



WEEK
TWO
AUGUST 2023

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

“Great singing, friends! **[Transition]** And now it’s time 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: Cardboard blocks and a small step ladder

Host enters as Worship Leader exits.

HOST: “Hi, friends! I’m [your name], and I know it’s going to be an amazing day. Because we have . . . (*Point to the blocks.*) . . . giant building blocks! These blocks are SO big that I think we can build a super tall tower—all the way to the sky! Do you think we can reach the moon? Reach your hands waaaay up high like this!

Reach up high, then start building a tower with the blocks.

“Maybe we can make our tower reach all the way to the stars. Make your fingers twinkle like stars.

Twinkle fingers like stars then keep building.

“Wow! This is a tall tower. But I think I can make it even taller. Do you think it’s tall enough to reach the sun? I think we should stack even more!

Stand on step ladder to add blocks to the tower.

“Whoa! Now it’s really tall. I better get some more blocks! See you in a minute.”

Storyteller enters as Host moves stepladder to one side and then exits.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Creation boxes from Week One; banana; carrot; bin; and Bible; Optional “Days of Creation” and “Numbers” Activity Pages; cardstock; cardboard boxes; packing tape; *Optional Story Images* and cardstock

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and bin of props.

STORYTELLER: “Hello, friends! I’m [your name]. Our true story from the Bible is about when God made everything.

Open the Bible for the children to see then set down.

“That’s right!

(*Option: Display Story Image W2 01*)

“God made the WHOLE world and everything in it. First, on day one (*hold up one finger*), God made . . .

Go to box #1 and turn it around, setting it on the floor if it isn’t already there.



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" . . . light and dark.

Go to box #2 and turn it around then stack it on top of box #1.

"Then on day two (*hold up two fingers*), God made a place for the water below . . .

Motion hands toward the floor.

"And created the sky above.

Wave hands overhead.

"But do you think God was done? No way! God wanted to make so much more. On day three (*hold up three fingers*) . . .

(Option: Display Story Image W2 02)

". . . God made dry ground and called it 'land!' Everyone, stomp your foot and say, 'Land!'"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: (*stomping foot*) "Land!"

STORYTELLER: "Good job!"

"Then God put all the water together and called it "seas." Can you make your hands wave as water like this?

Wave hands in front of you like ocean waves.

"That's it! God looked at what He made 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: "There was so much land (*stomp your foot*), but there wasn't anything growing on it, yet. So, God told the land to start growing things!

(Option: Display Story Image W2 03)

"Trees started to grow right up out of the ground. Vines and bushes and flowers and plants of all kinds sprouted up everywhere.

"God even made fruits and vegetables for us to eat.

Take the banana out of the bin and hold it up.

"Oh, look at this yummy fruit. Can you name it? (*Pause.*) Yes! It's a banana.



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Remove the carrot and hold it up.

"Oh, look at this yummy vegetable. Can you name it? (Pause.) Yes, it's a carrot! God made so many different plants for us to eat and enjoy. God looked at all those wonderful plants and saw they were good! Can you say, (give two thumbs-up) 'It's good?'"

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

Turn box #3 around and stack it on top of box #2.

STORYTELLER: "On day three (hold up three fingers), God made land, plants, and sea. Now we've talked about what God made on days one, two, and three. What number comes after three? (Hold up three then four fingers.) Yes! Four.

"On day four, God made something SO bright and beautiful. God said, 'Let there be lights in the sky.'

(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)

"Now, God made one BIG light for the daytime. Do you know what light God made for the daytime? If you do, say it! (Listen for response.) The Sun! That's right. Can you make a big sun like this with your arms?

Lead children to make a big circle overhead with their arms.

"Great job! You can put your arms down now.

"After God put the sun in the sky, God made some special lights for the nighttime. Say it if you know what lights God made for the night! (Pause.) Yes! God made the moon and stars for the nighttime. Let's make some twinkly stars with our hands. Can you wiggle your fingers with me?

Wiggle your fingers like stars with the children.

"Great job!

Turn box #4 around and place it on top of box #3.

"God looked at the sun and moon and stars and saw that they were GOOD. Can you say, (give two thumbs-up) 'It's good?'"

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

Point to boxes in the stack as you review each day of creation.

STORYTELLER: "Now let's remember what we've learned so far. On day one (hold up one finger), God made light and dark. Then on day two (hold up two fingers), God made the amazing sky above the water below.



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"On day three (*hold up three fingers*), God made land, plants, and seas. Then on day four (*hold up four fingers*), God made the sun, moon, and stars. 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 and close Bible*), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Heavenly Father, YOU are amazing! You've made so many good, good things! You made the sun and moon, plants, and trees, fruits, and vegetables, too. Thank You for everything You've made because it is so so good! We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

"Friends, thanks for being such good listeners! See you next time."

Host enters, smiling with a few more blocks, as Storyteller exits with the Bible and bin of props.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Cardboard blocks and creation boxes from "Story"

Host enters with extra blocks.

HOST: "WOW! On day three, God made the land, plants, and seas. Then God made the sun, moon, and stars! **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! (*Begin stacking blocks on the tower.*) Maybe our tower won't make it to the moon. But I think we can go higher! [Transition] And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

Host dismisses small groups and exits.