3RD – 4TH GRADE · TEACHING PAGES · GENESIS 1:1-2:3; GENESIS 2:4-23

God Makes Everything

God made everything good, so He deserves our worship.

PRINCIPLE: WORSHIP · We worship God because He made everything, including us, and all He made shows how great and good He is.

Creation **God made it**	Fall We broke it	Redemption Jesus fixes it	Restoration Jesus makes it new

MEMORY VERSE

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Genesis 1:1 BSB

START HERE

Ask, "If you could make anything at all, just by saying it, what would you make?" Let a few kids answer. Then say, "Today we're going to read about the only One who has ever done that. And He didn't make one thing. He made everything."

Bible story 8 min

The Bible's very first words are huge: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Before anything else existed, God was there. Nobody made God. He has always been.



DASCH DIGS UP…

The Hebrew word for "create" in Genesis 1:1 is **bara** (bah-RAH). In the Old Testament, it's only ever used for what God does. People make things; only God creates like that. Genesis 1:1

At first the earth was formless and empty, covered in deep, dark water. Then God spoke: "Let there be light!" And there was light. God separated the light from the dark and called them day and night. That was the first day.

On the second day, God made the sky. On the third day, He gathered the waters into seas so dry land appeared, and He filled the land with plants and trees full of seeds and fruit.

On the fourth day, God made the sun, the moon and the stars. He set them in the sky to light the earth and mark the days, years and seasons.

BIBLE TIMES

Not gods, just lamps

The nations around Israel worshiped the sun and moon as gods. Genesis doesn't even use their names. It calls them "the greater light" and "the lesser light," lamps that God hung in the sky to light the earth and mark the seasons (Genesis 1:14-16). The sun works for God. Only God deserves worship.

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On the fifth day, God filled the seas with fish and huge sea creatures, and the sky with birds. On the sixth day, He filled the land with animals of every kind.

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT
Did you spot the pattern? On days 1–3, God made *spaces*: day and night, sky and sea, dry land. On days 4–6, He *filled* them: the sun, moon and stars for day and night, birds and fish for sky and sea, animals and people for the land. Nothing was random. God is a Planner, and He made a world ready for you before you ever got here.

Then God made people. "Let us make man in our image," God said. He formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed life into him. God planted a garden in Eden and gave the man good work to do. Then God said something surprising: "It is not good for the man to be alone."

So God made a woman. The man was overjoyed. God made people to know Him, to love each other and to take care of His world.


DASCH DIGS UP…
God looked at what He made and called it **"good"** seven times. The seventh time, He called it **"very good."** That was right after He made people. Genesis 1:31

God saw everything He had made, and it was very good. On the seventh day, God rested from His work. Everything was just the way it should be.


DASCH DIGS UP…
The word **Sabbath** comes from a Hebrew word that means "to stop." On the seventh day, God stopped His work. He wasn't tired; He was finished! Genesis 2:2-3

CHRIST CONNECTION · GOD'S CHARACTER
Jesus didn't begin in Bethlehem. He is the eternal Word, and everything was made through Him (John 1:3). That same Word entered His own creation as a baby, the Light of the world, not just to visit it but to save it.

John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16; John 8:12

Talk about it

1. What did God make on day one? On day four?
   Answer help: Light on day one; the sun, moon and stars on day four.
2. What was the only thing God called 'not good' before sin came into the world?
   Answer help: The man being alone (2:18). God made us for each other.
3. Why do you think the people around Israel worshiped the sun? Why didn't Israel need to?
   Answer help: The sun seemed powerful. But Genesis shows it's just a light God made. Only God deserves worship.
4. What is one way you could worship God with your words or your actions this week?

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Ellie Asks: Think It Through

1. If God made every person in His image, how should that change the way you treat a kid nobody likes?
   Answer help: Every person matters to God and deserves kindness, because they are made in His image.

Activities

Spaces and fillers 15 min

You'll need: Bibles, Pencils, Printed handouts

1. In pairs, read Genesis 1:1-31.
2. On the handout chart, write what God made on days 1, 2 and 3 in the left column, and days 4, 5 and 6 in the right column.
3. Look across each row - each "space" sits beside what "fills" it (light and dark → sun, moon and stars).
4. Ask, "What does this pattern tell you about God?" (He plans, He's orderly, nothing is random.)

Signature hunt 8 min

You'll need: Scrap paper, Pencils

1. Give each child a sheet of scrap paper. In 3 minutes, list (or spot out the window) as many things God made as possible.
2. For each, write one word about what it shows about God (a mountain → strong; a ladybug → creative).
3. Share the best ones. Close by reading Romans 1:20 together.



Ellie's Lab Science experiment

Hidden colors in the light 8 min

You'll need: A clear glass of water, A flashlight, White paper

1. Fill the clear glass almost to the top with water and set it on a table near a sunny window (or in a dim room).
2. Lay a sheet of white paper on the floor or table beside the glass.
3. Shine the flashlight (or let sunlight shine) through the glass at a low angle. Move the light, the glass or the paper slowly until a small rainbow appears on the paper.
4. Ask, "Where did those colors come from? We didn't add any paint!"

Why it works: Plain white light is really all the colors mixed together. When light passes from air into water and back out, it bends. Each color bends a slightly different amount, so the colors spread apart and you can see them. Raindrops do the same thing in the sky, which is how a rainbow forms.

The point: On the very first day God said, "Let there be light," and His light was full of colors we usually can't see. Creation is packed with wonders hidden in plain sight, and every one shows how wise and creative God is (Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20).

Safety: Never look straight at the sun. Wipe up spills so no one slips.

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Real life today with Theo

Online and on screens	People made your games and apps, and they're fun. But nothing on a screen is as amazing as a real sunset. This week, trade 15 minutes of screen time for time outside noticing what God made.
With friends	The kid who looks different, talks different or sits alone at lunch was made in God's image, just like you. Sitting with them is a way to honor the God who made them.
At school	In science class, every cool fact about animals, plants or planets tells you something about the God who made them. Learning can be worship.

Sing and move

♪ **How Great Is Our God** Modern worship song

♪ **This Is My Father's World** Hymn

OUR CHANT: CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: Who made the heavens and the earth?
Kids: God made everything!
Leader: And what did He say about it?
Kids: It was very good!
Leader: So who deserves our worship?
Kids: Only God!

Live It
Each night this week, name three things God made that you saw that day, and praise Him for one thing each shows about Him.

Pray together
God, You made everything, and it was very good. Thank You for making me in Your image. Help me worship You with my words and my life, and treat everyone like someone You made. Amen.

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Name: _____ Date: _____



GOD MAKES EVERYTHING

GENESIS 1:1-2:3

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MEMORY VERSE

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1

1 HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Crack the code to find the secret message!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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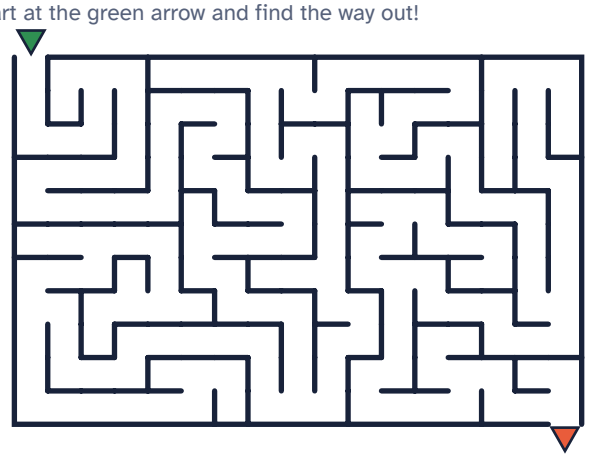
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2 MAZE

Start at the green arrow and find the way out!



3 FILL IN THE VERSE

Use the words in the box.

created	heavens	beginning	earth

In the _____ God _____ the _____

and the _____. (Genesis 1:1)

Challenge: cover it up and say it from memory!

4 DASCH DIGS UP...

Did you know?

★ In Genesis 1, the words **"God said"** appear ten times. God made the world by speaking! Genesis 1:3-29

★ God looked at what He made and called it **"good"** seven times. The seventh time, He called it **"very good."** That was right after He made people. Genesis 1:31



5 TRUE OR FALSE?

Circle T or F.

1. The sun and moon are gods. **T / F**
2. God made people in His image. **T / F**
3. Work was part of God's good world before sin. **T / F**
4. God rested because He was tired. **T / F**



6 LOOK IT UP!

Find these in your Bible.

Psalm 8: What does it say about God?

_____

Psalm 19:1-6: What does it say about God?

_____

GOD MADE EVERYTHING. ONLY GOD DESERVES OUR WORSHIP.

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TAKE-HOME PAGE · GOD MAKES EVERYTHING

Keep the story going at home

For grown-ups
Today we learned that **God made everything**, and everything He made shows how great and good He is. God made people in His own image, and He made them on purpose.

Ask at dinner: *What's your favorite thing God made? What does it tell you about Him?*

Memory verse: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

Ask your child

1. Why do you think the people around Israel worshiped the sun? Why didn't Israel need to?
2. If God made every person in His image, how should that change the way you treat a kid nobody likes?
3. What is one way you could worship God with your words or your actions this week?

Words to know

Create: To make something new. Only God can make something out of nothing.
Image of God: Made to be like God in special ways, so we can know Him, love Him and show what He is like.
Eden: The beautiful garden God planted for the first people.
Sabbath: A day to stop working and rest. It comes from a word that means 'to stop.'

This week
Each night this week, name three things God made that you saw that day, and praise Him for one thing each shows about Him.
Read Psalm 8 with your family and talk about how great God is.

✂ Cut out the verse card and put it where you'll see it every day.

MEMORY VERSE

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Genesis 1:1

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Name: _____ Activity page

Spaces and fillers

Read Genesis 1. Write what God made on each day in the chart. Then look across each row. What do you notice about each space and what fills it?

Day	The SPACE God made	Day	What God FILLED it with
Day 1		**Day 4**	
Day 2		**Day 5**	
Day 3		**Day 6**	

1. What does this pattern tell you about God?

2. Why do you think God made the spaces first and then filled them?

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