

# Small Group Leader Guide

## Today's Suggested Schedule

The toddler curriculum provides one monthly Bible Story because we understand that toddlers learn best through repetition. The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos.

We hope that by sending home a simple toddler craft, you are cueing families to begin having conversations at home with their children.

## Story Time

→ Draw It

## Craft Time

→ Stamp the Lights in the Sky

THIS MONTH  
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## Monthly Bible Story

### Creation Genesis 1:3–2:3

#### Bottom Line

**God made everything.**

#### Bible Words

**"God saw everything he  
had made. And it was  
very good."  
Genesis 1:31 NIrV**

# Story Time

## What You Need

- ☐ Preschool Bible
- ☐ Butcher paper
- ☐ Washable markers

## Note

Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

## ① What You Do

→ Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story.

## ② What You Say

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (**HOLD UP THE BIBLE**) begins when there was nothing. (**SCRIBBLE A BLACK RECTANGLE.**) No people, no animals, no land, no ocean, no sun . . . but God was there. Then He made the heavens and the whole, wide world!

"On Day 1, God said, 'Let there be light!' (Genesis 1:3, NIV). And there was light. (**SCRIBBLE A YELLOW RECTANGLE NEAR THE BLACK ONE.**) God called the light 'day,' and the dark 'night.' On Day 2, God put some water way down low (**DRAW WAVY BLUE LINES**) and the sky way up high. (**DRAW CLOUDS ABOVE THE WATER.**) On Day 3, God made all the land, seas, and plants with fruits and vegetables for us to eat. (**DRAW A GRASSY AREA WITH WATER NEXT TO IT. DRAW A TREE WITH APPLES.**) Then, on Day 4, God made the sun to light the day, (**DRAW THE SUN**) and the moon and stars (**DRAW THE MOON AND STARS**) to light the night. But God wasn't finished yet!

"On Day 5, God made all the sea animals (**DRAW WAVY BLUE LINES WITH AN OCTOPUS, FISH, WHALE**) and the birds that fly in the sky. (**DRAW SIMPLE BIRDS FLYING IN THE SKY.**) Then on Day 6, God made the land animals (**DRAW A GREEN LINE WITH A SIMPLE HORSE, DOG, ELEPHANT**) and God's most special creation of all—people! (**DRAW STICK PEOPLE.**) God looked at all He had made and saw that it was very good! (**GIVE TWO THUMBS-UP.**) **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything. Then God rested. **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything. And it was very good."

# Craft Time

## What You Need

- ☐ "Stamp the Lights in the Sky" Activity Page
- ☐ Light blue cardstock
- ☐ Yellow, gold, or silver washable paint
- ☐ Paper plates
- ☐ Shape sorter star, circle, and crescent pieces
- ☐ Smocks
- ☐ Plastic tablecloth
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Permanent marker

## Notes

Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times.

Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

## ① What You Do

### Before the Activity

1. Copy "Stamp the Lights in the Sky" on light blue cardstock, one per child.
2. Write each child's name on their paper.
3. Cover the table with the tablecloth.
4. Pour a small amount of paint on the paper plate.

### During the Activity

1. Encourage children to press the shape sorter toys in the paint and stamp them on their paper.
2. Clean hands as needed.

## ② What You Say

### During the Activity

"God is so creative! **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything! God made the sun to light the day. **(HOLD UP THE CIRCLE SHAPE.)** Press this circle into the paint, and then stamp it on your paper. **(PAUSE.)** God made the moon to light the night. **(HOLD UP THE CRESCENT SHAPE.)** Press this crescent into the paint, and then stamp it on your paper. **(PAUSE.)** And God made the stars **(HOLD UP THE STAR SHAPE)** to help light the night too. Press this star into the paint, and then stamp it on your paper. **(PAUSE.)** Great job! God made the sun, moon, and stars. **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything!"