

Creation

Sunday School Lesson for Preschool (Ages 3–5), 20–30 minutes

Main point: God made everything, and He made me.

Bible passage: Genesis 1–2. Read Genesis 1:1–2:3 yourself before class.

Memory verse: "In the beginning God created" *Genesis 1:1 (KJV)*. The old word **created** means made.

You need: a Bible, a flashlight, a leaf, a cup of water, a star sticker for each child, a toy fish, a toy bird and a toy animal (or pictures of them), crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.

Before class: put a bookmark in your Bible at Genesis 1. Hide the leaf, the toy fish, the toy bird and the toy animal around the room.

1. Opening game: Look What God Made (5 minutes)

Kids hunt for the hidden things and bring them to you. Hold up each one: "A leaf! A fish! Who made the leaves? Who made the fish?" Say: "Today we will hear a true story about how God made everything."

2. Bible story (5 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to Genesis 1. Say: "This story is true. It is in God's Word." Read each line slowly and do the motion. When you see **Say it with me**, the kids say the line back to you.

In the beginning, God made the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1). *(Make a big circle with your arms.)*

It was dark, dark, dark (1:2). *(Cover your eyes.)*

God said, "Let there be light!" And there was light (1:3). *(Click on the flashlight.)*

God made the sky up high (1:6–8). *(Reach up high.)*

God made the seas and the dry land (1:9–10). *(Show the cup of water, then pat the floor.)*

God made the grass, the plants and the trees (1:11–12). *(Hold up the leaf.)*

Say it with me: "God made it, and it was good!"

God made the sun, the moon and the stars (1:16). *(Give each child a star sticker.)*

God made the fish and the birds (1:20–21). *(Swim the toy fish, then fly the toy bird.)*

God made the animals (1:24–25). *(Hold up the toy animal and make its sound.)*

Then God made people, a man and a woman (1:27). *(Point to each child.)*

Say it with me: "God made me!"

God saw everything He made. It was very good (1:31). *(Two thumbs up.)*

On the seventh day, God rested (2:2). *(Lay your head on your hands.)*

Say it with me: "God made everything!"



3. Questions to ask (3 minutes)

1. Who made the world? *(God did, Genesis 1:1)*
2. What did God make first? *(Light, 1:3)*
3. Who did God make? *(Animals, and people, and you! 1:24–27)*

4. Memory verse (3 minutes)

Say: "God's Word says, 'In the beginning God created.' Created means made." Teach the motion: for "In the beginning," hold your hands together; for "God," point up; for "created," make a big circle with your arms. Say the verse with the motions three times: in a normal voice, in a whisper, and in a happy loud voice. Then say "Genesis 1:1" and clap three times.

5. What this means for us (3 minutes)

Say: "God made you, and God loves you! Everyone has done wrong things. That is called sin (Romans 3:23). Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins. He was buried. Then He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us what to do (Acts 2:38). We repent: we tell God we are sorry, and we stop doing wrong. We are baptized in Jesus' name, down under the water, and our sins are washed away. And God gives us the Holy Ghost. That is God's own Spirit in us. When people are filled with the Holy Ghost, they speak in other tongues, words God gives them (Acts 2:4)."

Pray with the kids, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.

6. Activity: My Favorite Thing God Made (5–10 minutes)

Give each child a take-home sheet. In the drawing box, they draw their favorite thing God made: an animal, a tree, the sun, the moon or the stars. Help them stick their star sticker in the corner. While they draw, ask: "Who made that? Who made you?" Kids who finish early can play with the toy fish, bird and animal.

7. Prayer

Say each line, and the kids say it after you:

"Thank You, God, for making the world.

Thank You, God, for making me. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tips for little ones: keep the story moving and let every child hold one of the things God made. If they get wiggly, do the "dark, dark, dark" and "let there be light" motions again. Send the take-home sheet home so parents can tell the story again this week.

If a child asks "Who made God?": answer simply. Nobody made God. God was always there, even before the beginning (Genesis 1:1).

