



WEEK
FOUR
AUGUST 2023

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Table and animal stacking blocks (for example <https://bit.ly/44HXrrU>)

Host enters, carrying blocks, as Worship Leader exits.

HOST: "Hi, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait for you to see what I have. Check this out.

Begin stacking blocks in a pyramid formation on the table.

"Animal blocks! It's like a zoo. Or maybe a circus. I love stacking these up!

Hold up an animal block.

"Can you name this animal? It sounds like this.

Make that animal sound.

"Call it out if you know the animal. (Pause.) That's right! It's a/an [animal's name].

Repeat with two of three more animals in the same way, holding it up for children to see and making the sound as the children guess the animal.

"You named all the animals! Great job, friends. Who made all the animals? (Pause.) That's right. God did that! You'll hear more about it in our Bible story today. See you later, gators!"

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible, as Host exits with props.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Creation boxes from Week One; Bible; and sound effects (provided) for cat and horse; *Optional Story Images* and cardstock

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible, as Host exits.

STORYTELLER: "Hey, friends! I'm [your name], and I have a TRUE story from the Bible . . .

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

". . . to tell you about the wonderful world God made!

Turn boxes #1–5 around and stack them on top of each other as you review the days of creation.

"On day one (*hold up one finger*), God made light and dark. On day two (*hold up two fingers*), God made the sky above the water. On day three (*hold up three fingers*), God made the land, plants, and seas. On day four (*hold up four fingers*), God made the sun, moon, and stars. And on day five (*hold up five fingers*), God made the fish and birds! The earth was full of so many beautiful, wonderful things! God saw everything He had made, and it was



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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: "Do you think God was finished, yet? No way! God made even more. On day six (*use two hands to hold up six fingers*), God said, 'Let the land produce every kind of animal.' WOW! Do you know what that means? It means God made SO many different and wonderful animals to live on the land!

(*Option: Display Story Image W4 01*)

"Let's see if you can recognize the sounds of some of the animals God made.

SFX: Cat meowing

"Can you name the animal God made? (*Pause.*) Yes, it's a cat! They have such soft fur. Can YOU make a cat sound? Let's all meow like a cat.

Lead children to meow like a cat.

"Okay, next one. Listen to this.

SFX: Horse neighing

"Can you name the animal God made? (*Pause.*) Yes, it's a horse! You can actually ride on a horse! Can YOU make a horse sound? Let's all neigh like a horse.

Lead children to neigh like a horse.

"Wow! God made cats, horses, elephants, giraffes, and lions, too. But even after making ALL these wonderful animals, God STILL was not finished. God wanted to make the very most important thing in all creation. Do you know what it is?

Point to yourself and then the children.

"God made PEOPLE!

(*Option: Display Story Image W4 02*)

"God made the very first man. His name was Adam. And God made the very first woman. Her name was Eve. People are the most special thing God made because God made people to know Him!

"God made every person so special. Can you point to your eyes for me? (*Point to your eyes.*) God made people with blue eyes and brown eyes and green eyes, too. So many different, beautiful colors.

"Can you touch your head? (*Touch your head.*) God made people with all kinds of hair—straight, curly, short, long, and no hair at all! And God made people who are good at all kinds of different things. Like running fast.

Jog in place.



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“Or making yummy food.

Pretend to stir a big pot of soup.

“Or telling awesome stories. God made people.

Pick up the #6 box, turn it around, and set it on top of the stack.

“When God made people on day six (*hold up six fingers*), the whole world was complete! God looked at all He had made, and this time God said it was (*give two thumbs-up*) VERY good. Can you say that with me?”

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: (*Give two thumbs-up.*) “It was very good!”

STORYTELLER: “God made the whole world. Then on day seven (*hold up seven fingers*), what do you think God did? (*Pause.*)

(*Option: Display Story Image W4 03*)

“God rested from all His work! Let’s all take a deep breath (*breathe in*) and remember all the things that God made!

Point to the boxes as you review.

“On day one (*hold up one finger*), God made light and dark. On day two (*hold up two fingers*), God made the sky above the water. On day three (*hold up three fingers*), God made the land, plants, and seas. On day four (*hold up four fingers*), God made the sun, moon, and stars. On day five (*hold up five fingers*), God made the fish and birds! On day six, God made animals and people! And on day seven, God rested from His work.

“WOW! Only God could make all these wonderful, amazing things! One more time, **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!”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “God, You are so creative and powerful. You made SO many things for us to enjoy—day and night, the deep blue sea, the big wide sky, mountains, rivers, colorful fish, soaring birds, every kind of animal, and ME! God, You made everything—including all our friends here today. Thank You, God, for making us and loving us so. We love You! In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

“Friends, I’m SO glad God made you! Thanks for being such good listeners today. See you next time. Bye!”

Host enters as Storyteller exits with the Bible.



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OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: "Wow! God made all the animals and God made people, too! That means **God made me**, and God made you! And it was very good!

"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.