

WEEK 1

LESSON GUIDE

MAKE IT
OR BREAK IT

BIG IDEA

God makes good things.

BIBLE

In the Beginning:
Genesis 1:1-2:4a

WELCOME TIME

MUSIC | Made for Praise

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** You can lead kids in worship with any songs of your choice, but here are some suggestions that go along with this month's theme. Make sure you have purchased any licenses required to play or perform these songs. For more information, [read this!](#)
 - "Made in the Image" (Yancy & Little Praise Party feat. Erskin Anavitarte)
 - "Brick After Brick" (Sovereign Grace Music)
 - "Creation Song" (Saddleback Kids)
 - "God Makes Everything" (Rain for Roots)

ACTIVITY | God Made The World

- God made so many good things. Today, we are going to learn about the beautiful world God made. We are going to play a fun game to help us remember that God made this world and that it was a good thing!
- We are going to use this globe to play a game of keep it up. We don't want to let it touch the ground!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Let kids stand in a circle and try to keep the inflatable globe up in the air. You can either set a timer for 30 seconds, or just play until the globe falls on the ground. Play as many rounds as time and interest allow.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Pair kids up and have them toss a balloon back and forth so it will float back down slowly.

ACTIVITY | These Are a Few of My Favorite Things

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have kids sit in a circle on the floor. Go around the circle and have each kid jump up and say something God made that they love! For example, their dog, their baby brother, their teacher, flowers, and so on.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Have children stand up. Call out things that God has made, such as dogs, cats, fish, flowers, mommy, daddy, and so on. As you call them out, have kids jump up and down if it's something they love! Toddlers may jump up and down each time, and that's okay!

- God made all these things that we love. Let's learn more about how God created the whole world and filled it with wonderful things.

STORY TIME

SCRIPTURE | Genesis 1:1-2:4a (In the Beginning)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have the kids sit around a pile of LEGO Duplo bricks as you tell the story from Genesis 1:1-2:4a. Feel free to use [this video](#) of today's story shown with LEGOs as an additional teaching tool before you tell the story or to review afterward.
- At the very beginning of the Bible, in the book called Genesis, we read all about how God created everything.
- [Read Genesis 1:1-5.]
 - On the very first day of creation, God made light out of nothing!
 - The color yellow reminds me of light. **Can you find me a yellow block?**
 - [Stack all the yellow bricks the kids give you.] This stack of yellow blocks can remind us that God made . . . light . . . on day one!
- [Read Genesis 1:6-8.]
 - On day two, God made the sky! **Can you imagine what it would be like to live without a sky?**
 - The color blue reminds me of the sky. **Can you find me a blue block?**
 - [Stack all the blue bricks the kids give you.] This stack of blue blocks can remind us that God made the . . . sky . . . on day two!
- [Read Genesis 1:9-13.]
 - On day three, God made the oceans, dry land, and plants!
 - The color green reminds me of the plants. **Can you find me a green block?**
 - [Stack all the green bricks the kids give you.] This stack of green blocks can remind us that God made the . . . oceans, land, and plants . . . on day three!
- [Read Genesis 1:14-19.]
 - On day four, God made the sun, the moon, and the stars. The sun makes things bright during the day, and the moon and stars give us light at night.
 - The color orange reminds me of a setting sun. **Can you find me an orange block?**
 - [Stack all the orange bricks the kids give you.] This stack of orange blocks can remind us that God made the . . . sun, moon, and stars . . . on day four!
- [Read Genesis 1:20-23.]
 - Let's see, we have water, sky, land, plants, sun, moon, stars . . . **what are we missing? How about some animals?**
 - On day five, God made the birds that fly in the sky and the sea animals that live in the ocean.
 - **Can you name some sky or sea animals?** Yup, God made them all!
 - The color red reminds me of some beautiful red birds and sea animals God made, like parrots and starfish! **Can you find me a red block?**
 - [Stack all the red bricks the kids give you.] This stack of red blocks can remind us that God made the . . . birds and sea animals . . . on day five!
- [Read Genesis 1:24-31.]
 - Day six is special because that's when land animals were made . . . including people!
 - **Can you name some land animals?** God made so many!
 - God told the people to take care of all the other created things. God gave the first people everything they needed . . . it was a perfect world God had made!

- All the colors remind me of the first people and all the land animals God made! **Can you find me a block of any color?**
- *[Stack all the bricks the kids give you.]* This rainbow stack of blocks can remind us that God made the . . . land animals and people . . . on day six!
- *[Review the days of creation by holding up each stack of colored bricks.]*
 - Let's see if we can remember what was created on days one through six!
- *[Read Genesis 2:1-4a.]*
 - **What did God create on the seventh day?** Nothing! God rested. That means everything that needed to be made had already been made . . . God's work was done. God rested and said day seven was holy. Everything had turned out exactly the way God planned!

BIG IDEA | God makes good things.

- Let's build our Big Idea out of LEGOs!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use LEGO Duplo bricks to "build" the Big Idea! Print a set of the Big Idea words on repositionable labels, 1 word per label. Place word labels on the sides of the bricks, 1 word per brick. As you build the Big Idea, invite the kids to say the words with you. After you build the tower, you can practice it a couple more times using hand motions.
- The Big Idea is . . .
 - **God** *[Point upward.]*
 - **Makes** *[Hammer fists on top of each other.]*
 - **Good things.** *[Two thumbs up.]*

VIDEO | Make It or Break It, Episode 1

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of Cali's World.

ACTIVITY | Creation Hop

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, you'll need to print then tape the seven images of creation to the floor in order in a line or a circle. Before playing, review what was created on each day. We suggest teaching them a super simple way to use their fingers to remember the days of creation found in [this video](#). To play, have kids take turns jumping on each of the seven pictures (for example, if they jump on day three, they will jump three times).
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Some toddlers may not be able to count yet. Invite them to jump as you count.
- Today we saw that **God makes good things!**
- **What are some good things God made?**
- God took seven days to create the earth and all the good things here. Let's look at each of the pictures on the ground and see what God made!
 - Day one – God created light.
 - Day two – God created the sky.
 - Day three – God created land, seas, and plants.
 - Day four – God created the sun, moon, and stars.
 - Day five – God created fish and birds.
 - Day six – God created land animals and people.
 - Day seven – God rested!

PRAYER

- Dear God, Thank you for making good things! Thank you for making _____ [Go around the circle and have kids say something God made]. We love you and everything you made! Amen.

SHARING TIME

SNACK | Yummy Creation

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each child a baggie or bowl of trail mix. Tell them what each thing represents in their trail mix! Have them help you tell what was created on each day. Don't forget to check allergies before kids get their trail mix! You may need to substitute something or leave it out.
- Today we are going to eat a fun snack that can remind us that **God makes good things!** I'm going to call out the days and you help me say what was made on that day! Then I'll tell you what we have in our trail mix that helps us remember that thing!
 - Day one – Light (*Oreo cookies to twist off*)
 - Day two – Sky (*blue M&M'S*)
 - Day three – Oceans, land, and plants (*green M&M'S & Chex rice cereal*)
 - Day four – Sun, moon, and stars (*yellow M&M'S*)
 - Day five – Birds and fish (*Swedish fish*)
 - Day six – Animals and people (*Animal crackers or gummy bears*)
 - Day seven – God rested (*Eat!*)

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have kids sit in a circle. Have kids pass around an inflatable globe to answer questions.
- **What is our Big Idea?**
- **What is one good thing God made during the days of creation?**
- **How can you show the things God made that they are special?**
 - [Here are some examples: hug our mom, pet our dog, water the flowers, be nice to our friends, clean up trash, etc.]

ACTIVITY | World of Good Things

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid this week's Big Idea printable. Pass out a paper plate for them to glue onto their page. Have them color their paper plate blue and green like a globe, then decorate it with stickers of things God made.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Omit the paper plate from the craft, and have toddlers simply decorate the Big Idea printable using blue and green dot markers and stickers.
- **God makes good things.** That includes everything God created at the beginning of time, and it includes you!

MEMORY VERSE | Hebrews 3:4 (NIV)

- **"For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything."**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use these hand motions to practice the memory verse together!
 - **For every house** [Hold hands over head like a house.]
 - **Is built by someone** [Hammer fists on top of each other.]
 - **But God** [Point upwards.]
 - **Is the builder of everything** [Stretch arms out to the side.]
 - **Hebrews 3:4** [Hold hands out like an open book.]

PLAY TIME

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print and distribute the coloring page along with crayons or markers. As the kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.

ACTIVITY | Play Dough Build

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid some play dough. Have them pick something God made and try to create it out of play dough.

ACTIVITY | Creation Sensory Bin

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Offer a sensory bin where kids can play and see examples of things God made! Feel free to use [this picture](#) as inspiration and fill your bin with anything you'd like.

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE



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QUESTIONS

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MEMORY VERSE: "For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything."
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[Click here](#) for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!