

Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2025, Week 5

Today's Bible Story: Land Animals and People; God Rested • *Genesis 1:24-2:3*

On days six and seven, God made the land animals and people, and then God rested.

Memory Verse: "God saw everything he had made. And it was very good." Genesis 1:31, NIV

Key Question: Who made everything?

Bottom Line: God made everything.

Supplies that are NOT included in the activity bags:

Memory Verse Activity- Motions

Bible Story Review- What's Wrapped Up?

- ☐ Little People and animals
- ☐ wrap them in aluminum foil

Application Activity- Roll Call

- ☐ blow up the inflatable globe

Craft- Standing Self-Portrait

- ☐ crayons

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- What's Wrapped Up?

What You Need:

- ☐ Toy animals
- ☐ Little People® figures
- ☐ Aluminum foil

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Loosely wrap each animal and people figure in aluminum foil and place on the table.

During the Activity: Encourage children to guess what's wrapped up in the foil. Ask children to unwrap their figure to see if they were correct. Continue until all the figures are unwrapped. Review the Bible Story.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Everyone come over and sit with me. I have a fun way for us to review today's Bible Story."

During the Activity: "Let's play a guessing game. Pick up one of these shiny figures. *(Pause.)* What do you think is wrapped up inside? *(Pause for answers.)* Good guesses! Unwrap your figure and see what it is. *(Pause.)* Wow! You guessed it right! Great job! Let's try another one. *(Continue until all the figures have been unwrapped.)* Look at all these different animals and people! God made the *(pick up an animal and name it)*, and God made the *(pick up another animal)*, and God made the *(continue with all the animals)!* And then God made His most special creation, people! *(Hold up several people figures.)* But animals and people aren't the only thing God made. God made everything! God made light and separated it from the dark on day one! God called the light day and the dark night! On day two, God made the sky up high and separated it from the water down low. On day three, God made land and plants, and seas. On day four God made the sun, moon, and stars! On day five God made all the sea animals and birds in lots of different colors and sizes. On day six God made land animals and people like you and me! And on day seven, God saw all that He had made, and it way very good. Then, God rested."

After the Activity: "When you look around at the great big world and see the night and day; the sky and water; the land, plants, and seas; the sun, moon, and stars; the sea animals and birds; the land animals and all the people, you can say, Wow! **[Bottom Line] God made everything! Who made everything? [Bottom Line] God made everything!**"

3. Application Activity- Roll Call

What You Need:

- ☐ Inflatable globe ball

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Ask children to sit with you on the floor in a circle.

During the Activity: Roll the ball back and forth to each child and say God made [child's name]. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity: Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come sit on the floor in a circle with me. Look at this neat ball, it looks like the world! Let's play a game with it."

During the Activity: "Let's roll the ball back and forth to each other. [Child's name] get ready to catch the ball. *(Roll the ball.)* Yay! God made [child's name]. Roll the ball back to me. *(Pause.)* [Child's name] your turn! *(Continue with each child.)* That was a fun game!"

After the Activity: "God made *(say each child's name)*. Yes! God made you! God is so creative because **[Bottom Line] God made everything! Who made everything? [Bottom Line] God made everything!**"

4. Standing Self-Portrait



What You Need:

- ☐ "Standing Self-Portrait" Activity Page
- ☐ Crayons
- ☐ Cut toilet paper rolls
- ☐ Permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Write each child's name on the back of their cutout.

During the Activity: Ask children to color their cutout to look like themselves. Help children slide their cutout into the slits for it to stand.

After the Activity: Review the Bible Story and Bottom Line.

What You Say: "My special friends, come meet me at the table! I have a fun way for us to remember that on day six, God made land animals and the most special of all His creations...people like you and me!"

During the Activity: "On your paper is an outline of a person. Decorate this outline to look like you. It will be your self-portrait. (*Pause.*) Great job! Now slide your picture person into the slits on the tube so it can stand. (*Help as needed.*) Look at all these beautiful people! God's most special creation!"

After the Activity: "Let's review! In the very beginning, there was nothing. But God was there! On day one, God made light and separated it from the dark. On day two, God made the sky above the water. On day three, God made land, plants, and sea. On day four, God made the sun, moon, and stars. On day five, God made the sea animals and birds. But God wasn't done yet! On day six, God made the land animals like zebras, kangaroos, sloths and elephants! And on day six, God made His most SPECIAL creation. God made people! God made me and God made you! God made every single person! God made everyone special and unique. God is so creative! And on day seven, God rested. God stopped to look around at all the beautiful things He had made and it was good! Wow! **[Bottom Line] God made everything! Who made everything? [Bottom Line] God made everything!**"