

Creation Craft

Paper plate seven-days wheel · Genesis 1:1–2:3 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium

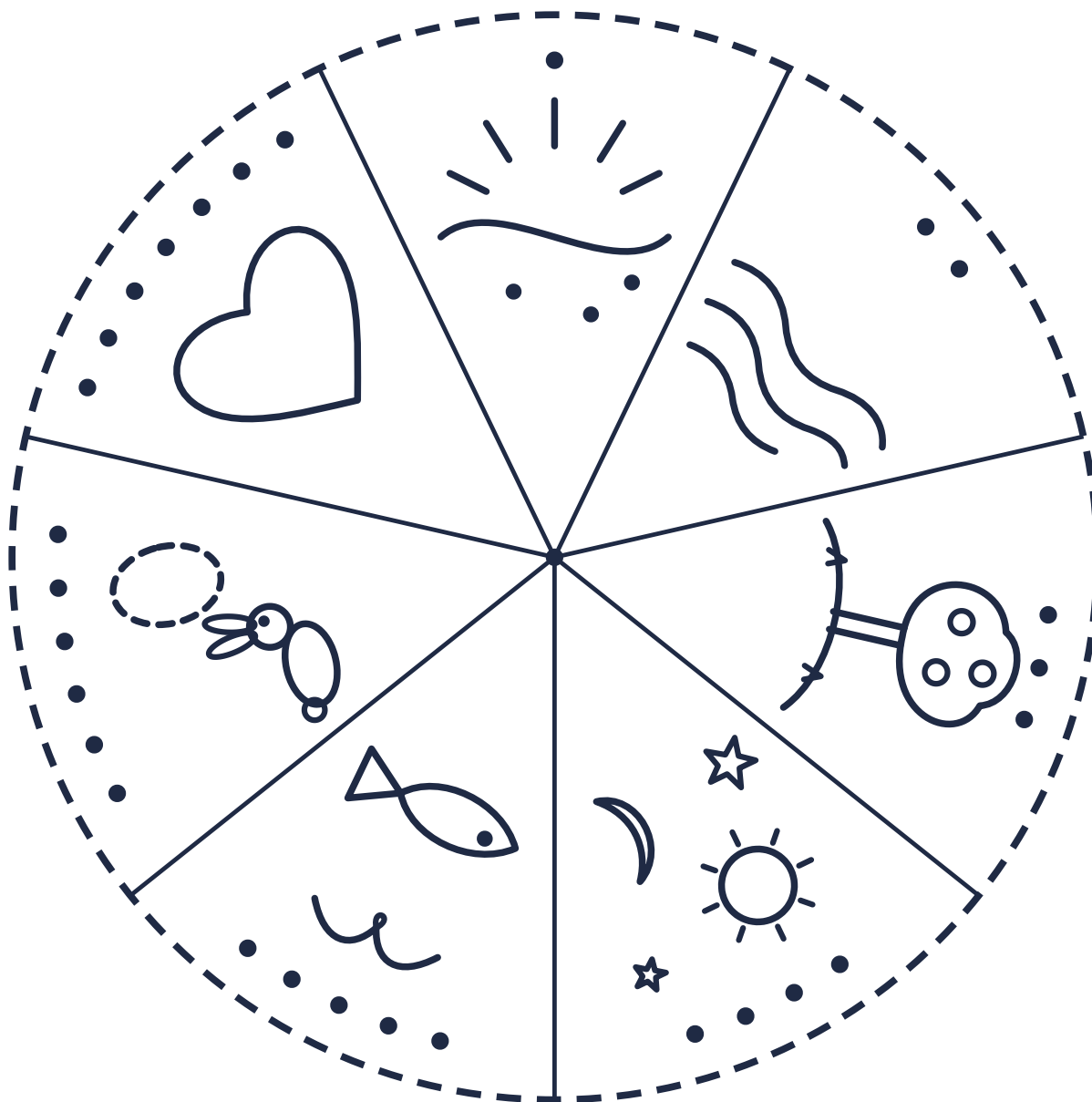


Harder

Both are two paper plates joined in the middle with a brad. Turn the top plate, and the window shows one day of creation at a time. Medium (left): a plain white top plate. Harder (right): the top plate wears a dark blue "deep waters" cover from page 3, so each day comes out of the darkness.

Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



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

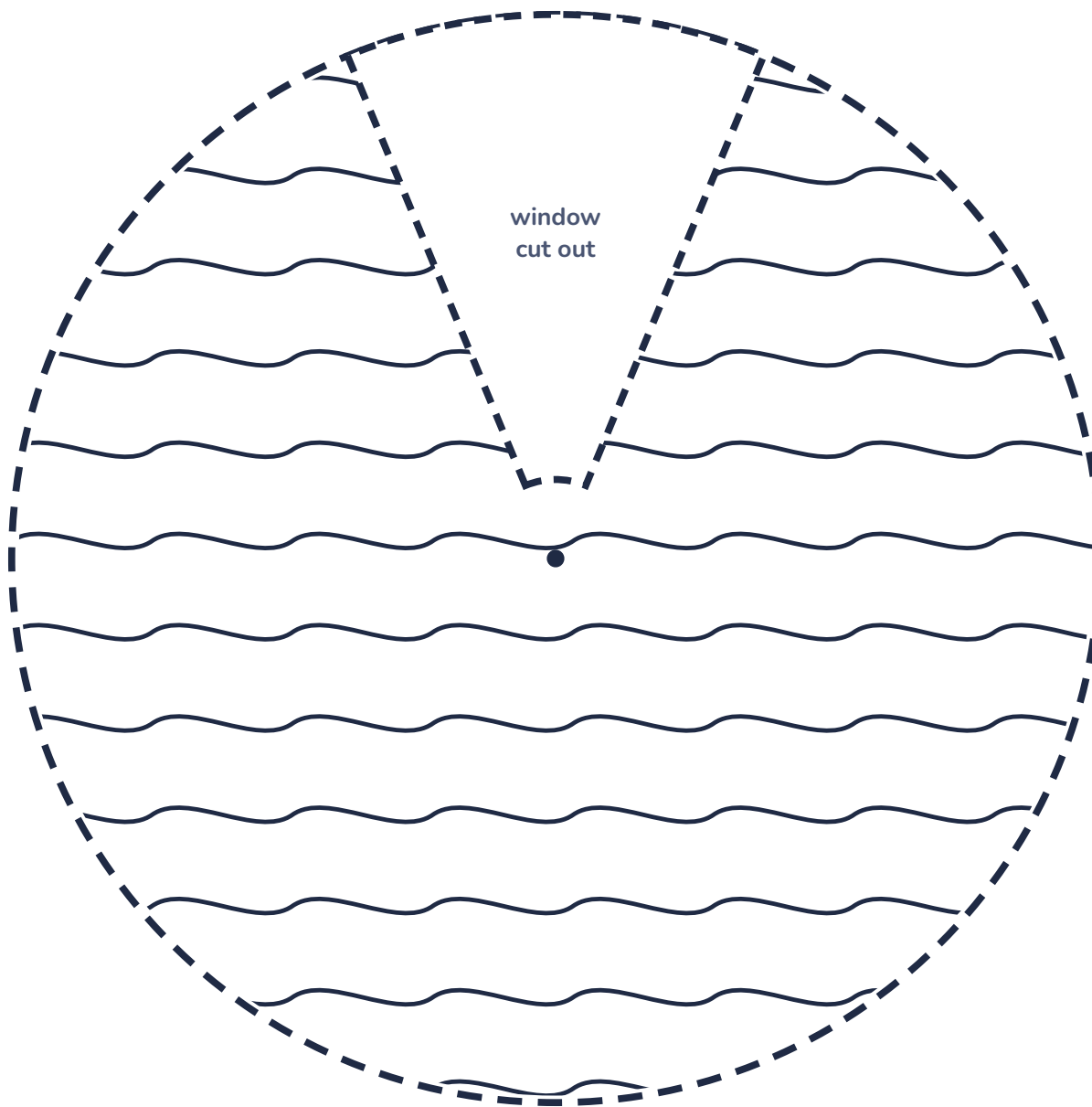
Genesis 1:1 (KJV)

Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines

Cover (harder level)

Color it dark, like the deep waters before the first day (Genesis 1:2).



For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/creation-craft

Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels

You need: 2 paper plates per child, page 2 printed once per child, 1 brass paper fastener (brad) per child, crayons or markers, scissors, glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child, a ruler and a dark blue crayon or marker.

Before class (easy and medium): cut the window in one plate per child. Lay a cut-out wheel in the middle of the plate. With a ruler, draw the two side lines of one slice out to the edge of the plate, then cut out that slice, stopping about half an inch from the center. Poke a small hole in the center of every plate with a sharp pencil. For preschoolers, also cut out the wheels and verse strips.

What the pictures on the wheel mean (the dots at the edge of each slice count the day):

1. One dot: light and darkness, with rays on the light side (Genesis 1:3–5)
2. Two dots: the sky above and the waters below (1:6–8)
3. Three dots: dry land, grass and a fruit tree (1:9–13)
4. Four dots: the sun, the moon and the stars (1:14–19)
5. Five dots: a fish and a bird (1:20–23)
6. Six dots: a land animal, and an oval where each child draws people, a man and a woman (1:24–27)
7. Seven dots: a heart, because God blessed the seventh day and rested (2:1–3)

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's wheel and verse strip and cut the window in the top plate. Kids color the seven slices with crayons and glue the wheel into the bottom plate. Glue the verse strip on the back, set the top plate on, and push the brad through for them. Turn it together and name each day.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color and cut out the wheel and the verse strip, glue them on, and join the plates with a brad. You cut the windows before class. This is the craft on the left in the photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** kids make the wheel the same way. Then they color the cover on page 3 dark blue, like the deep waters before the first day (Genesis 1:2), cut it out and glue it into the middle of the top plate. They cut out the window on the dashed lines, use a ruler to draw both side lines on out to the edge of the plate, and cut the window through the plate. They poke the center hole, join the plates with a brad and say Genesis 1:1 from memory. This is the craft on the right in the photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the seven slices of the wheel. In slice 6, draw people in the oval.
2. **Cut:** cut out the wheel and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
3. **Glue the wheel** into the middle of one paper plate, picture side up. This is the bottom plate.
4. **Verse:** turn the bottom plate over, glue the verse strip on the back and read it together.
5. **Join:** set the top plate (with the window) inside the bottom plate. Push the brad through both center holes and open its legs on the back.
6. **Turn:** turn the top plate to show each day, from day 1 to day 7, and say what God made.

Questions to ask while kids work

- God said, "Let there be light," and there was light (Genesis 1:3). What does that tell us about how powerful God is?
- On which day did God make the sun, the moon and the stars? (*The fourth day, Genesis 1:14–19*) Turn your wheel to it.
- God made people in His own image (Genesis 1:27). Who did you draw in the oval? God made them, and God made you!
- God saw everything He had made, and it was very good (Genesis 1:31). What is your favorite thing God made?

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** created = made something new, the heaven = the sky and everything above us.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Hold up a finished craft so they can see the goal. A grown-up pushes the brads.
- **Brads:** push the brad from the front, through the top plate first, then the bottom plate. Don't open the legs too tight, or the plate won't turn.
- **Harder level:** the cover is the same size as the wheel, so it sits right over it. Line the window up with one slice before you push the brad through.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Creation Sunday school lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/creation.