

## Lesson 2: The Beginning—A Perfect Home

### Opening:

What is something that you really like about our home? Why do you like that? Did you know that our planet is a home? It is a home for us and for all the different animals, birds, fish, bugs, and plants that we share it with. What are some animals that you really like? God made everything! Our home is really amazing. What are some of your favorite things about the planet we live on?

### Bible Story:

#### Share:

Today's Bible Story is all about how God created our planet, all of us, and even the whole universe. How do you think God made all these beautiful things? Let's read together and find out.

#### Take out the *Jesus Storybook Bible* and read

**"The Beginning: A Perfect Home" pg. 18 in The Jesus Storybook Bible**

#### Share:

How did God make things? He spoke. In our Storybook Bible He says, "Hello!" Do you like to make things? I do too. That's something we have in common with God. We all like to make things.

### Activity: Let's Create!

**You will need:** Gather some building supplies. You can do this activity indoors or outdoors. If you remain indoors use things like blocks, blankets, playdough, toys animals, etc. If you go outdoors you can use things like small rocks, branches, leaves, sand, dirt, etc.

**Instructions:** Together, we are going to create a landscape using the supplies we've gathered. Think about all the things God made: the oceans; the forests; the mountains; and the people and animals that filled them. In our story, God spoke and these things were created. In our activity, we can do the same thing. We can say, "hello mountains," and then use rocks or blankets to make our own mountains. Want to try?

**Ask:** *When you've finished ask the following questions.* What do you think of our "creation?" Do you like it? What are some of your favorite parts? Do you think that God liked what He made when He created the Earth and all the creatures that live in it? We call what God made, "creation." What do you think some of God's favorite parts of creation might be?

### Close in Prayer Together

*Dear God. You are awesome and you make wonderful things. Thank you for making the oceans, the trees, the animals, and us. Amen.*