

Large Group Leader Guide


Today's Suggested Schedule

Prelude: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

1. Star Power
2. Hidden in the Sky
3. Space Sensory Bin  ALLERGY

Large Group (20 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

- "What God Made" and "All Good"
- Bible Story
- Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

1. Pass the World
2. Spacewalk
3. Celestial Tic-Tac-Toe
4. God Made...
5. Sun, Moon, and Stars
6. Journal and Prayer

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Going Home
- Memory Verse Card
- Parent Cue Card (print or email)
- Parent Cue App



Today's Bible Story

Sun, Moon, and Stars Genesis 1:14-19

On day four, God made the sun, moon, and stars.

Key Question

Who made everything?

Bottom Line

God made everything.

Memory Verse

God saw everything he had made. And it was very good. (Genesis 1:31 NIRV)



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

10 MINUTES

Story

① Worship

→ *Worship Leader enters.*

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! I am SO happy to see you today! My name is [Your Name], and I have a question for you. Tell me: What can YOU make?"

→ *Respond to any answers the children offer.*

"Let's pretend to make a tall tower with blocks. Let's start down low.

→ *Crouch down low. Alternate tapping one fist on top of the other. Stand and move your arms higher.*

"Let's make it really tall!"

→ *Continue tapping one fist on top of the other and raising your arms higher until your "tower" is overhead.*

"Wow! That was a really tall tower! What about drawing? Can you pretend to draw a really big sun in the sky? Get your pretend crayons!"

→ *Pretend to hold up a crayon.*

"Now draw a really big circle up high in the sky.

→ *Pretend to draw a big circle overhead.*

"Now let's draw some lines coming out of that circle. They can be sunbeams!"

→ *Pretend to draw the sunbeams coming out of the sun.*

"Great drawing, friends! We can make some pretty tall towers with blocks, and we can draw a beautiful sun in the sky with our pretend crayon. But do you know who made you?"

"God made you! (POINT.) And [BASIC TRUTH] God made me. (POINT TO SELF.) Let's celebrate God and sing about everything God made.

→ *Lead children in singing "What God Made," this month's worship song.*

"Great singing, friends! Now let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. (OPEN HANDS LIKE A BOOK.) Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!"

→ *Note: A video of the Memory Verse Motions is available in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.*

"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.)

10 MINUTES

Story

"Can you do that with me?"

→ Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.

"Great job, friends! Let's sing one more song together.

→ Lead children in singing "All Good."

"Thanks for celebrating God with me! **[TRANSITION]** And now it's time to turn around (**SPIN AROUND**) . . . sit down (**SIT DOWN**) . . . shake the wiggles out (**WIGGLE HANDS**) . . . so we can hear (**CUP HANDS BEHIND EARS**) what the story's all about!"

② Intro Sketch

→ Hide the prepared sun, moon, and star cutouts in plain view around the storytelling area.

→ Host enters as Worship Leader exits.

HOST: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]!"

"Would you like to play a game with me? (**LISTEN.**) Great! Let's play a space scavenger hunt! I'll tell you what we're looking for, and I want you to look around the room and find it. Are you ready?"

"Can you help me find the moon? It's white and round like a circle. Shout out when you see it!"

→ Walk/point in the opposite direction from the moon cutout.

"Is the moon over here? Hmm, I don't see it. Is it over here?"

→ Turn and walk/point toward the moon cutout.

"Oh! Do you see it?"

→ Follow the children's directions to find the moon cutout.

"There's the moon! We found it! Now, let's find the sun! Shout out when you see it!"

→ Look around the storytelling area—everywhere but where the sun is.

"Hmm, do you see the sun? It's a yellow circle . . .

→ Follow the children's directions to find the sun cutout.

"There it is! You found the sun! You're really good at this! Let's look for one more.

10 MINUTES

Story

"Can you help me find a star? Shout out when you see it!"

→ *Look around the storytelling area as you walk to the star cutout, but pretend not to see it.*

"Where could the star be? You found it?"

→ *Follow the children's directions to find the star cutout.*

"Oh, yes! There it is! We found the star! Wow! You are really good at finding things. We found the sun, moon, and the star!"

"Hey, that reminds me of our true story from the Bible, found in the book of Genesis! [Storyteller's Name] is going to come tell us all about it. See you soon!"

③ Bible Story

→ *Storyteller enters as Host exits. Storyteller carries a Bible and the tote or bin of prepared dowel rods. The tops of the dowel rods (sun, moon, and twinkle lights) should be inside the tote or bin so the children cannot see them yet. The twinkle lights should already be turned on.*

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [Your Name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

→ *Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.*

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with God. Then God created the heavens and the whole, wide world!"

"Can you hold up one finger?"

→ *Hold up one finger.*

SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 1

"On Day 1, God made the light. Now can you hold up two fingers?"

→ *Hold up two fingers.*

SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 2

"On Day 2, God made the sky above the water. Can you hold up three fingers?"

→ *Hold up three fingers.*

10 MINUTES

Story

SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 3

"On Day 3, God made the land, plants, and seas. But God wasn't done yet! Can you hold up four fingers?"

→ *Hold up four fingers.*

"On Day 4, God made a light for the day and a light for the night.

"Do you know what light shines in the sky during the day?"

SLIDE → Story Image W3 01

"That's right! The sun!"

→ *Hold the sun dowel rod high in the air.*

"The sun shines in the sky during the day! The sun is so big and so bright!"

"God made the sun to light up our days.

"The sun also keeps us warm, and it helps plants and trees and flowers grow.

→ *Put the sun dowel rod back in the tote or bin with the sun cutout still visible to the children.*

"God made a light for the night too. Do you know what shines in the sky at night?"

SLIDE → Story Image W3 02

"Yes! The moon.

→ *Hold the moon dowel rod high in the air.*

"The moon comes out at night. Sometimes, we see the moon as a circle, and sometimes, we see it as a crescent—like this. God was so creative when He made the moon!"

→ *Put the moon dowel rod back in the tote or bin with the moon cutout still visible to the children.*

"God also put lots and lots of little lights up in the night sky. Can you twinkle your fingers up high in the sky?"

→ *Twinkle your fingers overhead.*

10 MINUTES

Story

"Great job! Do you know what those little lights are called? **(LISTEN.)** Yes, stars!

→ *Hold the stars dowel rod high in the air.*

"God filled the night sky with stars! God even made stars that shoot across the sky!

→ *Put the stars dowel rod back in the tote or bin with twinkle lights still visible to the children. Then, hold up four fingers. Point to the sun, moon, and twinkle lights in the tote or bin as you continue.*

"On Day 4, God made the sun, moon, and stars! God looked at what He had made, and God saw that it was good! **(TWO THUMBS-UP.)** Everyone, say: 'That's good!'"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: **(TWO THUMBS-UP)** "That's good!"

→ *Hold up one finger.*

STORYTELLER: "On Day 1, God made light.

→ *Hold up two fingers.*

"On Day 2, God made the sky over the water.

→ *Hold up three fingers.*

"On Day 3, God made land, plants, and seas.

→ *Hold up four fingers.*

"On Day 4, God made the sun, moon, and stars! But God wasn't finished yet . . . because **(BOTTOM LINE)** God made everything! God is so creative!

"Hey, let's see what you know.

SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 1

"What did God make on Day 1? **(PAUSE.)** That's right! God made light and dark on Day 1.

SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 2

"Can you tell me what God made on Day 2? **(PAUSE.)** That's right! God made the sky above the water on Day 2.

SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 3

10 MINUTES

Story

"Can you tell me what God made on Day 3? (PAUSE.) Yes, God made the land, plants, and seas.

SLIDE → Creation Numbers Day 4

"Can you tell me what God made on Day 4? (PAUSE.) Yes, God made the sun, moon, and stars! You are so smart!

"Now when you look around at the great big world and see the sun and moon and stars, you can say, 'Wow! [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything!' Who made everything?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [BOTTOM LINE] "God made everything!"

STORYTELLER: "Yes, [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything. [TRANSITION] Our story time is over (PICK UP AND CLOSE BIBLE), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

④ Prayer

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for this wonderful world You have made. Thank You for the sun, moon, and stars. Thank You that we can look up in the sky and remember how amazing You are! We love You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

"I'll see you next time. Bye!"

→ Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.

⑤ Outro Sketch

→ Host enters as Storyteller exits.

STORYTELLER: "Wow! God made the sun, moon, and stars! [BOTTOM LINE] God made everything!

"I think I (POINT TO SELF) got the story. Did you (POINT TO CHILDREN) get it? If you did, say, 'Got it!' Get it?" (CUP ONE HAND BEHIND EAR.)

CHILDREN and HOST: "Got it!"

HOST: (GIVE TWO THUMBS-UP.) "Good!

[TRANSITION] "And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

→ Host dismisses small groups and exits.

Getting Ready: Worship

Note

Gather children for a Large Group time that includes interactive Worship and the Bible Story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need

- ☐ Instruments or music player
- ☐ "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ This month's worship song, "What God Made," available on [Store.ThinkOrange.com](#)
- ☐ "All Good," available on the *All Good* album from [Store.ThinkOrange.com](#)

Optional Videos (available for purchase)

- ☐ Dance Moves Music Video for "What God Made," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from [Store.ThinkOrange.com](#)
- ☐ Dance Moves Music Video for "All Good," available from [Store.ThinkOrange.com](#)

Worship

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

What You Do

1. Prepare all songs and have them ready to use.

APlay

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Getting Ready: Intro/Outro Sketch

What You Need

- ☐ White, yellow, and orange construction paper
- ☐ Aluminum foil
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Painter's tape

What You Do

1. Create a moon by cutting a large circle out of white construction paper.
2. Create a sun by cutting a large circle out of yellow construction paper and thin rectangular sunbeams from orange construction paper.
3. Tape the sunbeams onto the back of the yellow circle.
4. Cut a star shape out of aluminum foil.
5. Tape the moon, sun, and star cutouts somewhere in the storytelling area so children can find them during the scavenger hunt.

Getting Ready: Story

What You Need

- ☐ Bible
- ☐ "Sun and Moon" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Wooden dowel rods, three per Large Group
- ☐ Wire wreath frame
- ☐ Battery-operated twinkle lights
- ☐ Batteries for the battery-operated twinkle lights
- ☐ Packing tape
- ☐ Tote or bin for the Storyteller to carry
- ☐ Option: Cardstock

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Story Image W3 01
- ☐ Story Image W3 02
- ☐ Creation Numbers Day 1
- ☐ Creation Numbers Day 2
- ☐ Creation Numbers Day 3
- ☐ Creation Numbers Day 4

Story

Choose an adult or teenager who relates well to preschoolers to tell the Intro Sketch. If possible, use the same person for an entire month, as the Host role stays the same each month.

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible Story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advance preparation is necessary.

What You Do

1. Copy "Sun and Moon" Activity Page on cardstock and cut, on set per Large Group.
2. Tape the sun and moon cutouts onto the ends of wooden dowel rods, one cutout per rod.
3. Wrap the twinkle lights around the wire wreath frame and tape the battery box to the frame.
4. Make sure the batteries are new and in the battery box.
5. Tape the prepared wire wreath frame to a wooden dowel rod.
6. Put the three prepared dowel rods in a tote or bin for the storyteller to carry.
7. Download the Large Group Visuals to display on a device or screen or copy on cardstock.

Supplemental Resources

WONDER! LOOK AT GOD'S STORY

First Look offers weekly videos to engage preschoolers with the Bible Story. Join our Bible storytellers, Clubhouse friends, and, of course, Ollie the Owl to discover the wonder in God's story. Available in the First Look Media Package or can also be purchased monthly at the Orange Store.

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