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to turn around, sit down, and shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

*Host enters as Worship Leader exits.*

## INTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Table; shallow, clear plastic bin or water table; foam bath blocks; rubber ducky; squirt toy; water; base plate; small bin or box

*Preset Creation boxes for Story around storytelling area in a random arrangement.*

*Host enters with bin of props.*

**HOST:** "Hello, friends! I just found these super cool blocks. And guess what?"

*Drop a block in the water so it floats.*

"They FLOAT!"

*Place the base plate in the water.*

"I'm going to build a super tall tower, right on top of the water! How many blocks do you think I can stack? How high can we go? Let's count!"

*Stack blocks, one at a time, on top of the base plate, as you count.*

"Ready? One. Two. Three . . . (*Stack as many as you have or as possible.*) Shout if you think I should try one more. (*Pause.*) Okay, here it goes.

*Place last block on the top.*

"Seven (*or number achieved*)! We did it.

**NOTE:** If tower topples, simply say, "Whoops! But wow, that was so much fun!"

"There are lots of fun things we can do in the water. We can swim! Put your arms out and pretend to swim with me.

*Lead children to pretend to swim.*

"Swish! Swosh! Swish! Swosh! Swish! Swosh! Great job! Oh, I know something else we can do in the water.

*Hold up the rubber ducky.*

"Splish splash, it's time for a bath! Raise your hand if you love a good bubble bath! (*Pause.*) Me, too! What else can we do in the water?"



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*Hold up the squirt toy.*

"Oh, I know! We can play tag and squirt our friends with water. There are so many things we can do with water. And I can't wait for you to hear the things God does in our true Bible story today. See you in a bit!"

*Storyteller enters as Host gathers up the props and exits.*

## BIBLE STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Days of Creation" and "Numbers" Activity Pages; cardstock; cardboard boxes; packing tape; tape; pop-up lantern, regular lantern, or flashlight; and Bible; Optional brightly colored wrapping paper, Story Images, and cardstock

*Storyteller enters carrying a Bible.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Hey, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you today's true story from the Bible.

*Open the Bible for the children to see, then set it down.*

"If you're ready to hear a true story from the Bible, wave your hands in the air like this. (*Wave hands in the air.*) Oh, it looks like you are ready! Our story starts in the very beginning. In the very beginning, there was nothing.

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)*

*Dim or lower lights.*

"There was no light. There were no houses or people or trees or even dirt for plants to grow in. It was empty. There was nothing. But God was there.

"On day one (*lead children to hold up on finger*), when God began creating the world, God said, 'Let there be light.'

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 02)*

*Open pop-up lantern. Turn on lights.*

"And there was light! The WHOLE world was filled with beautiful, dazzling, shimmery light! God looked at all of that amazing light and saw that it was good. Can you say give me two thumbs-up (*give two thumbs-up*) and say, 'It's good?'"

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** (*Give two thumbs-up*) "It's good!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Then, God separated the light from the dark. God called the light "day" and dark (*close lantern*) "night." That's why we have daytime and nighttime! What's the very first thing we do in the daytime? (*Yawn and stretch.*) Yes! Everyone, yawn and stretch with me! (*Encourage children to yawn and stretch.*) We wake up and get ready for an amazing day of work and play.



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"After a long, full day, what do we do at nighttime?"

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)*

*Close lantern. Yawn and stretch.*

"We get sleepy, so God gave us the dark nighttime to sleep and rest. On day one (*hold up one finger*), God made light (*open lantern*) and dark. (*Close lantern.*)

"But do you think God was finished? No way! God was just getting started. On day two—everyone hold up two fingers like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Yes!

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)*

"On day two, God made a place for the deep, cool water below and created the wide, blue sky above the whole world!

*Motion with hands toward the floor.*

"And the wide blue sky above the whole world.

*Wave hands overhead.*

"Let's review.

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)*

"On day one (*hold up one finger*), God made light . . .

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 02)*

". . . and dark.

*Walk to the day one box and turn around to show "light and dark."*

*(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)*

"And one day two (*hold up two fingers*), God made a place for the water below and the amazing sky above.

*Go to and turn day two box then stack it on top of the day one box.*

"Wow! Only God can do that. God is SO creative and powerful. **God made everything! Who made everything?"**

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God made everything!"**

**STORYTELLER:** "Yes, **God made everything!** [Transition] Our story time is over (*pick up Bible and close it*), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"



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## PRAYER

**STORYTELLER:** "God, we love You! You are an awesome, creative, and powerful God. Thank You for making light and dark and sky above water. Thank You for ALL that You have made. We love You so much. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen."

"Friends, you are the best! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

*Host enters as Storyteller exits with the Bible and lantern.*

## OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

*Host enters as Storyteller exits with the Bible and lantern.*

**HOST:** "Wow! First, God made light and dark. Then God made the sky above the water. **God made everything!**"

"I think I (*point to self*) got the story. Did you (*point to children*) get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?" (*Cup one hand behind ear.*)

**CHILDREN AND HOST:** "Got it!"

**HOST:** (*Give two thumbs-up*) "Good! **[Transition]** And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

*Host dismisses small groups and exits.*