

# Creation – school age

## Genesis 1:1-2:4a

June 4, 2023

### Opening Activity

**Say:** Good morning, everybody! Today we are going to explore the Bible starting on page 1, at the very beginning. We'll be finding out about God's creation of the world. God made all natural things, like water, rocks, trees, animals, plants and people. We humans use things from God's creation in order to make other things, like cars, balloons and books. I'm going to call out things God made and I want you to raise your hand when you think of something people can make out of the part of creation I named.

*Your list may include but need not be limited to*

- Wood (houses, paper, toothpicks, etc.)
- Cotton (cloth, Q-tips, paper)
- Metal (cars, plumbing, tools)
- Sheep's wool (mittens, hats)
- Water (ice, cement, food, soda)

God's creation is all around us, even if you look at things humans have made!

**Say:** I'm interested in how your week went. Let's use a line from today's Bible story to check in. The Bible says after each part of creation God looked at everything and said, "It is good." If your week went well stand up and say, "It is good!" (*Sweep an arm out in front of you in a flourish. Invite kids to do the same.*) If your week didn't go so well, hang your head and say, "It's not so good." *Allow time for sharing.*

### Prayer:

I'm going to say a prayer that names different things God made. When I name a part of creation, you will praise God by making a sound that goes along with it. For example, if I said "puppies" you would go, "yip, yip" or "ruff, ruff".

Let's pray. Dear God, there are so many wonderful things you created in our world. We give you thanks for ducks. (*Pause while kids make their creation praise sounds.*) Thank you for making beautiful waterfalls. Thank you for things we can't even see, like wind. What would we ever do without cows? We'll never stop giving you thanks for give us elephants. Thank you for everything you made, God. Amen.

### Open the Bible

**Ask:** Today's Bible story is easy to find. It's on the first page in the first book of the Bible, Genesis. This is in the Old Testament. (Give each kid a small piece of clay. While they are watching the video, have them make something from the Creation story)

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Watch the video from [Saddleback Kids](#). Talk about what they made while they were watching the video. (Provide a plastic bag for kids to take their creation home with them)

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## Activate Faith

### “Go Green” – Paintings

**Supplies:** Newspaper, Paint/heavy paper, paintbrushes, assorted green paints, green items (fabric, paper, and whatever craft supplies you can find that are green), scissors, glue, recycled containers.

**Set-up:**

Set out the assortment of “green” materials. Cover the worktable with newspaper.

**Instructions:**

Today’s story is all about God’s creation. God created you and me. God created the plants and animals. God created our beautiful world, and it is up to us to take good care of it. Do you live “green” at your house? Do you recycle? What are some other ways that people “live green?” *Allow all answers.* Today’s art project will help you think about how you can go green for God. Let’s get going!

1. Show kids all of the “green” materials you have collected and let each of them select a few to work with.
2. As kids select their materials, talk about the shades of green – how are they alike? How does texture make a difference?
3. Invite kids to use paints and other materials to create a green collage on drawing paper. Encourage kids to lay their materials on the paper to create a design they like before gluing the pieces in place.

Even though you all had the same materials to work with, each person’s artwork is really unique. I hope your green paintings will be a great reminder that you can go green for God!

## Alternate Activities

### Nature Walk – Activity

Take a walk outdoors. Be aware of the sky, the trees, the water. Take time to watch and listen and feel. Try to see something you have never seen before. From time to time say, “Thank you, God.”

## Language – Worksheet

Learn names for God’s great creation in different language! Pick out the words in each column that have the same style lettering to figure out how to say words like earth, tree, and river in different languages. (Worksheet available on the Children’s Ministry website)