

Two's & Three's

Unit 1: Creation and the Fall

Story 1.B - Creation (Genesis 1-2)

Two's and Three's begin and end the service with playtime. Once you begin the lesson, it's okay if not all children are willing to participate; gather those who are willing. Feel free to shorten or modify elements to suit your needs. All plans are flexible for this age group.

1. CIRCLE TIME - Start 30 minutes after the service starts (1st: 9:00; 2nd:10:45).

(Some parents keep their toddlers with them for worship at the beginning of service.)

Gather kids on the rug. Set behavior expectations with the following question and answer prompts:

Where are we? We're at church.

What do we do here? Learn about God.

How do we learn about God in this special place? Listen carefully and sit quietly.

- **BIBLE:** Show kids the Bible and tell them it's a very special book because it comes from God, the one who made us. Let each child pat the Bible gently and say "The Word of God."
- **MEMORY VERSE:** Practice the memory verse for the unit. Be sure to give each child a chance to say it by repeating after you. While a few may actually be able to say it on their own, most will just repeat it at this stage.
"God created the heavens and the earth." ~ Genesis 1:1
- **STORY:** Give each child a laminated Bible Story Picture from the Story Box, and read today's story on the back of this paper.

2. WORSHIP - Play music on the CD player and give kids instruments from the Music Box.

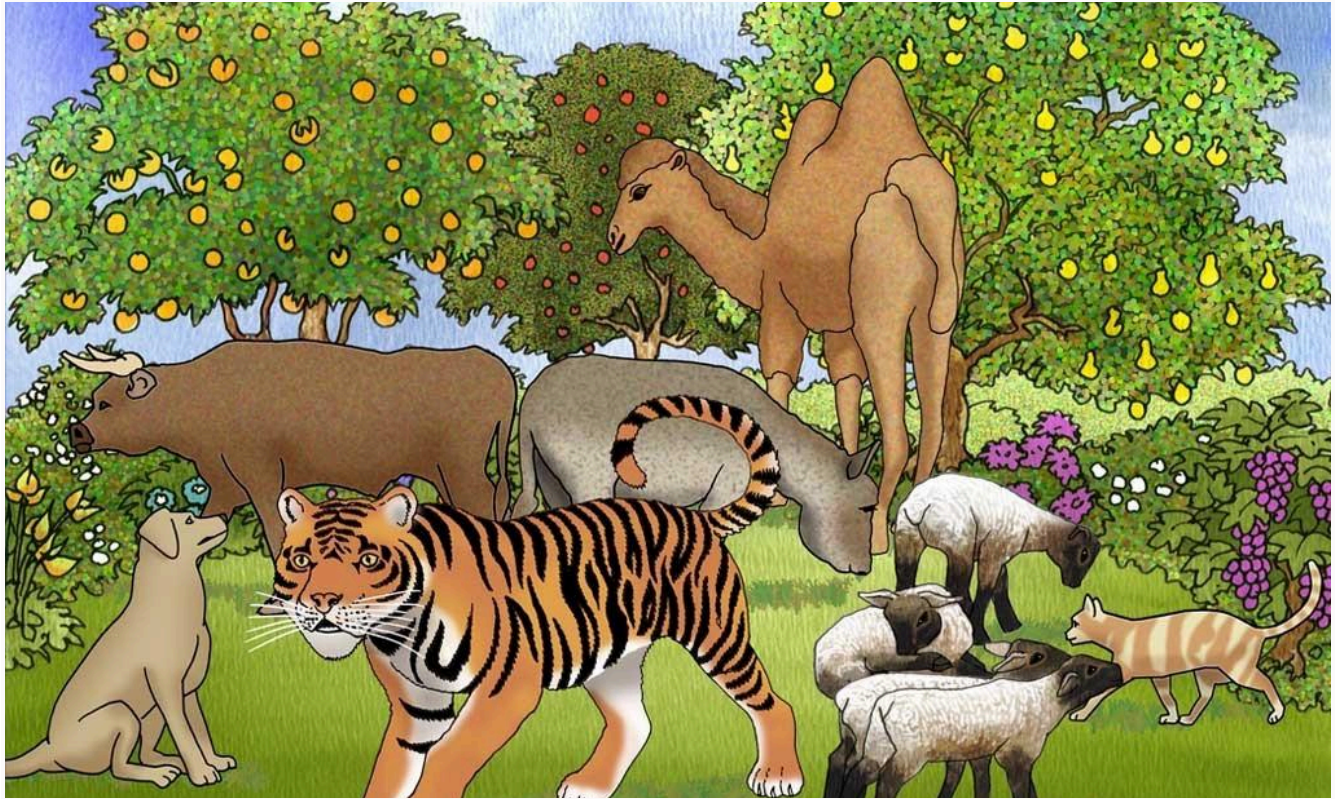
Encourage kids to praise God through instruments, singing, and dancing! Put the instruments away after the song.

3. ART - Have kids sit at the tables and pass out today's Bible Story Picture with a label sticker already on. Help the kids place stickers on their pictures from the "Art Box."

4. SNACK - **Check for allergies on the attendance roster.** Clean up art supplies and help kids rub their hands with hand sanitizer. Set out snacks and water at the table. Before everyone eats, use this time as an opportunity to pray. There is a short prayer printed on the wall for kids to say with you or feel free to pray as you are led.

Thank you for the world so sweet, thank you for the food we eat.

Thank you for the birds that sing, thank you, God, for everything. Amen.



God created the whole world. God made the land, the ocean, the sun and the moon. Do you remember what God said after? "It is good!"

On day five, God created animals in the ocean. He made large sea animals, like whales and sharks, and God also made little fish.

(Pull out sea animals from the Story Box.)

On the sixth day, God created animals to walk on the land. He made zebras, lions, dogs, horses, sheep and little animals like ants and worms.

(Pull out land animals from the Story Box.)

Look at your picture. Can you name some animals God created?

Do you see a cat? Point to the cat in your picture. (continue with more animals)

Can you make a tiger sound? (continue with more animals)

God made all the animals, and then said "It is good."

Can you say, "It is good!" Can you shout, "It is good!"