# When God Made the World *Bible lesson*



BIG IDEA

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

MEMORY VERSE · GENESIS 1:31 BSB

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

LESSON AT A GLANCE

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| 0–6 | **Welcome** · Creation sort | |
| 6–10 | **Hook** · From nothing | |
| 10–20 | **The Story** · The Story | ● |
| 20–30 | **Talk** · Talk | ● |
| 30–35 | **Memory Verse** · Memory Verse | ● |
| 35–40 | **Sing** · Sing | |
| 40–50 | **Activity** · Seven-day review | |
| 50–55 | **Respond** · Made on purpose | |
| 55–60 | **Pray & Send Home** · Pray & Send Home | ● |

● Core step. Teach just these for the 30-minute version.

# Leader prep

## Bible background

Genesis begins, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). Before anything else existed, God was there. He made everything from nothing, simply by speaking: “Let there be light,” and there was light (1:3).

Over six days God made light and dark, the sky, the seas and dry land with plants, the sun, moon and stars, the creatures of the sea and air, then animals and people. Again and again, “God saw that it was good.” People were special: God made them in His own image, to know Him and care for His world (1:26–28).

When God finished, He saw that everything was “very good” (1:31), and on the seventh day He rested (2:2–3), not because He was tired, but because His work was complete. This story teaches who God is (the Maker of everything) and who we are (made by Him, on purpose, for Him).

## Where is Jesus in this story?

The Bible tells us Jesus was there at creation: “through Him all things were made” (John 1:3). The same Jesus who made the stars came into the world He made, to rescue us and make all things new again.

## Supplies

- A flashlight and a dark room or blanket
- Seven paper plates numbered 1 to 7
- Pictures or toys of plants, stars, fish, birds and animals
- Printed story cards, verse poster, coloring pages and parent pages
  **Prep: Print from the Classroom resources section.**
- A screen for the story video (optional)

## Questions kids might ask

**“Who made God?”**

Nobody. God has always been there, with no beginning and no end. That’s one of the amazing things that makes Him God.

**“Why did God rest? Was He tired?”**

No, God never gets tired. He rested because His work was finished and very good, and He gave us a day of rest too.

**“Did God make me?”**

Yes! God made you on purpose, and He loves you (Psalm 139:13–14).

### If a child shares something serious

When kids share what scares or worries them, some may mention something serious, like someone hurting them or a big fear at home. Listen, thank them for telling you, and don’t promise to keep it secret.

Tell your ministry leader the same day and follow your church's child-safety policy.

# Teach it

SAY read aloud DO leader action KIDS SAY call and response

## 1 Welcome 6 min

Full lesson

Creation sort

DO Scatter pictures or toys around the room. Kids sort them onto the numbered plates by the day God made them (light 1, sky 2, land and plants 3, sun moon stars 4, fish and birds 5, animals and people 6).

SAY Let's see if you can put God's creation in order. We'll check after the story!

## 2 Hook 4 min

Full lesson

From nothing

SAY If I asked you to make a tree, what would you need? Seeds, soil, water? God made the world from nothing at all, just by speaking.

SAY Let's watch how God made it all, one day at a time.

## 3 The Story 10 min

Core

DO Play the When God Made the World video (2 min), or read it aloud with the story cards.

SAY Listen for what God said after each day.

DO After the video, have kids open their Bibles to Genesis 1:26–31. Ask a confident reader to read it aloud.

SAY People are special: God made us in His image, to know Him and take care of His world. And He called it all very good.

KIDS SAY **It was very good!**

## 4 Talk 10 min

Core

**How did God make the world?**
Listen for: By speaking. He made everything from nothing.

**What did God say after each day?**
Listen for: That it was good. After making people, He said it was all very good.

**What makes people different from everything else God made?**
Listen for: God made us in His image, to know Him, love Him and care for His world.

**What could you take care of this week?**
Listen for: Water a plant, feed a pet, pick up litter, help at home.

OLDER KIDS Read John 1:1–3. What does it tell us about Jesus and creation?

## 5 Memory Verse 5 min

Core

DO Write the verse on a whiteboard or hold up the poster. Teach the motions.

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

MOTIONS

- **And God looked upon** Hand over your eyes, looking all around.
- **all that He had made,** Sweep both arms in a big circle.
- **and indeed, it was very good.** Two thumbs up and a big smile!

PRACTICE IT THREE WAYS

1. Say it with motions.
2. Disappearing words: erase or cover one word at a time until kids say it from memory.
3. Say it fast, then slow, then in a whisper.

## 6 Sing 5 min

Full lesson

> The Little Lantern song for this story is coming soon. For now, sing a favorite worship song about God making the world.

## 7 Activity 10 min

Full lesson

Seven-day review

DO Two teams. Correct answers earn a turn to put a picture on the right numbered plate. Most correct plates wins.

**What did God make on the first day?**
Listen for: Light, day and night.

**On which day did God make the sun, moon and stars?**
Listen for: Day four.

**What did God make on the fifth day?**
Listen for: Fish and birds.

**Whose image did God make people in?**
Listen for: His own.

**What did God do on the seventh day?**
Listen for: He rested.

> Prefer a quieter room? Hand out the mini-book or a coloring page instead.

## 8 Respond 5 min

Full lesson

Made on purpose

DO Kids write: “God made me to ____. My favorite thing He made is ____.”

OLDER KIDS Read Psalm 139:14 and write it in your own words.

## 9 Pray & Send Home 5 min

Core

DO Pair kids up. Each names one thing God made that they’re thankful for, and their partner thanks God for it.

SAY Close: God, you made everything, and you made us. Thank you. Help us take care of your world. Amen.

DO Hand out parent pages.