



TO THE MOON AND BACK | WEEK 1 | AUGUST 3, 2025

Preschool Lesson

Light and Dark, Sky Above Water

Bible Story: *Light and Dark; Sky Above Water* • On days one and two, God made the light and the sky above water • *Genesis 1:3-8*

Memory Verse: “God saw everything he had made. And it was very good.” Genesis 1:31 NIV

Key Question: Who made everything?

Bottom Line: God made everything.

Basic Truth: I am made by God to be unique (one of a kind).

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

This month, we are taking our preschoolers on an exciting journey to the moon and back as we teach them that God made everything. We want our preschoolers to know that this beautiful world they live in was created by our loving, creative, and powerful God. All God had to do was say it, and it was! Wow! So, what did God do after He made everything? “God saw everything he had made. And it was very good.” (Genesis 1:31 NIV) Then, God rested. And that is what we hope to do this month with our preschoolers. Look at everything God made. See that it is very good. And then rest in knowing that our God is powerful and creative and beautiful, and He loves us to the moon and back.

Pre-Service Check List

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS → A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

Morning Flow

Doors
Open
9:15/11:00

Kid
Connect
9:35/11:20

Large Group
Starts
9:40/11:25

Small Group
Starts
10:05/11:50

KID CONNECT

WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

OPENING ACTIVITY

(No Supplies)

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your Small Group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

Transition to Large Group...

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE, BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE, MEMORY VERSE VIDEO; BIBLE)

LGL: "Hello my friends! How are you today? Come and sit with me. I am so glad you are here! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! We are getting ready to sing and dance and hear a true story from the Bible. Before we do let's go over our rules and truths.

"Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*Kids respond.*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (*List rules while counting on fingers*)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

"Can everybody follow those rules today? (*Kids respond.*) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn

about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?

1. **I am made by God.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
2. **I am loved by God no matter what.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
3. **I am made for a purpose!** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*

"It's time for our memory verse. Let's watch our memory verse motions and do it along with them!"

Show memory verse motion video and then practice without it.

'God *(flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down)*
saw everything he had made. *(Binocular eyes)*
And it was very good,' *(two thumbs up)*
Genesis 1:31. *(Open hands like a book)*

"Ok, now let's sing and worship God!"

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: THE CREATION SONG, JUST THE WAY I AM)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(Story Box with Beginner's Bible, Creation Accordion Folded Background, Stickers for Current Week (W1 Light, Clouds and Water; W2 Trees and Flowers; W3 Sun, Moon and Stars; W4 Sea Animals and Birds; W5 Land Animals, People, The World and Heart))

LGL brings the story box with the Bible to the center of the room.

"I have my story box ready. I'm SO excited to see what we are learning about God today. Let's see what I have in here..."

Pull out the Bible

What is this? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it's the Bible!
The Bible is God's word and God's word is always true.
The Bible has many stories that make one BIG story, and we (you and me) are part of that story.



There is something else in our story box today. Let's see what it is!

Pull out the creation background and stickers for current week

All this month we are going to talk about CREATION. Can you say, 'creation?' *(Pause.)* Good job! God created, or made, everything. But He didn't do it all at once. He did it over 6 days. Today, we

are going to look at Days 1 and 2.

(As you talk about them, place the stickers on the appropriate fold) On Day 1, God separated the light from the dark. On Day 2 God created the sky and the water. Let's hear all about in our Bible story video!

Let's click on our listening ears (tug on each ear, one at a time, as you make a click, click sound), let's put on our looking eyes (bring your hands, one at a time, to your eyes like binoculars as you say shook, shook) and let's put our hands that have been move and praising Jesus quietly in our laps.

Now we are ready. Let's watch today's true Bible story."

WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

"Wow! God is amazing! In the beginning, there was nothing. God made the light and dark and the sky above water. He made everything! We are learning this month that **[Bottom Line] God made everything!**

When I ask, **'Who made everything?'** I want you to say, **[Bottom Line] 'God made everything.'** Are you ready? *(Pause for responses)*. **'Who made everything?'** **[Bottom Line] 'God made everything.'** YES! **[Bottom Line] 'God made everything.'**

SAY THE BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

Let's look at our Basic Truth for today. It says, **'I am made by God to be unique (one of a kind).'** God made you and God made me! God made everything!

PRAY

"Let's get our hands ready to pray. *Open them, close them, open them, close them, give a little clap. Open them, close them, open them, close them, fold them in your lap.*

God, thank you for making this beautiful world for us to enjoy with you. We are so thankful for light to see and dark so we can rest. We are so thankful for the water and the sky! Thank you for making everything. We love you. In Jesus' name. Amen."

TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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LIGHT & DARK, SKY & WATER (2's-5's)

(“Day 1 & 2” Activity Page – 1 set group cut apart, pom poms* (4-6 of each color- Light Blue, Dark Blue, Yellow, & Black) and 1 Bag/Bucket for Pompoms *construction paper scraps/blocks would also work)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Day 1 & 2” Activity Page, one set per Small Group. Gather 4-6 pom poms of each color (Light Blue, Dark Blue, Yellow & Black) and place in bag or bucket for each Small Group.

During the Activity: Encourage the kids to take turns sorting the colored pom poms to the matching part of creation for Days 1 and 2.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “OK, friends, I am so excited to do this next activity with you!”

During the Activity: “Look at these papers, what do you see?” Pause and wait for answers.... “Yes, I see Sunlight and clouds and water too! In the beginning, there had been nothing- no people, no animals, no land, no sun, just nothing (point to the black rectangle) ... but there was God. And God was about to do something AMAZING! On the first day, (have everyone hold up 1 finger.) God said, “Let there be...Light!” And there was light.”

“God called the Light- Day.” (have the kids repeat ‘Day’) And God called the Dark, Night. (Have the kids repeat Night.)

“On day two (have everyone hold up 2 fingers), God said, “Let there be a sky above and water below.” Point up, “God put the sky way up high.” Now point down to your toes, “God put some water way down low. And then God looked at what He had made and saw that it was good.”

- In this Bag are some pompoms, we are going to take turns pulling one out and then matching it to the correct picture.... (Show the kids the 4 colors and guide them to call out the correct image that goes with each pom pom.)
- Place the Bag in the Middle of your SG space and the Day 1 and 2 Activity Page a few steps away. Let the kids take turns going to get a pom pom out and matching it to the correct picture. Lead the kids to say:
 - Black- In the beginning there was nothing, but God.
 - Yellow- On day 1, God made Light.

- Light Blue- On day 2, God put the sky up high.
- Dark Blue- On day 2, God put water down low.

After the Activity: “God is so creative! God had so many more plans of what to make next... because God made everything! Now when you look around at our great big world and see the light and dark, and the sky above the water, you can say, ‘Wow! **[Bottom Line] God made everything! Who made everything? [Bottom Line] God made everything!’**”

PRETEND PLAY (2's-5's)

(Same Day 1 & 2 Images from Previous Activity, 1 set per SG)

What You Do:

During the Activity: This is a movement activity to reinforce the Bible Story.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “You all did a great job sorting those pom poms. We are going to do another fun activity with these pictures.”

During the Activity: “Today we heard a story about what God created on Day 1 and Day 2!

- “When I hold up this **sunlight picture**, we will pretend we’re outside in the light. We can run in place or hop or wiggle around, because that’s what we do in the light! Get ready! (Hold up the Sunlight Card.) Run in place, hop, wiggle, or dance in the light! (Pause.) Yay! God made light! Repeat after me, On Day 1, God made light!
- “Now, when I hold up this **black paper**, we will pretend it’s dark and time to go to sleep. (Begin to whisper.) We can lie down and close our eyes, because that’s what we do in the dark. We can even pretend to snore, like this. (Make a snoring sound.) Get ready! (Hold up the black rectangle.) It’s dark, time to go to sleep. (Pause.) Time to wake up! Everyone up! It’s not dark anymore! (Put dark paper away and pull out the Sunlight.) Good job! Now everyone freeze and let’s see what we have next.”
- “This time, when I hold up this **blue sky** with white, fluffy clouds, we are going to pretend we are the clouds floating around in the big, blue sky. Get ready! (Hold up the sky.) (Put up your arms like you are a cloud.) I see the sky, when the wind moves slow, clouds move slow. (Stand in place and sway slowly side to side, back and forth while keeping your arms up like a cloud.) Sometimes, the wind blows fast, and the clouds move faster. (Same motion, just a little faster.) Nice job, little clouds! Repeat after me, On Day 2, God made the sky above!
- (Put the sky paper away.) “Look! The sky is gone. It’s time to stop. This time, when I hold up this **water picture**, we will pretend we are swaying back and forth like the waves in the water! Get ready! (Hold up the water picture.) Let’s start swaying! Hold your arms out and sway back and forth! Sway and sway! Yay, hooray! God put the water down below! (Repeat as desired.)

After the Activity: Okay everyone, that was fun! You guys did a great job. Let’s review on day one, God made light! God called the light day, and He called the dark night. Then, on day two, God made the big, blue sky! God put the sky high up above, and the water down below. God is

amazing because **[Bottom Line] God made everything! Who made everything? [Bottom Line] God made everything!**

MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

(Memory Verse Motions Poster – 1 per group)

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for their efforts.

'God *(flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down)*
saw everything he had made. *(Binocular eyes)*
And it was very good,' *(two thumbs up)*
Genesis 1:31. *(Open hands like a book)*

PRAY

"Let's pray together. *(Have kids "put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap.")*

God, thank you for creating everything in the world. We are so grateful for Light and Dark and the Sky and Water. Thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name. Amen."

PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY – READ THE STORY

(The Beginner's Bible)

What You Do:

- Open up the Beginner's Bible to the story of creation (The Beginning, page #7) and read it to your small group.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats and encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.