



TO THE MOON AND BACK | WEEK 5 | AUGUST 31, 2025

Preschool Lesson

Land Animals and People; God Rested

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

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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. Day 1 He

separated the light from the dark, on day 2 he separated the sky from the water, on day 3 he made the land, plants, and the sea, on day 4 he hung the sun, moon, and stars, and on day 5 He made the sea animals and the birds in the sky.

(As you talk about them, place the stickers on the appropriate fold) On Day 6, God made the best thing! On Day 6, God made land animals and people – just like you and I! Finally, on Day 7 God made...well, God actually looked at what He had done and said that it was 'good' and so He rested. 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! He made the land animals and people. God made ME and God made YOU! **God made everything!**

You know what I think there **is one more picture in our story box** *(peek inside the box without pulling out the picture)*. YES, there is! Can you put your binoculars on again? *(wait for the children to put on their binoculars then pull out the last picture)*. What is this a picture of? *(Pause for responses.)* YES, it's a heart! Do you know what a heart means? *(pause for responses.)* YES, it means love! God loves you and you and you and you *(keep pointing to different children on either side of the room)* so much that He gave us the best gift. He gave us his son, Jesus and Jesus wants to be your friend forever!

When I say, "**Who wants to be your friend forever?**", I want you to say, '**Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**' Ready? **Who wants to be your friend forever?**" *(Jesus wants to be my friend forever!)*

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! You are His extra special creation, and He loves you so much that He gave you the best gift. He gave you His son, Jesus. Jesus wants to be your friend forever.

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.*

Dear God, thank You for making this amazing world we get to enjoy with You. We are so grateful

to be Your extra-special creation. Thank You for creating us and loving us so much that you gave us the best gift ever! Thank you for giving us your son, Jesus. Jesus wants to be our friend forever! We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."

TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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ROLL CALL (2's-5's)

(John 3:16 Inflatable Globe – 1 per group)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Ask children to sit with you on the floor in a circle.

During the Activity: Roll the ball back and forth to each child and say God made [child's name]. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity: Review the Gospel Message.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come sit on the floor in a circle with me. Look at this neat ball, it looks like the world! It also has a heart on it! Let's play a game with it."

During the Activity: "Let's roll the ball back and forth to each other. [Child's name] get ready to catch the ball. (Roll the ball.) Yay! God made [child's name]. Roll the ball back to me. (Pause.) [Child's name] your turn! (Continue with each child.) That was a fun game!"

After the Activity: "God made (say each child's name). Yes! God made you! God loves you so much that He gave you the best gift. Do you know what God's best gift to us was? (Pause for responses.) YES! God's best gift was His son, Jesus! God gave us his son, Jesus and Jesus wants to be your friend forever!"

When I say, "**Who wants to be your friend forever?**", I want you to say, '**Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**' Ready? **Who wants to be your friend forever?**" (*Jesus wants to be my friend forever!*)

GOD MADE ME (2's-5's)

(Handheld Mirror – 1 –2 per group)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather children in a circle and ensure you have at least one handheld mirror per small group.

During the Activity: Guide children through making faces and pointing to different parts of their face that God made. Give each child a turn to look into a mirror as they make their faces.

After the Activity: Review Gospel Message.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come sit with me in a circle. God made you so special! Can you feel your nose? Wiggle your eyebrows? Let’s look at our faces and see all the amazing things God made!”

During the Activity: “We’re going to make some faces and take turns looking in this mirror. (Pause after each face and move the mirror from one child to the next so they can see themselves).

- **Happy Face:** Can you make a happy face? Smile BIG! Show all your teeth!
- **Sad Face:** What about a sad face? Can you pout your lips and look down?
- **Surprised Face:** Who knows how to make a surprised face? Open your mouth wide and lift your eyebrows!
- **Silly Face:** Show me a silly face. Stick out your tongue or scrunch your nose!
- **Angry Face:** Now who can make an angry face? Show me your grumpy eyebrows!

You did so great! Now...

- **Can you point to your hair.** (Pause.) God knows the number of hairs on our head. What color is your hair? (Pause.)
- **Can you point to your eyes.** (Pause.) How many eyes do you have? (Pause.) Yes, we have two eyes that help us to see all that God created, the sun that shines and our friends all around us.
- **Can you point to your nose.** (Pause.) You have one nose. What does your nose help you do? (Pause.) Yes, smell...beautiful flowers or yummy chocolate chip cookies.
- **Can you point to your mouth.** (Pause.) We have one mouth that can say kind words and share a smile.

After the Activity: “God made your face to smile, to laugh, to show love and to be YOU! God made YOU! You are His most special creation, and He loves you so much! God gave you the best gift. He gave you His son, Jesus. Jesus wants to be your friend forever! **Who wants to be your friend forever?**” (Jesus wants to be my friend forever!)

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.

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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 making the amazing world we get to enjoy with You. Thank You for making all the animals and making people, like us. Thank You for loving us so much that you sent Jesus to be our friend forever. Jesus is the best gift! We love you, Amen.”

PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY – COLORING

(“Creation Story” Coloring Page – 1 per child, Crayons)

What You Do:

Give each child a “Creation Story” coloring page to color while they wait to be picked up.

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.