

August 2025, Week 1

Today's Bible Story: Light and Dark; Sky Above Water • *Genesis 1:3-8*

On days one and two, God made the light and the sky above the water.

Key Question: Who made everything?

Bottom Line: God made everything.

Memory Verse: *God saw everything he had made. And it was very good.* (Genesis 1:31 NIV)

Supplies Needed that are NOT in activity bags:

Memory Verse with Motions

Bible Story Review- Pretend Play

Craft- Light and Dark, Sky and Water

☐ permanent marker

1. Memory Verse with Motions

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Say the Memory Verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.

During the Activity: Teach the Memory Verse motions. Invite the children to do them with you several times.

After the Activity: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come stand with me, and let me tell you our brand-new Memory Verse! Ready to hear it? It goes like this. ‘God (*flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down*) saw everything he had made. (*Binocular eyes*) And it was very good,’ (*two thumbs up*) Genesis 1:31. (*Open hands like a book*)”

During the Activity: “Now, let’s learn the motions. The first part of our verse says: ‘God.’ (*flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down.*) Put one hand up straight in front of you with your thumb almost touching your forehead like this. (*Straight, flat hand with thumb at your forehead.*) Then you move hand straight down in front of you like this, (*pull down*) and say, ‘God.’ (*Repeat with children.*) Great job!

“The next part of our verse says: ‘Saw everything he had made.’ (*Binocular eyes*) Make circles with both hands and put them up to your eyes like this (*Put both your hands to your eyes like binoculars or glasses.*) and say, ‘saw everything he had made.’ (*Repeat with children.*) Wonderful! Now let’s put that together. ‘God (*flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down*) saw everything he had made. (*Binocular eyes*) Great job!

“The next part of our verse says: ‘And it was very good.’ (*Two thumbs up.*) Put both thumbs up out in front of you like this (*Arms out, thumbs up.*) and say, ‘and it was very good.’ (*Repeat with children.*) Nice job! Now let’s put that together. ‘God (*flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down*) saw everything he had made. (*Binocular eyes*) And it was very good.’ (*Two thumbs up.*)

“Now the last part is: ‘Genesis 1:31.’ (*Open hands like a book.*) Put your hands together in front of you and open them like you are opening a book (*open hands like a book*) and say: Genesis 1:31 (*Repeat with children.*) Great job! I think we are ready to do it all together! Ready friends? ‘God (*flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down*) saw everything he had made. (*Binocular eyes*) And it was very good,’ (*two thumbs up*) Genesis 1:31. (*Open hands like a book*) Nice job. Let’s do it again!” (*Repeat several times.*)

After the Activity: “The Bible teaches us that God made everything, to the moon and back! God made you and **[Basic Truth] God made me, [Bottom Line] God made everything! Who made everything? [Bottom Line] God made everything!**”

2. Bible Story Review- Pretend Play

What You Need:

- ☐ Big flashlight
- ☐ blue cardstock with cotton balls on it
- ☐ black cardstock
- ☐ Bottle of water

What You Do:

During the Activity: Gather the children around you. Lead the children to do movements that go with Light (flashlight), Dark (black cardstock), Sky (blue cardstock with clouds), and Water (bottle of water). When you turn the flashlight on and off, the children will hop, dance, wiggle, and run in place. When you hold up the black cardstock, the children will pretend to go to sleep. When you hold up the sky with clouds, the children will pretend to float like a cloud in the sky. When you hold up the bottle of water, the children will pretend to sway like the waves in the sea.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Come here everyone! Let’s play a game!”

During the Activity: “When I hold up this flashlight, we will pretend we’re outside in the light. We can run in place or hop or wiggle around, because that’s what we do in the light! Get ready! (*Turn the flashlight on.*) The light is on! Run in place, hop, wiggle, or dance in the light! (*Pause.*) Yay! God made light! Say that with me! (*With children.*) God made light!

(*Turn the flashlight off.*) “Look! The light is off. It’s time to stop. Now, when I hold up this black paper, we will pretend it’s dark and time to go to sleep. (*Begin to whisper.*) We can lie down and close our eyes, because that’s what we do in the dark. We can even pretend to snore, like this. (*Make a snoring sound.*) Get ready! (*Hold up the black cardstock.*) It’s dark, time to go to sleep. (*Pause.*) Time to wake up! Everyone up! It’s not dark anymore! (*Put dark paper away.*)

“This time, when I hold up this blue sky with white, fluffy clouds, we are going to pretend we are the clouds floating around in the big, blue sky. Get ready! (*Hold up the sky.*) I see the sky, so it’s time to float! Float sweet little clouds! Yay! God made the sky! Say that with me! (*With children.*) God made the sky!

(*Put the sky paper away.*) “Look! The sky is gone. It’s time to stop. This time, when I hold up this bottle of water, we will pretend we are swaying back and forth like the waves in the water! Get ready! (*Hold up the water bottle.*) Let’s start swaying! Hold your arms out and sway back and forth! Sway and sway! Yay, hooray! God put the water down below! (*Repeat as desired.*)

After the Activity: “Okay everyone, gather around me. It’s time to stop and listen. On day one, God made light! God called the light day, and He called the dark night. Then, on day two, God made the big, blue sky! God put the sky high up above, and the water down below. God is amazing because **[Bottom Line]** God made everything! Who made everything? **[Bottom Line]** God made everything!”

3. Light and Dark, Sky and Water



What You Need:

- ☐ “Light and Dark, Sky and Water” activity page
- ☐ “Light and Dark, Sky and Water Label”
- ☐ yellow, light blue, black, blue circle stickers
- ☐ Permanent marker

What You Do:

Write each child’s name on their label.

Encourage children to stick the black stickers in the bottom left corner and the yellow stickers in the top left corner as you review what God made on day one. Ask children to stick light blue stickers to the top right corner and the blue stickers to the bottom right corner as you review what God made on day two. Clean hands as needed. Ask children to place their label in the middle of their paper.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hello everyone! I’m so glad to see you today. Sit at the table with me and let’s make a Creation story picture.”

During the Activity: “Your paper has four sections. Take these black stickers and place them in this bottom section. *(Point.)* In the very beginning there was nothing. No people, no animals, no land, no ocean, no sun, just nothing... but there was God. And God was about to do something AMAZING! On the first day, God said, “Let there be...Light!” And there was light. Use the yellow stickers and place in this rectangle, *(point)* above the black stickers. And God saw that it was good. Then God decided to separate the light from the darkness. Point to the yellow stickers. God called the light “day.” Point to the black stickers. And the dark, “night!” Okay! Now place these light blue stickers to this rectangle on the top. *(Point.)* and these blue stickers under it in this rectangle. *(Point.)* On day two, God said, “Let there be a sky above and water below.” Point to the light blue stickers. God put the sky way up high. Now point to the dark blue stickers. God put some water way down low. And then God looked at what He had made and saw that it was good. Now I have one more thing for you to add to your Creation story picture. This label tells you where you can look in the Bible to find today’s story. Stick it in the middle of your paper. *(Pause.)* Super job!”

After the Activity: “God is so creative! God had so many more plans of what to make next... because God made everything! Now when you look around at our great big world and see the light and dark, and the sky above the water, you can say, ‘Wow! **[Bottom Line] God made everything! Who made everything? [Bottom Line] God made everything!**’”