

The Holy Spirit – preschool/younger elementary

Genesis 1:1-2:4

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Opening Activity

Ask: What are some of the amazing things God has created? What is your favorite animal, flower, etc., that God created?

(Give each child a piece of modeling clay). **Say:** Imagine God has just handed you this glob of clay. Shape something from nature that you like. Maybe it's an animal, a flower, even a stick! Let's see what you can create. After everyone is finished, ask kids to explain their creation and tell why they chose it.

God certainly made a beautiful world! We're going to talk about all the things God made today.

Let's say a prayer, and then we'll learn the story.

Prayer:

I'm going to say a prayer that names different things from God's creation. When I name a part of creation, you will praise God by making a sound about that part of creation. For example, if I said "puppies", you might go "Whoof, Whoof". But we're only going to make the sound once and then go on to the next thank you to God.

Dear God.

Thank you for all the wonderful things you made in this world. We thank you for ducks, water, cows, and rain (pause between each thing to allow for the kids to make sounds). Thank you for everything you made. Amen.

Open the Bible

Say: Let's imagine what it must have sounded like when God was making the world. Raise your hand if you think it was quiet. Raise your hand if you think it was noisy.

Our story is in the beginning of the Bible. It's from the very first book, Genesis. As we listen to the story, let's pretend we are there while God creates everything. We'll use sound effects to help us remember some of the things God made. *Give each kid a sheet of paper.* Copy what I do with my paper. Ready?

[Listen to the story](#)

Sound effects:

1. Light! Crinkle paper to make a "crackle" sound like lightning
2. Day and night! Rip the paper slowly to make a spllllitt sound.
3. Water! Tape a finger against the paper to make it sound like rain.
4. Fish! Wiggle the paper back and forth to make a "wiggle" sound like a fish.
5. Animals! Bounce the paper up and down to make a "hop" sound like a rabbit.

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After God created all of these things, God saw that they were...Pause for kids to answer (GOOD)

Activate Faith

“Creation Glasses” Craft

Kids create a special pair of glasses that will help them remember some things God made.

Supplies: Glasses template ([print](#)), scissors, markers or crayons, tape or straw

Set Up: Print out the glasses and cut them out.

Instructions:

1. Give each child a pair of glasses and have them decorate them with something to remind them of the creation story (an animal, water, flowers, etc.)
2. You can either tape the bows onto the glasses or use the straw and tape that to the glasses.
3. Have kids look around with their glasses to see the different things God created.

Creation Care – Activity

Supplies: light bulb trash bag, cardboard box, notebook paper, reusable water bottle, garden hose nozzle, plastic straw.

Say: God gave Adam and Eve the responsibility for taking care of creation, and God wants us do that too. I Here are some items that will give us clues as to how you can help. Pick out an item and guess how you can use it to help take care of God’s world.

Have the kids take turns pulling items from a bag or picking up something from the table.

- Light bulb: Turn the light off when you leave a room.
- Garden hose nozzle: Don’t leave water running.
- Reusable water bottle: Use reusable water bottles instead of buying plastic.
- Notebook paper: Write on both sides of you paper and recycle when done,
- Cardboard box: Be sure to recycle it. You can also use it for crafts.
- Trash bag: Separate your garbage and recyclables.
- Plastic straw: Use a reusable straw when you can. Plastic doesn’t break down and stays around for a very long time.

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” - Song

Have kids sing and dance to the song and follow the motions. [Video from Lifetree Kids.](#)