# Very good

**Everything you need to share When God Made the World at home this week: a few minutes for you, a few minutes with your kids, and simple ways to keep the story going at the table, in the car and at bedtime.**

**Read Genesis 1:1–2:3 before the kids wake up, or during nap time. (Genesis 1:1–2:3)**

Before there was anything, there was God. Before your to-do list, your worries, or your kids' first breath, He was already there, and He hasn't stopped holding all things together.

God made the world with order and delight: light, then sky, then land; a home first, then those who would live in it. He prepared a place before He filled it, a little like getting a nursery ready.

Then He made people in His image and called it all very good. Your children are not interruptions to God's work. They are His work, and so are you.

And then God rested. Not because He was tired, but because the work was good and finished. Rest is part of His good design, even for busy mothers. You are allowed to stop.

REFLECT

Where do you need to see your kids, or yourself, as God's 'very good' work this week? What would a little holy rest look like?

PRAY

**Creator God, thank you for making my children and me on purpose. Help me delight in your world, and in them, and give me rest. Amen.**

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THIS WEEK WE'RE LEARNING



# When God Made the World

**Genesis 1:1–2:3**

## God made it all, and it was very good.

**"And God looked upon all that He had made, and indeed, it was very good."** Genesis 1:31

**ASK AT DINNER**

What's your favorite thing God made? How can we take care of it?

**PRAY**

God, thank you for making the world and making us. Help us take care of it. Amen.

✂ Cut here. One card for the fridge, one for the car.

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CAR-RIDE CARD



# On the way

**When God Made the World · Genesis 1:1–2:3**

**Listen:** Play the Listen version of When God Made the World on the way.

**ASK**

1. What did God make first?
2. What did God say about everything He made?
3. What's your favorite thing God made?

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# Keep the story going

BEDTIME ROUTINE

## Lantern-out in five steps



1. Lights low. Play the Listen version of When God Made the World (Little for. ages 3–5, Big Kid for 6–9), or read it from the app.
2. Ask one question: “What’s one thing God made that you saw today?”
3. Say the verse together with the motions: “And God looked upon all that He had made, and indeed, it was very good.”
4. Pray: “God, you made the stars and you made me. Thank you. Goodnight. Amen.”
5. Lights out. You can say: “God is with you, even in the dark.”

KITCHEN

### Creation snack

Make a plate with something from different days: blue yogurt sky, green veggie land, round cracker sun, goldfish crackers.

LIVING ROOM

### Light and dark

Turn off the lights. Shout “Let there be light!” and switch them on. Take turns.

OUTSIDE

### Creation walk

Find something God made on each day: light, sky, a plant, the sun, a bird, an animal, and a person!

IN THE CAR

### Car-ride story

Play the Listen version, then ask: “What did God make first?” and “What’s your favorite thing God made?”

SIBLINGS

### Two ages at once

The older child reads one day from Genesis 1 and the little one acts it out.

WHEN GOD MADE THE WORLD · STICKER CHART

# My take-care-of-God's-world week

Each day, take care of something God made. Add a sticker or color a sun!

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| **Monday** | Idea: Water a plant | |
| **Tuesday** | Idea: Feed or pet an animal | |
| **Wednesday** | Idea: Pick up trash outside | |
| **Thursday** | Idea: Go on a nature walk | |
| **Friday** | Idea: Help a little sibling or friend | |
| **Saturday** | Idea: Say thank you for food | |
| **Sunday** | Idea: Rest and look at the stars | |

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Genesis 1:31

WHEN GOD MADE THE WORLD · MINI-BOOK

# Make a mini-book

Print the next page on one sheet (landscape, actual size). One sheet folds into an 8-page book kids can “read” to siblings and grandparents.

STEP 1

### Fold

Fold the sheet in half the long way, then in half twice more the short way, so you have 8 little panels. Unfold.

STEP 2

### Cut

Fold it in half the short way again. Cut along the middle crease from the fold to the center, just one panel deep.

STEP 3

### Open

Unfold. Fold the long way again and push the ends together so the cut opens into a diamond.

STEP 4

### Flatten

Keep pushing until it flattens into a little book. The cover is on the front. Read it together!

# When God Made the World

This book belongs to _____



In the beginning, there was nothing at all — only darkness, and deep, quiet water.





On the second day, God made the sky.





On the third day, God gathered the seas together, and dry land appeared!





On the fourth day, God put lights in the sky.



**“And God looked upon all that He had made, and indeed, it was very good.”**

**Genesis 1:31**

**God made it all, and it was very good.**



On the fifth day, God filled the sea with swimming things — tiny fish and enormous whales!





On the sixth day, God made the animals — tall giraffes and great big elephants, fluffy lambs and hopping rabbits.

# Trace the big idea

Trace the letters with a crayon or pencil. Then say it out loud!

GOD MADE IT

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GOOD.



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# Seven days



God made the world in six days and rested on the seventh. Make one thing for each day: light, sky, land, sun, fish, an animal, and a pillow for rest!

1 2 3

4 5 6

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