

June 4-5, 2016

DATE

Creation

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 1

WHERE TO FIND IT

God made everything.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**First 10 minutes of the service hour:**  
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

**Next 5 minutes:** Connect Time

**Next 25 minutes:** Large Group

**Last 25 minutes:** Snack and Small Group

## tips

Ten minutes before you head into large group, ask kids if they have to use the restroom. It should help eliminate the number of kids who ask to go during the story.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them about their popsicle stick images, and what they show!

## large group heads up

Today, we're talking about how God made everything...and that it's all good. Next week, we'll talk about how we are his favorite creation...and that he loves us!



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line up.
- Ask each kid to share their favorite animal, one by one.
- After one kid shares, say, “God made \_\_\_\_\_.” (Ex: As a group, say “God made elephants!”)
- Act out the animal before moving! (Ex: “Let’s act like elephants!”)
- Then move on to the next kid.

**As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind them that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!**



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) understand that God created the world and everything in it, including us, and (2) everything God made was GOOD.

**Why?** This story highlights God's goodness. That's an important foundational understanding for kids to have—and a really exciting one to share.

**Tip:** The more practice kids have going over the story, the better! Try to engage them in retelling it so they're ready to do it on their own when they leave today.

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY

1. What did God make in the sky? (Sun, moon, stars, light, dark.)
2. What God make on the ground? (Plants, trees, flowers, dirt, oceans, rivers, etc.)
3. What did God make that was living? (Animals, fishes, birds, and people–US!)
4. What did God call everything after he made it? (Good!)
5. Why did God make all these good things? (Because he loves us, and wants us to take care of it.)

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Hand each kid **three popsicle sticks**, and the following **three coloring templates** (each template has two images) and remind them that God created these:
  - Sun and moon
  - Dirt and water
  - Bird and fish
- Set out **markers** and let kids color in the images. As they're coloring, set out **glue sticks** and help kids glue the image to the top of their popsicle stick. Use the following steps:
  - Fold each template in half, so one image is on either side.
  - Glue the images on the top of the popsicle stick so that one image is on either side.
  - Show kids how to flip their popsicle stick back and forth so that they can see one image, and then the other!
- Give each kid a **brown paper bag** and put their three creation story popsicle sticks in the back. Write their name on the bag with a marker.

*Extra time? Give kids a **coloring sheet**. After that, play **Animal Party**. Make a circle and choose one person to be the leader (be the leader first to show kids how it's done). The leader names an animal and then everybody acts like it! To mix things up, limit animal choices per round and ask kids to choose specific animals such as jungle animals, farm animals, birds, bugs, fish, etc.*

## special notes

This week is all about God's good creation. Next week, we'll focus on how we are his favorite creation, made in his image. But for this week, have fun celebrating God's goodness together.

## presenter tips

You'll be using a **flashlight** and **mirror** for parts of today's script!

## script

*\*Click to play intro music.*

Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS.

**Video: HOPS 2 Put your listening ears on!** (*about 1 minute*)

### REVIEW

Presenter: (holding up the Bible for kids to see) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan. Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile and a thumbs up! (Let kids respond.)

(Soften your tone): Now, some of you might remember that there's a sad part of the story that happens. (Get more excited): But today, we're going to focus on the VERY, very happy part: that God made everything—and it was so, so good. In fact, it was perfect. So let's see that smile and thumbs up again. (Let kids respond.) Great job! You guys are going to need a lot of those today!

### THE BEGINNING: DARK AND LIGHT

So in the very, very beginning, there nothing. Everybody squeeze your eyes shut tight. No peeking. Sit really quietly. Shhhh. (Give a couple seconds of quiet.) This is what it was like in the beginning of the world. There was nothing. Nothing at all. There wasn't even a floor for you to sit on! Keep your eyes closed...

Out of this nothing, God began to create the entire world. All he had to do was speak. First, he said (loudly), "Let there be light!" (Turn on the **flashlight**.) Now open your eyes (let kids respond). There was light! (Shine the flashlight around the room like a spotlight—then set it aside.)



## script continued

After God made light, he said that it was good! Let me see your smile and thumbs up! (Let kids respond.) We're going to watch a video, and see all the other amazing things that God created after that!

### **Video: God's Story / Creation**

Wow! I can't believe God made ALL that! Does that make you guys happy that God decided to create the world and everything in it? (Let kids respond.) Yep, me too.

### **SKY AND LAND**

So after God made light, he wasn't done. He said, "Let there be sky!" And suddenly there was a huge sky above the waters, like this (**Click to show image of sky above the waters.**) And God said that it was good. Time for a thumbs up and a smile! (Let kids respond.)

Then God wanted to make land, so he created dry ground, like what you're sitting on now. Can you guys pat the floor next you? (Let kids pat the floor.) That's dry land!

And God made all sorts of cool things on dry land (**Click to show image of land expanse.**) There were mountains and hills and trees and grass and flowers. And after all that, God said that it was good... (Model thumbs up and smile for kids to follow).

### **GOD MADE BIRDS, FISH AND ANIMALS**

Then God filled up the sky and ocean and land! He filled the sky with birds! Can you guys flap your wings with me? (Let kids flap.) Good job! How about making a bird noise, a chirp chirp? Ready? 1-2-3 (Flap and chirp.)

Good job! Next, God filled up the ocean with fishes! Can I see everybody's fish face? (Make fish faces together.) You guys are good at this! And God saw all those birds and fish, and he said they were ...good! (Give a thumbs up and a smile)

After that, God filled up the land with animals! Lots and lots of animals! Whew, I'm going to really need your help with this one. Everybody stand up! (Let kids stand.)

God made...lions. What do lions say? (Let kids say: roar!) That's right; let's all roar together. Ready? 1-2-3: "ROAR!" God made...pigs! What sound do pigs make? (Let kids say: oink) That's right; let's all oink together. Ready? 1-2-3: "OINK!" God made...monkeys! What sound do monkeys make? (Let kids say: ooh ooh aah aah) That's right; let's be monkeys together! Ready? 1-2-3: "Ooh ooh aah aah" (add motions for effect). Alright, now have a seat. (Let kids sit)

God made every single animal and even bugs with their itty bitty legs crawling everywhere! And after all the animals and bugs were made, God said that they were....GOOD! (Let kids smile and give a thumbs up)

### **GOD MADE US**

The last thing God made was pretty amazing. I want everybody to look into this mirror (hold up **the little mirror** and let kids crowd around). Walk through the crowd, so all kids get a chance to see it). What do you guys see in that mirror? (Let kids say: me!)



## script continued

That's right, God made me and you! And after God made us, he said that it was VERY...*good*. (Let kids smile and give thumbs up.)

Let's pray together and thank God for making the whole wide world!

**PRAY** (Break into small, repeatable phrases).

Hi God! Thanks for making the world! Thanks for trees...and flowers...and sunshine...and animals! Thanks for making me! Aaaaaa-MEN.

## **WORSHIP**

Wow, it's pretty amazing that God made EVERYTHING, isn't it? Let's stand together and sing some songs to remind us that God made the whole wide world and that it was REALLY good!

**Music Video: Whole Wide World**

**Music Video: Round and Round**

**Song: Thank You Lord**

*Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)*

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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

Animal Game- no supplies needed

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## small group supplies

**Per group:** Bible, markers, glue sticks

**Per kid:** Coloring page, 3 popsicle sticks, 1 Sun & Moon image, 1 Dirt & Water image, 1 Bird & Fish image (4 images per each 8.5x11 size piece of regular paper, needs to be cut, printed BW) 1 bag (brown paper or plastic with handle)

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## large group supplies

**Per Group:** Bible, vanity mirror, flashlight

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## a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS 2 Put your listening ears on! (<https://vimeo.com/67408013>)
3. Video: God's Story / Creation (<https://vimeo.com/49018350>)
4. Image: sky expanse
5. Image: land expanse
6. Music Video: Whole Wide World (<https://vimeo.com/13033365>)
7. Music Video: Round and Round (<https://vimeo.com/109467993>)
8. Song: Thank You Lord (KC/SM media videos songs>songs>songs with slides)

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## connect questions

Tell me about creation.  
What did God make?