

CREATION DAYS 4,5,6,7

Bible Reference: Genesis 1-2

Date: 9/21/25

Age: 2's/3's

1st Service

Memory Verse:

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

Theme:

**God Created
All Things**

Schedule

- **Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....8:55-9:10**
- **Clean Up and Gather For Story.....9:10-9:15**
- **Bible Story.....9:15-9:30**
- **Craft/Coloring Page:.....9:30-9:40**
- **Friends from Afar.....9:40-9:50**
- **Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....9:50-10:05**
- **Snack Time at Tables.....10:05-10:15**
- **Free Choice Play.....10:15-10:40**

Notes and Reminders

We are inviting you to join us on October 18 from 12:30-2:00 for our Fall Shepherd Lunch and Workshop. We will be discussing ideas from the book 'Lead With Prayer' to grow more in our understanding of the influence prayer has on different roles we hold. Don't worry if you haven't read the book- we will have a guest speaker leading us!

SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

For several summers, our family spent time near a lake where we would lie on the dock at night, watching for shooting stars. We would point and laugh with excitement when we saw one. In between those flashes of light, we would grow quiet looking at all the stars that filled the sky. We recognized a few of them, but we had never seen most of those stars before.

In our reading from Genesis 1 today, the sun and moon get most of the attention. But we are told that God “also made the stars.” It’s as if God poked trillions of little holes in the backdrop of the night sky. Even on the darkest nights, when the moon is nowhere in sight, the stars remind us that God’s light is still present. The darkness will not overcome God’s light.

Admittedly, I long for God’s actions in my life to be as bright as the sun, as clear as a full moon, or as awe-inspiring as a shooting star. But I often overlook God’s faithful presence in the background. The stars remind us that God is always there.

This can also remind us that Jesus entered the world on an otherwise ordinary night and that God even used a star to announce his birth. Amazing! There is hope in the darkness because God “also made the stars.”

Thank you for creating stars, Lord God. We need their constant reminder that you are still at work even on the darkest of nights. For Jesus’ sake, Amen.

Devo from: Chris Schoon

<https://todaydevotional.com/devotions/holes-in-the-darkness>

OUTLINE



Arrival/Attendance/ Directed Play

8:55-9:10

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door. Set up the activities and introduce the children to the lesson through these activities. Encourage the kids to participate in both activities as they play together. You may need to ask the kids to come to the different areas so all of them have the opportunity to participate

Creation Mural

- Roll out the large poster paper onto a table. Give the children markers or crayons to color with. Encourage them to draw the sun, the moon, and stars to think about the light in the sky. Help them to draw fish and birds to think about the fifth day of creation. Help the children draw different animals to think about when God made all the animals that live on the land. Help them to draw people! Encourage the children to draw blankets and pillows to think about when God rested to finish the seventh day of creation.
- **SAY** What was your favorite thing we drew today? (Allow responses). On the fourth day of creation God made the sun, moon and stars in the sky. On the fifth day of creation, God made all of the sea animals and birds in the sky. On the sixth day, God made all of the land animals. He made people on the sixth day too! God saw that everything he made was very good. On the seventh day God rested, because creation was complete!

Complete a Creation Puzzle

- Help the children spread out all of the pieces face up on a table. have the children work as a team to assemble the pieces to discover the hidden picture! the puzzle will be 5 pieces across and 4 pieces tall when finished.
- **SAY** You completed the puzzle! our puzzle had lots of pieces to put together before it was complete. It took God seven days to complete all of creation!





Clean Up and Gather for Story

9:10-9:15

Invite the children to begin cleaning up toys and putting away their activities at 9:10. Then remind them to meet at the carpet for Bible story time. Remind the children that we are going to do our best to be good listeners.

Bible Story

9:15-9:30

Welcome Song

- Welcome all the children by singing their welcome song
- (Tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
- First let's clap our hands like so
- Then reach down and touch our toes
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
 - You can call a group of children names to welcome them and they can stand up and wave if you'd like.

Begin telling the story of Creation. You can use Spark Bible pgs. 2-7 (focus on days 4,5,6, 7) and you can use the words below and the visual pictures for days 4,5,6,7 of creation in the bin if you'd like.

On the fourth day, God said, "Let there be a sun and a moon and stars!" **GLIMMER! SHIMMER! SHINE!** There was a sun and a moon and thousands of stars. God saw that the sun and the moon and stars were good. On the fifth day, God said, "Let there be sea animals that swim and birds that fly!" **WIGGLE! SPLISH! SPLASH!** There were sea animals. **FLUTTER! PUTTER! TWEET!** There were birds. God saw that the sea animals and birds were good. On the sixth day, God said, "Let there be animals of every kind on the earth!" **GROWL! PROWL! SNORT!** There were animals with fur. **SKITTER! SKATTER! CREEP!** There were bugs. **SLITHER, SLINK, HOP!** There were reptiles. God saw that the animals and bugs and reptiles were good. Then God said, "Let there be people on the earth!" **BLINK! WINK! HICCUP!** There were people on the earth. God saw that the people were very good. On the seventh day, God said, "It is time to rest!" **WHEW! PSHEW! AHHH!** God and all creation rested.





Craft/Coloring Page

9:30-9:40

After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our BIG IDEA of the week is: God Created All Things!

Pass out number 7 craft sheet to each child. Place a pile of cotton balls in the middle of each table. Give each child a glue stick and help them to smear glue on the inside of the 7. Encourage everyone to stick the cotton balls in the glue. Remind the children that God rested on the seventh day.

As children finish, distribute the coloring page with the Creation story on the back for children to continue coloring. have the children place both the craft and coloring sheet in their bin when they are finished.



God Rested on the 7th Day

Friends from Afar

9:40-9:50

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.





Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer

9:50-10:05

Use the music sheet in your bin to sing with the children. If you have songs that you would like to sing with the children that are not listed on the sheet, feel free to sing them as well!

- There are also a list of songs for today's lesson on the TV. Use the directions located with the remote to access them.

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- Heavenly Father, thank you for creating everything. We are so thankful and amazed by your creation. Help us to tell others about all of your amazing creation

Memory Verse

- "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1
- This is the third week of the children learning this verse. Help them to practice the motions again, and see who remembers them well!
 - In the beginning- point to your watch (or pretend if you aren't wearing a watch)
 - God created- squeeze your hands together like you are making something out of play dough
 - The heavens- Raise your hands high and wiggle your fingers
 - and the earth- put your hands on the ground
 - Genesis 1:1- hold up one finger on each hand as you say the numbers
- Have the kids join you in saying the verse and doing the motions several times to practice. Ask the children if anyone would like to do the verse on their own. If someone needs help, have them pick a friend or do it with them. If no one volunteers, repeat as a class twice more.

Snack Time at Tables

10:05-10:15

Prior to serving the snack have the children use hand sanitizer before choosing a seat at the table. Each child will have veggie straws on a napkin and a small cup of water. **NOTE:** some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off. If a question, please contact Kid Min Staff in hallways. Thanks.

While the children are eating their snack, please read the read aloud book that is in the bin labeled Read Aloud book for snack time. Thanks.





Free Choice Play

10:15-10:40

Once the snack and read aloud are finished, the children may choose free play until their parents come to pick them up.

At dismissal, please make sure to check the child's tag number to match the parent's tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

Thanks so much for shepherding the little ones this week. We appreciate you!





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