

SOCIAL 3/3

Guess the Animal



What You Need

- ☐ Craft tubes
- ☐ Animal stickers
- ☐ Clear packing tape
- ☐ A flashlight

① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Place a piece of clear packing tape over one end of each craft tube.
2. Place one sticker in the middle of each piece of clear tape.

During the Activity

1. Shine the flashlight through one tube, pointing at the wall.
2. Ask children to guess what animal the shadow is.
3. Continue with each tube.

After the Activity

1. Introduce the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends, come over here, and let's play a guessing game."

During the Activity

"When I shine the flashlight through these tubes, it will make a shadow on the wall. I want you to guess what animal you see. Are you ready? Great! Here's the first animal. (SHINE THE LIGHT THROUGH THE FIRST TUBE, AND POINT AT THE WALL.) Who has a guess? (PAUSE FOR ANSWERS.) Wow! Those are great guesses! Let's see who had the right guess. (TURN THE FLASHLIGHT OFF AND SHOW CHILDREN THE STICKER ON THE END OF THE TUBE.) It's a [animal]! Let's try another one. (CONTINUE WITH THE REMAINING TUBES. REPEAT AS DESIRED.) That was really fun guessing the animals by their shadow."

After the Activity

"Today in our Bible Story, we're going to learn about the animals that God made! I can't wait to hear our story today!"

Transition → Move to Worship and Story by galloping like a horse, waddling like a duck, hopping like a rabbit, etc.

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Small Group

August — Week 5

GROUPS 2/6

God Made Match

Bible Story Review

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "God Made Match" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Paper plates
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Painter's tape



① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "God Made Match" on cardstock and cut, two sets per Small Group.
2. Glue one picture to each plate.
3. Place one set of picture plates around the room, taping some of the plates to the wall, furniture, etc. at child's height.
4. Stack the other set of picture plates face down.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to pick a plate, identify the picture, then ask the child to run find the matching picture.
2. Shout: "Yay, God made (picture that was matched)."
3. Continue until all the matches are made.
4. Shuffle the plates and repeat as desired.

After the Activity

1. Review the Bottom Line.

② What You Say

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Inclusive Pro-Tips

For a version with less movement, seat children at the table. Copy "God Made Match" on cardstock and cut, two sets per Small Group. Shuffle both sets together and place them face down on the table in a 4 x 4 grid. Instruct children to play a game of memory, matching the corresponding items. If using this version, adjust the wording in the What You Say section accordingly.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Let's play a game and review today's true story from the Bible! There are pictures around the room of some of the different things that God made. This stack of picture plates has a matching picture plate somewhere around the room. When it's your turn, you'll get to pick a picture plate, then go find the match."

During the Activity

"Are we ready? (PAUSE.) All right! Here we go! [Child's name], pick a plate. (PAUSE.) Your plate has a picture of [image]. Go find the matching picture. (PAUSE.) You found the match! Yay! God made the [image]! [Child's name], pick a plate. (CONTINUE WITH EACH CHILD UNTIL ALL THE MATCHES HAVE BEEN MADE.)

"Hooray! We found all the matches! Look at all the amazing things God made on Day 6! God made land animals—like sloths! (HOLD UP THE SLOTH PLATE.) He made tall giraffes (HOLD UP THE GIRAFFE PLATE) and small skunks too! (HOLD UP THE SKUNK PLATE.) On Day 6, God also made people! (HOLD UP THE PEOPLE PLATES.) People are His most special creation!!

"Let's review. On Day 1, God made light and separated it from the dark. God called the light 'day,' and the dark 'night.' On Day 2, God made the sky and water. On Day 3, God made land, plants, and seas. On Day 4, God made the sun, moon, and stars! On Day 5, God made sea animals and birds. On Day 6, God made land animals and people. On that day, God saw everything He had made. And it was very good. Then, on Day 7, God rested!"

After the Activity

"Look what we did together! Wow! Thank you for helping me! God made so many amazing things, because [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything! Who made everything? [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything! And it was very good!" (TWO THUMBS-UP.)

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Creation Bingo

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What You Need

- ☐ "Creation Bingo," and "Creation Bingo Cards" Activity Pages
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Pom-poms

Inclusive Optional Supplies

- ☐ Laminate pouches or sheet protectors
- ☐ Dot Markers
- ☐ Baby Wipes

Inclusive Pro-Tips



Assist as needed.

Laminate or place each bingo card into a sheet protector. Model and encourage children to cover the called picture with the dot marker.



① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Creation Bingo" on cardstock, one card per child.
2. Copy the "Creation Bingo Cards" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
3. Give each child a 5 × 5 bingo card.
4. Point out the items on the card.
5. Set out the pom-poms where everyone can reach them.

During the Activity

1. Stack the individual bingo cards face down in front of you.
2. Draw a card and show the card to the children.
3. Ask children to look for the matching picture on their card.
4. If they have a match, cover it with a pom-pom.
5. Continue until a child gets bingo.

After the Activity

1. Review the Bottom Line.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends, come sit at the table! Let's play Creation Bingo! I have cards here with all the amazing things God made!"

During the Activity

(DRAW A CARD.) "Okay, the first card has a picture of [creation]. If you have it on your card, cover it with a pom-pom. You might have more than one on your card! **(PAUSE.)** We'll keep playing until someone gets five in a row across, up or down, or diagonal! The next card is a picture of [creation]. **(CONTINUE UNTIL SOMEONE GETS A BINGO.)** [Child's name] you got BINGO! Hooray! **(RESET AND REPEAT AS DESIRED.)** That was fun playing a game all about creation!"

After the Activity

"Wow, God made everything you see on your cards because **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything! God made light and separated it from the darkness; the sky above the water; land, plants, and seas; the sun, moon, and stars; sea animals and birds; and land animals and people! Who made everything? **[BOTTOM LINE]** God made everything!"