

Who Is God? God Is Creator

Introduction

Scripture: Genesis 1-2:3

Key verse: Genesis 1:1 or Psalm 121:2

“My help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:2

“In the beginning, God made the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

Bible Lesson

Lesson Goal: The children will know that God created/made EVERYTHING out of nothingness.

Hook: Give each child a small ball of play-doh (about half of what comes in a cup of play-doh). Tell the children to use their play-doh to make a bowl or vase or even a person. Give them about 5 minutes to make their creation. Ask a few of the children to tell about what they made. Explain that they were able to make their creation exactly the way they wanted to. God did this when He made the world and when He made them. He made you exactly the way He wanted you to be!

Bible Story: Read Genesis 1-2:3

Be sure to let them see you read from the Bible. It is important for them to see you reading and teaching them from God’s Word.

Key Principles:

After reading the scripture, discuss and emphasize these key principles with the children.

1. There was nothing here before God made the sky, earth, stars, people etc.
2. Everything that we can see and can’t see, God made.
3. God’s creation was good.
4. God made everything just the way He wanted it to be. There were no mistakes. Especially emphasize that God made each of them exactly like He wanted them to be, each different and special.
5. God made everything in six days and rested on the seventh day.

Application:

Review with the following questions:

1. Who made the sky, earth and everything? (God did)
2. How do we know that God made everything? (The Bible tells us He did and the Bible is all true)
3. How many days did God use to make everything? (6)
4. Let’s talk about what God made on each day.

Use a piece of poster board to make a chart showing what God made on each day. It might be helpful to draw simple pictures instead of using the words to show what God made. Older children can help by looking in their Bibles to see what God made each day.

Day 1 – light and dark

Day 4 – sun, moon

Day 2 – sky

Day 5 – water animals, birds

Day 3 – water, land, plants

Day 6 – animals, man, woman

God isn't finished with creating. He still creates new people (babies) everyday. Emphasize again that God made each child in your group uniquely and wonderfully. He made them just the way He wanted them to be with no mistakes!

Activity

Choose one of the following:

Optional Activity #1 – AHEAD OF TIME, prepare small pictures of things God made, for example, a dog, flower, sun, moon, fish, stars. These can be cut from magazines or simple drawing. Make sure you have at least one picture for each day and at least one picture for each child in your group. Depending on the number of children in your group, give each child a piece of paper, or let children work together in a group of 2 or 3. You may want to use construction paper since it is a little bigger. Each child or small group will illustrate one particular day of God's creation. Tell them "I want you to make a picture of what God made on day -----." Give the children pictures of things God made on that day to glue to their paper. They can also draw pictures of similar things God made on that day. Make sure they label their paper "Day 1", "Day 2", etc. or label the papers for them ahead of time.

Optional Activity #2 – Let children make their own collage creations with glue and different materials like construction paper pieces, magazine cut outs, yarn, sequence shapes, dry macaroni, stickers, etc. The only rule is to be careful with the glue, but other than that, it can be just like they want it to be. It's their creation.

Wrap-up

Review the key principles and ask questions about today's lesson. Remind children that God made them just the way He wanted them to be!

Extension (optional)

Read Ephesians 2:10 – "For we are God's workmanship, created to do good works, which He planned in advance for us to do." Talk about the truth that God created them to do a special work for Him. Ask children to think of ways they can serve God at home, church, school. Explain that they can do lots for God now and when they get older God will show them new ways to serve Him.

Toddler Time:

If your group consists of small children, you may want to choose one of the following activities to do.

*Activity option #2 should be great for preschoolers. They love to glue, glue, glue!

*Play a ring-around-the-rosy type game except use the words below. You may want to jump up instead of fall down on the word "great":

God made me
As anyone can see
He makes no mistakes
And He made me GREAT!

*If the weather permits, and there is daylight, take the children on a nature walk to look at God's creation. Talk about the colors of everything you see.