



Pre-K & Kindergarten

Unit 1: Creation and the Fall

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

Pre-K will have some children come to the room before worship time is over. For those students, complete the following activities:

TABLE ACTIVITIES - Kids who arrive before the service starts will begin class by playing with Play-Doh, puzzles, or other assorted table activities from the cabinet.

WORSHIP - At 8:50 / 10:35 have kids clean up and gather on the carpet for music. Sing songs with them as you feel led. You may use the Pre-K/ Kindergarten song sheet or sing a song of your choice.

Lesson Focus: God created the heavens and the earth in 6 days, and on the 7th day, He rested.

WELCOME

About 15-20 minutes after the start of service, have all the kids sit in a circle on the rug. Consider welcoming them with the following song, to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell."

We're glad you're here today (*clap*), we're glad you're here today (*clap*),
Wave your hands and say hello (*everyone waves*), we're glad you're here today (*clap*).
God loves you, so do we (*hug yourself*), God loves you, so do we (*hug yourself*),
We are all a family (*everyone puts hands in the middle*), God loves you, so do we (*hug yourself*).

Set behavioral expectations with the following questions:

Where are we? *We're at church.*
Why are we here? *To learn about God and worship him.*
How should we act in this special place? *Listen carefully and respect each other.*

Go around the circle and let each kid introduce themselves and answer the Question of the Day. (Feel free to use a stuffie or other item to pass around during introductions at your discretion.) **What is your favorite animal that God made?** (ex: insect, octopus, bird, etc.)

BIBLE SKILLS - Get out the Bible. Explain that the Bible is our greatest treasure because it is the Word of God. (Pre-K will find the Bible in the Treasure Box to help make this point) Explain how God, the creator of the world and everything in it, teaches us about himself in this special book. Go over the Bible knowledge points below:

1. The Bible is one big story about Jesus.
2. Jesus is God's Son.

Let kids pass the Bible around the circle, with each of them patting it gently and saying, "The Word of God."

MEMORY VERSE - "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." ~ Genesis 1:1

- Show them where the words are in the Bible to help them understand that it is a part of God's Word.
- Practice the verse together - Consider using one of the activities on the Memory Game List

BIBLE STORY - Have the kids move to the center of the rug if they are not already there for storytime. Using the pictures provided tell the story for today.

Big Truth: God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus were there when the world was made!

This week we're talking about how God created the entire world and everything in it in six days! Do you know that our God is so amazing because He can create with just a word! Can you do that? If you say 'Let there be a banana in my hand,' will a banana appear? Nope! Only God can do that.

Did you know that God is one person in three beings? We call them: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three were there when the world was made! Even though Jesus didn't come to earth as a baby until thousands of years later, He was there! Let's review how the world was made.

Out of nothing God created everything. Amazing! He created everything in the heavens and on the earth in six days. Let's go through each of the 6 days.

On day one, God created light and he separated the light from the darkness. The light he called day and the darkness night.

On day two, he separated the sky from the seas, the clouds above from the oceans below.

On day three, he created the land with plants yielding seed and trees bearing fruit. Can you see the apple trees and orange trees, smell the roses, and feel the cactuses? Ouch! (Maybe don't touch the cactuses.)

On days four, five, and six, he filled what he made with more amazing creations: the sun, moon, and stars for the sky; fish for the sea and birds for the sky; and animals and insects on the earth. The North Star was created. The White Tiger. The Bald Eagle. The Black Widow. The Hammerhead Shark. (Watch out for his sharp teeth too!

God is good. His creation is good.

On the sixth day God's good creation got even better. God (Father, Son, and Spirit) said, "Let us make man in our image." God created people: Adam and Eve. A man and a woman. A husband and a wife.

And he put these beautiful people in a beautiful place called the garden of Eden. Paradise. Their job, as people made in God's image, was to show what God was like (sort of like a mirror shows you what you look like) and to grow a family that would go everywhere and also show what God was like ("be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth," Gen. 1:28).

What a perfect beginning! God is very good. And so, people are very good. Just like a mirror, we show how very good God is.

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5. SNACK & REVIEW - Pass out snacks and water at the table (**check allergies on attendance roster**). Ask kids if they have any prayer requests and pray before eating. As they're eating, review the story and take some time getting to know them!

6. CRAFT - CREATION REVIEW - Give each child a picture of the empty earth. Use this to retell the days of creation. As you get to the following days, have them add to their pictures. Day two: glue a cotton ball on one of the clouds. Day three: add plant stickers to the land. Day four: circle the sun and moon. Day five: add a fish sticker to the water and a bird to the sky. Day six: add animal and people stickers to the land. On day seven: kids pretend to sleep.

7. PLAYTIME If time allows, kids may play with toys or do a community game until their parents come.

