



UNIT 1 | SESSION 1

GOD CREATED THE WORLD

GENESIS 1

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus makes everything work.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: The heavens show God is great! PSALM 19:1

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- God made everything.
- Everything God made is good.
- Everything was made to show how good God is.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

In the beginning, there was nothing but God. God began to make the world! God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light! God called the light day and the darkness night. God spoke and made the sky. He made the land, the trees, and the plants. God made the sun, moon, and stars. God made fish to swim in the water and birds to fly in the sky. God made all the animals that live on land, from the biggest elephant to the smallest bug. God made all these things. God saw that everything He made was good.



LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for babies to handle. Open a Bible to Genesis 1. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A HYMN

Sing the first verse to “This Is My Father’s World” or play it on an electronic device. Practice the song before the session with simple hand gestures.

| **SAY** “ This is God’s world because God made everything, and He takes care of everything He made. We praise God because He is good. Everything was made to show how good God is. ”

2 LINE UP BLOCKS

Print and cut apart the “Days of Creation” cards before the session. Tape them to foam or cardboard blocks. Line up the blocks within arm’s reach of the babies. Talk about the Bible story as babies interact with the blocks.

| **SAY** “ God made everything. Everything God made is good. We praise God because He is good. ”

3 EXPLORE LIGHTS

Provide LED touch lights or battery-operated tea lights for babies to touch. Make sure babies do not shine the lights in their eyes. You may also place string lights beneath a clear plastic bin. Talk about the Bible story as they play.

| **SAY** “ In the beginning, there was nothing but God. God made everything for His glory. That means everything was made to show how good God is. We praise God because He is good. ”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to Genesis 1. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage card and guide toddlers to say it. Pray for the toddlers.

2 MAKE CREATION ART

Provide construction paper, crayons, and stickers. Cut the paper into the shape of things God made (the sun, moon, stars, trees, flowers, birds, fish, animals, etc.). Guide toddlers to place stickers on their paper. Write the Christ connection or a gospel gem on each child's art. Tell the Bible story.

SAY “ Can you point on your picture to something God made? Yes, because God made everything! Everything was made to show how good God is. ”

3 PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Print the key passage on construction paper (1 word per piece). Tape the pages to the floor. Place the key passage card in the Bible at Psalm 19:1. Invite toddlers to step or hop onto each word as you say it. Open the Bible and point to the words as you read the key passage.

SAY “ The Bible is God’s words to us. The Bible says God made everything! When we look at the things God made, we see how great God is. We praise God because He is good. ”

4 TAKE A NATURE WALK

If weather permits, use a walking rope or stroller to take toddlers outside. Invite toddlers to look for items God made. Collect the items in a basket. Guide toddlers to thank God for the items He made. Tell the Bible story.

SAY “ God made everything. God made the things we see and the things we cannot see, like the air we breathe! Everything God made is good. We praise God because He is good. ”

5 READ BOOKS ABOUT ANIMALS

Gather books about animals that live in various habitats. Read the books with toddlers or invite them to look at the pictures. Talk about God’s creativity and His care for the creatures He made. Retell the Bible story.

SAY “ God made everything. God made the largest elephant and the smallest bug. God has a plan for everything He made, and He cares for His creation. Everything was made to show how good God is. ”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: PLAY OUT THE STORY

Before the session, collect items to represent each day of God's creation or use the "Days of Creation" cards. Place the items in a pillowcase. Invite the toddlers to sit in a circle with you on the floor. Retell the Bible story. Each time you remove an item, choose a toddler to come forward and hold it. After the sixth item, encourage toddlers to cheer and clap for God.

SAY “ In the beginning, there was nothing but God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God made everything using His words! Everything was made to show how good God is. We praise God because He is good! ”

2 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing the song below to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”

“God saw everything He made,
everything He made, everything He made.
God saw everything He made and it was very good.”

3 MAKE EDIBLE CLOUDS

Post an allergy alert. Place a plastic tablecloth on the table and put bibs or smocks on toddlers. Scoop a whipped cream cloud onto the table in front of each toddler. Encourage her to use her hands or a craft stick to spread the cloud around. Keep baby wipes handy for cleanup.

SAY “ God made everything, even the sky and clouds! Everything God made is good. When you see clouds, remember we praise God because He is good. ”

4 RECORD SILLY SOUNDS

Use an electronic device or a toy microphone to record toddlers making silly sounds or animal sounds. Play back the sounds for the toddlers. Follow your church's procedures for sharing any recordings with families. Tell the Bible story.

SAY “ Our sounds were silly! God made everything using His words. God is powerful, and God is good. Everything was made to show how good God is. Thank You, God! ”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.