>	<b>ALL: On the fourth day</b>	
<i>Hold up picture of "sun."</i>	God created the	sun
<i>Hold up picture of "day."</i>	to shine during the	day
<i>Hold up picture of "moon and stars."</i>	He also made the	moon and stars
	to shine during the	night
<i>Hold up sign, "On the fifth day."</i>	<b>ALL: On the fifth day</b>	
<i>Hold up picture of "fish."</i>	God created every type of	fish
	that lives in the water.	

<i>Hold up picture of "birds."</i>	He made the	birds
	that fly in the sky.	
<i>Hold up sign, "On the sixth day."</i>	<b>ALL: On the sixth day</b>	
<i>Hold up picture of "animals."</i>	God created all the	animals
<i>Hold up picture of "cattle / snakes."</i>	such as	cattle and snakes
<i>Hold up picture of "man."</i>	Then God said, "Let us make man similar to us." God created the first	man
	Adam	
<i>Hold up picture of "woman."</i>	and later the first	woman
	Eve	
	Adam and Eve were to take care of His creation.	
<i>Hold up sign "very good!"</i>	The world that God created was	very good!
<i>Hold up sign, "On the seventh day."</i>	<b>ALL: On the seventh day</b>	
<i>Hold up sign "rested"</i>	God	rested
<i>Hold up sign "work"</i>	from all the	work
	"In the beginning, God created	the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1)
<i>Hold up sign "very good!"</i>	The world that God created was	very good!

## 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.

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