

Toddler Parent Center Guide

WEEK OF AUGUST 2 - God made the whole world — and called it very good!

This month's big idea: *God made everything good!*

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Try saying it together this week! The more they hear it, the more it sticks.

"...He created everything..." — Colossians 1:16 NIRV

HE (point up) ... CREATED (pretend to build with your hands) ... EVERYTHING (spread your arms out wide!)

TALK ABOUT IT

- What is your favorite thing God made?
- Did you know God made YOU? What do you think makes you special?
- Can you pretend to be your favorite animal? God made that animal!

TRY IT TOGETHER

This week at church, your child looked at story cards about creation and said what they saw in each picture. Try the same thing at home — point to things outside, in a book, or around the house and ask, "What do you see? Who made this?" Every answer leads right back to God!

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask your child what they want to talk to God about. Try: "God, thank you for making everything so good — especially [child's name]! Help us see Your beautiful world every day. Amen."

WEEK OF AUGUST 9 - God made you — and that is definitely worth celebrating!

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TALK ABOUT IT

- God made you! What do you love about yourself?
- What's something you're really good at? That's part of how God made you!
- Can you give yourself a big hug? That's what the kids did at church to remember that God loves them!

TRY IT TOGETHER

This week the kids shuffled the creation story cards and worked together to put them back in the right order. Try it at home — tell the story out of order on purpose: "Wait, did God make people BEFORE the animals? Or AFTER? Let's fix it!" Toddlers love being the expert who knows the right order.

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask your child what they want to talk to God about. Try: "God, thank you for making [child's name] exactly the way You did. Help them know how much you love them. Amen."

WEEK OF AUGUST 16 - God loves you — He made you on purpose!

This month's big idea God always helps me.

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TALK ABOUT IT

- God loves you so much! Who are some other people who love you?
- Did you know God was thinking about YOU when He was making the world?
- Can you give yourself a hug to remember that God loves you?

TRY IT TOGETHER

This week the kids looked at each story card and guessed "Now what's going to happen next?" You can do the same at bedtime with a favorite book — after each page ask, "Now what do you think will happen?" Then connect it: "Just like we can guess what's next in a story, God always knows what's next for us!"

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask your child what they want to talk to God about. Try: "God, thank you for loving [child's name] so much. Help them feel Your love every single day. Amen."

WEEK OF AUGUST 23 - Everything God made is good — including you!

This month's big idea God always helps me.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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“...He created everything...” — Colossians 1:16 NIRV

HE (point up) ... CREATED (pretend to build with your hands) ... EVERYTHING (spread your arms out wide!)

TALK ABOUT IT

- What are some good things God made that you love?
- God makes good things — what's something good YOU like to make?
- Can you clap your hands for all the good things God made?

TRY IT TOGETHER

This week the kids played a missing-card game — four story cards were laid out with one hidden, and the kids guessed which one was missing. Try a version at home: draw three things from the creation story (sky, an animal, and a person) on sticky notes or paper, hide one, and ask “Which one is missing?” Then name it together: “God made [that thing] and called it GOOD!”

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask your child what they want to talk to God about. Try: “God, everything You make is so good. Thank you for making our whole family good. Amen.”

WEEK OF AUGUST 23 - Daniel prayed every single day — and God always heard him!

This week's big idea: I can always pray!

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE - “Never stop praying.” — 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NLT

Try saying it together this week! The more they hear it, the more it sticks.

NEVER (shake your head “no”) ... STOP (hold your hand out flat like a stop sign) ... PRAYING (press your palms together and bow your head)

TALK ABOUT IT

- Daniel prayed every day, even when things were really scary. When do you like to pray?
- If you were in a lions' den, what would you pray?
- Can you make the biggest, scariest lion roar you can? (Remind them: God was bigger than those lions!)

TRY IT TOGETHER

This week at church, your child heard about Daniel for the very first time! They roared like lions, folded their hands to pray like Daniel, and clapped for God who rescued him. Do all three actions at home together: roar like a lion, make prayer hands and bow your head, then clap for God! Ask your child, “Which part of the story does each action go with?”

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask your child what they want to talk to God about. Try: “God, You heard Daniel's prayers and You hear ours too. Thank you that we can talk to you anytime, anywhere. Amen.”