

MAY 2022 Babies-Toddlers Lesson CREATION

Bible Words: "God saw everything he had made. And it was very good." Genesis 1:31, NIrV **Bottom Line:** God made everything.

Basic Truth: You are made by God.

BIBLE STORY FOR NURSERY

(Beginner's Bible- Pages 7-17)

"Hello, friends. I'm so glad to see you today. Join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible *(hold up the Bible)* is about God and all the things He created.

"In the very beginning, there was nothing—no people, no animals, no land, no ocean, no sun, no Earth, just nothing. But there was God. And He was about to do something amazing! God made light and dark, and it was good. God made water and sky, and it was good. God made land, plants, flowers, fruit trees, and seas, and it was good. God made the sun, moon, and stars in the sky, and it was good. God made fish like clownfish, whales, and jellyfish. And God made birds like little hummingbirds and sparrows to great big eagles, and it was good. God made the animals like elephants, giraffes, dogs, cats, and His most special creation, people! God looked over everything He had made and said, 'That's very good.' Then God rested. God made the whole world and everything in it, and it was good. [Bottom Line] God made everything."

HOW TO USE THE ACTIVITIES

As a nursery volunteer, your primary focus is on keeping babies-toddlers safe and happy. We understand that your classroom is busy, and your hands are literally full. However, we know that your influence on these children is more than childcare. The activities included in this lesson are suggestions of how to be more intentional in pointing little ones to Jesus. The theme will remain the same all month long. Choose one activity per week to focus on and don't worry if you run out of time.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(Monthly Parent Cue - 1 per family first weekend of the month)

Hand parents/influencers the Parent Cue handout (age specific for Babies vs Toddlers) and encourage them to review the activities with their child this week.

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BABIES ACTIVITIES

BIBLE STORY SONG

Sing the following to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell" with the baby as you rock or change him/her.

"God made the cows. God made the cows. Moo, moo, moo, moo, moo, moo. God made the cows.

"God made the horse. God made the horse. Neigh, neigh, neigh, neigh, neigh, neigh, God made the horse." *(Continue with other animals.)*

Words For Baby:

"Baby, God made everything! Even the animals. But, His favorite thing He made is you! God made you, and God loves you!"

GOD MADE EVERYTHING

(Plastic Tub, Little People, Something for kids to sift through like pasta or pom poms)

What You Do:

- Place pasta (or similar) and Little People[®] in the tub.
- Have children dig in tub and find things God made.

What You Say:

"Let's dig in this tub and find some things that God made. You found a [item]. God made [item]! God made everything, and God made me. Let's find something else. You found a [item]. God made [item]! God made everything, and God made me."

ON YOUR HEAD

(Toy Animals)

What You Do:

- Place a toy animal on a child's head/arm/leg.
- Use the phrasing below.
- Change to another place and say again.

What You Say:

"There's a [cow] on your [head!] God made your [head]. God made [cows]. God made everything! There's a [duck] on your [arm]. God made your [arm]. God made [ducks]. God made everything."

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TODDLER ACTIVITIES

BIBLE STORY SONG

Sing the following to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell" with toddlers

"God made the cows. God made the cows. Moo, moo, moo, moo, moo. God made the cows.

"God made the horse. God made the horse. Neigh, neigh, neigh, neigh, neigh, neigh. God made the horse." *(Continue with other animals.)*

PICTURE THIS

("Picture This" Activity Pages, Tape)

What You Do:

- Place pictures of things God made on the walls.
- Encourage children to crawl/walk to specific pictures.

What You Say:

Crawl to the [flower]. God made the [flowers]. God made everything. Now, crawl to the [sun]. God made the [sun]. God made everything."

CRAFT TIME

("Smushed Painted World" Activity Page – 1 per kid, Gallon Ziptop Bags, Blue and Green Tempera Paint)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Write child's name on their paper. Place each paper in a bag and squirt a little blue and green in the bag on the front of the picture and seal bag.

During the Activity: Lay the bag in front of child and encourage them to smush the paint all around by moving their hands over the bag. Leave in the bag to transport home.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "We learned that God made the whole wide world and everything in it! Everything! Let's paint the world. Move your hand over the bag to move the paint around your picture. (Pause.) Look how the colors moved and changed and covered the world on your paper. These are beautiful, just like you! God made light and dark, the sky and water, land, plants, and the sea, the sun, moon, and stars, the birds and fish, animals, and the most special creation, people! [Bottom Line] God made everything."

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