

Hey ClubE!

It is August! Can you believe it? Here we are, the last month of summer. It's wild to think of all the things that have happened over the course of the last few months...isn't it? I hope you all have had fantastic summers and continue to soak up this time!

1. Watch my [short video](#) & introduction to the lesson today.
2. Sharing time. Our question today: What's your favorite way to be creative?
3. Read the story together as a family (or listen to it [here](#)) & go through the discussion questions to talk about what you've learned.
4. Pray together as a family.
5. Optional: Do activity!

If you have questions or just want to share your learning, you can email me cas66852@gmail.com or text/call at 612-310-2363

Storytime!

I love it when we sing to God and tell Him how amazing He is. He is indescribable! His creativity is indescribable, too. We know that's true because we can see the incredible world He's made. We can read about God's creation in the book of Genesis. In Genesis, we find out how God created the world. It started out like this. Genesis 1:1 (NirV), "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." But let's not get ahead of ourselves. Let's break it down, day by day, just like we find in the book of Genesis. Genesis 1:3-5 (NirV) says, "God said, 'Let there be light. And there was light. God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light 'day.' He called the darkness 'night.' There was evening, and there was morning. It was day one.

Then . . . in Genesis 1:6 (NirV) it says, "God said, 'Let there be a huge space between the waters. Let it separate water from water.' And Genesis 1:7-8 (NirV) says that's exactly what happened, "God made the huge space between the waters. He separated the water under the space from the water above it. God called the huge space 'sky.' There was evening, and there was morning. It was day two.

All right. So far, we have light and dark . . . and sky and water. Well, God had something massive just around the corner. Land! Yes—day three was huge! Not only did God create dry ground, but He also made plants to grow in the ground. As we read in Genesis: 1:12-13 (NirV), "So the land produced plants. Each kind of plant had its own kind of seeds. And the land produced trees that grew fruit with seeds in it. Each kind of tree had its own kind of seeds. God saw that it was good. There was evening, and there was morning. It was day three.

Things were really starting to take shape . . . but God still had some creating to do! In Genesis 1:16-18 (NirV) it says, “God made two great lights. He made the larger light to rule over the day and the smaller light to rule over the night. He also made the stars. God put the lights in the huge space of the sky to give light on the earth. He put them there to rule over the day and the night. He put them there to separate light from darkness.” Yes—on day four, God brought some amazing creations to life: the sun! The moon! And the stars! Genesis 1:19 (NirV), “God saw that it was good. There was evening, and there was morning. It was day four. “

But God was far from finished. Check out what came next. Genesis 1:20-21 (NirV) says, “God said, ‘Let the seas be filled with living things. Let birds fly above the earth across the huge space of the sky.’ So God created the great sea creatures. He created every kind of living thing that fills the seas and moves about in them. He created every kind of bird that flies. And God saw that it was good. Yes—this is where things get really exciting. Animals enter the picture! Fish! And birds! Genesis 1:22-23 (NirV) says, “God blessed them. He said, ‘Have little ones so that there will be many of you. Fill the water in the seas. Let there be more and more birds on the earth.’ There was evening, and there was morning. It was day five.”

So, we have fish and birds, but obviously there were many more animals to go. God kept going on day six. Open the Bible to Genesis 1:25 (NirV), “God made every kind of wild animal. He made every kind of livestock. He made every kind of creature that moves along the ground. And God saw that it was good.” God’s creation had gotten really exciting. And quite noisy! But the best was yet to come.

Genesis 1:27 (NirV) says, “God created human beings in his own likeness. He created them to be like himself. He created them as male and female. “Yes—God had saved His best for last. On day six, God created people! God had important instructions for the people He had created. Genesis 1:28 (NirV), “God blessed them. He said to them, ‘Have children so that there will be many of you. Fill the earth and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Rule over every living creature that moves along the ground.’ God had done it! He had made light and dark; sky and water; land and sea; plants; the sun, moon, and stars; fish, birds, and all other sorts of animals; and people! Genesis 1:31 (NirV) and read. “God saw everything he had made. And it was very good. There was evening, and there was morning. It was day six.”

It was very good! ALL of it was very good. What did God do next? Well, listen to this. Genesis 2:2-3 (NirV), “By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing. So on that day he rested from all his work. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy. He blessed it because on that day he rested from all the work he had done. Yup—on day seven, God rested. He also blessed the seventh day and made it holy. What an amazing story!

From nothing . . . God created EVERYTHING. There’s no limit to God’s creativity. As much as we might try to describe God, He is truly indescribable. His creation SHOWS us how amazing He is. We can KNOW Him because we can see the amazing world He made. Let’s pray and thank Him for that.

Let's talk about it!

- What's something you're thankful that God created?
- At the end of each day God said, "It was good" (and when he created people he said it was "very good"). Why do you think he said that?
- When you create something **good**, how do you feel? How do you think God feels about his **good** creation?
- We are part of God's creation and we are LOVED by him. We are the most prized out of all of His creation. What's your favorite part about being God's creation?

Pray

"Dear God, what You have made is good—SO good! We are thankful that we can see Your limitless creativity in everything You've made. You made each of US, and You love us! Please, help us to see how good You are as we look at the world around us, and the people You've put in our lives. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name, amen."

Game Time!

STORY SCULPTING

- Sculpt something with the Play-Doh that relates to the story we read today (example, On the seventh day, God rested" like a pillow or a bed.)
- With each Play-Doh creation, challenge the group to identify the sculpture and how it relates to the story
- If you have more than one family member, put the sculptures in order of the story.

Creation is the greatest work of art of all time and all of you are part of it. We look at the world, and we see that God is creative because of everything He made. From nothing, He made everything. All we have to do is look at the different types of plants, the variety of animals and fish, or the vastness of the sky to know there's no limit to God's creativity. And look at each of us. God made all of us in His image, and none of us are exactly the same— not even identical twins! Everywhere we look, we can see there's no limit to God's creativity.