

May Week 4
Backyard
Scavenger Hunt

May 22

CRAFT

Day 6 of Creation Book

SUPPLIES: Day 6 of Creation Book (pre-folded), heart stickers, smiley face stickers, animal stickers, cotton balls, googly eyes, black markers, glue sticks, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Pass out Sun and Moon page and crayons/markers.**
- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned that God created EVERYTHING! On Day 6 of creation, do you remember what God created? Animals and people! Let’s make a special book to help us remember all the things God created on Day 6.*
- ⇒ **Walk children through each step of the craft as you explain the various details.**
- Cover: *The cover of your book says, ‘God Made Everything!’ Let’s decorate the cover with stickers. I have hearts, smiley faces, and lots of animal stickers! Awesome!*
 - Sheep page: Turn the page. What animal do you think that is? That’s right! It’s a sheep! I have a glue stick and a cotton ball for you. When I pull the cotton apart it stretches out and I can spread the cotton on the sheep’s whole body. Lets glue the cotton to the sheep and make it fluffy! Nice job! God made the sheep and it was good.
 - Zebra: Let’s turn the page. I see a....Zebra! But I think it’s missing something. Black stripes! Here is a black marker. Watch how I draw straight lines on mine. Can you add stripes to your zebra? Great work! God made the Zebra and it was good.
 - Person: Let’s turn to the last page! What do you see here? A person! Let’s decorate the person to look like you! I have crayons and some eyes for you! This page says, “God made ME!”
- ⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**
- “On day six, God made all the animals: giraffes and bunnies, elephants and llamas, all the animals big and small. But that wasn’t all God made on day six. God made His most special creation—people! God made the first man, Adam, and the first woman, Eve. He told Adam and Eve to eat the fruit from the trees in the garden and watch over all the animals. After God made the people, He looked over everything He had made and said, ‘That’s very good.’
 - ***Who made everything?***
 - ***God made everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Scavenger Hunt

- SUPPLIES:** Clipboard with **ANIMALS and a MIRROR** things checklist in a sleeve protector, dry erase marker, **ANIMALS and a MIRROR**, wall tape
- SET-UP:** Use wall tape to hang items around the room

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children for the activity.**
- *“Friends, come here with me! Let’s go on a scavenger hunt! A scavenger hunt is a game where we search all around the room for items on this scavenger hunt list.*
 - *[Show children the clipboard] Hmmmmmm.....Let’s see. I see a lot of **ANIMALS** on this list! And something else, too...**a MIRROR**. Let’s see if we can work together as a team to find all of the **ANIMALS and a MIRROR**! Are you ready? Let’s search!”*
- ⇒ **Move from item to item as a group. When you find it, talk about what it is and then check it off your checklist.**
- ⇒ **Once you have found everything on the list have children join you on the floor to review the Bible story lesson to bring it back to Jesus.**
- *“That was so much fun finding all of the **ANIMALS** around the room! I love Scavenger hunts! Now tell me friends...why do you think we found a **MIRROR**? Because God made YOU! On Day 6 God created the animals and then he created people! God made humans in his image and likeness. Wow!!*
 - *Now let’s go all the way back to the beginning. In the VERY beginning there was nothing. But God was about to do something amazing. On the first day he said, “LET THERE BE LIGHT!” And God separated the light from the darkness. Then, on Day 2 God made the water and the sky up above. On Day 3 God made land and the plants and the seas! Amazing! Then on Day 4 God made the sun and the moon and the stars. On Day 5 God created the fish and the birds.*
 - *And then, on Day 6....God created all of the animals on land and he created man and woman! Wow!*
 - **Tell me, friends...Who made everything? God made everything!**

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ACTIVITY #2

Animal Dance

SUPPLIES: CD Player, Parkview Kids Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children spread out around the room and dance.**
 - *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned that on Day 6 of Creation, God created the animals that walk on land.*
 - *I am going to push play on the music and I want you to dance. Then, when I pause the music, I want you to pretend to be an animal. Any animal you can think of!*
 - *Each time we do it you have to try to think of a different animal to be.*
 - *Are you ready? Let’s Dance!*

- ⇒ **Have children dance to the music. Pause the music.**
 - *“Let’s see and hear your animals! How fun!*
 - *Boys and girls, who made everything?*
 - *God made everything!”*

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

- ⇒ *****2/3-year-old option – instead of having them choose their own animal each time, call out the same animal for everyone to be at the same time.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Friends, you have some awesome dance moves and you make amazing animals! God made all of the animals!*
 - ***Tell me, who created everything?***
 - ***God created everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse + Days of Creation Review!

SUPPLIES: Days 1-6 Creation Pictures (Light/Dark, Sky, Water, Land, Plants, Sea, Sun, Moon, Fish, Birds, Animals, and People)

What You DO and SAY:

This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.

- Do you remember what God created on Day 1? Light! That's right! And God separated the light from the darkness! [Hold up picture.] So when we see this picture we can remember that God created light and it was good!
 - Do you remember what God created on Day 2? God made the Sky! AND God also made Water! Wow! [Hold up each picture.]. He made the sky and water and they were both GOOD!
 - Do you remember what God created on Day 3? God made Land! And Plants! And the seas! [Hold up each picture.] He made the land and the plants and the seas and they were GOOD!
 - Do you remember what God created on Day 4? God made the Sun! And the Moon! And the Stars! [Hold up each picture.]. He made the Sun and the Moon and the Stars and they were GOOD!
 - Do you remember what God created on Day 5? God made the fish to swim in the water and the birds to fly in the air! [Hold up each picture.] He made the birds and the fish and they were GOOD!
 - Do you remember what God created on Day 6? God made all of the animals that live on land and PEOPLE! [Hold up each picture.] Amazing!
- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways and then bring is back to Jesus.**
- *"When we see all the things God made we can remember that they were all good! Just like our memory verse. Let's practice saying our memory verse together: "God saw everything he had made. And it was very good." Genesis 1:31*
 - *Now let's try it...*
 - *Super loud/Super quiet, Really Fast/Really Slow, Jumping up and down, Running in Place, All the boys/All the girls, Kids only/Teachers only*
 - *"Nice work, my friends!*
 - ***Who made everything? God made everything!"***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
MAY WEEK 4

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- ⇒ *The Beginning*, *The Beginner's Bible*, p. 7
- ⇒ *Adam and Eve*, *The Beginner's Bible* p. 14

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - **Who made everything?**
God made everything!
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - **"God saw everything he had made. And it was very good." Genesis 1:31**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "Today, we'll make a list of our favorite animal that God made. It can be a lion, elephant, groundhog, dog, cat, bunny, bear – anything! God made all of the animals! When I say your name, **tell me your favorite animal.**
 - *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*
- ⇒ This is such a great list of birds God made! Let's use our list when we pray. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray:** "
 - "Dear God, You made the whole world and everything in it. Thank You for making so many wonderful animals like the *(name the animals children listed)*. And most of all, thank You for making people. Thank You for making *(name each child)*. They are all so wonderful, and I am so glad I get to know each of them. You are the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

Attention Volunteers!

This is a special month! We are going to be sending home a miniature magnifying glass with each child so that they can search for all of the things God made and explore God's creation!

Week 1

Tell each child they are getting this special gift and encourage them to explore God's creation with it!

"Look at this special magnifying glass! It can help you search for things God made! And guess what friends? You get to bring it home! Now you can explore God's creation any time!"

Put the parent note into the parent's hand and tell them what it is.

"We are learning about God's creation this month! Your child got a magnifying glass today so that they can explore God's creation all around them!"

Remaining Weeks

Ask parents...

"Did your child get a magnifying glass last week?"

If not, hand them a magnifying glass and parent note explaining what it is.