

## Lesson 12

# God Creates the Universe

*God spoke and everything was created.*



## K–1<sup>st</sup> Lesson

### Review

Refer to the Seven C's of History Poster. In our last lesson, we talked about God's Word, the Bible. We said it is the history book of the universe! There are Seven C's that help us remember God's history from the beginning to the end! Do you remember what they are? Let's say them now. Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation.

### Creation

Today we're going to learn about the first C, Creation. First, I have some pictures to show to you. Show the pictures you brought, one at a time, asking, "What is this?" "Who made this?" after each one. The answer is God made it.

? So who made all of these things? God!

That's right! God made everything. And it was only about 6,000 years ago!

We're going to learn some special hand motions to help us remember that God created, or made, everything. The motion for God is like this. Demonstrate sign for God by starting with your dominant hand held sideways with thumb toward you and swiping downward in front of your face. Repeat the word "God" several times while the students practice the motion with you.

Very good! Now let's learn the motion for create. Demonstrate sign for create by starting with fists together, move one fist above the other and twist back and forth. Then bring fists back together. Repeat the word "create" several times while the students practice the motion with you.

So, when I ask you who made the things on each day of creation week, you can say, "God created it!" with our new hand motions. Practice repeating "God created" with both motions together.

? How do we know that God made all these things? Let me give you a hint. Hold up your Bible. The Bible tells us.

That's right, and we are going to look in God's Word where it tells us how God made all the things in these pictures and much more!

? Who has the Bible? Please bring it up. We are going to read from God's Word now. Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible and opens it to where the sticky note is.

### Genesis 1:1

I am going to read the very first thing God said in the Bible. This comes from the book of Genesis. Show the verse to the

children. Point out that it is in the very beginning of the Bible. Read Genesis 1:1.

? Who created the heavens and the earth? Can you answer with our new hand motions? God created them! Do motions with "God created."

### Day One

That's right. The Bible tells us that God created everything in the heavens and the earth. God's Word even tells us HOW he made all these things. Let's take a look now at each day of creation week and find out how God made everything.

### Genesis 1:3

The Bible tells us that the first thing God made was light. But there was still darkness. God called the light "day," and he called the dark "night." It's still like that now, isn't it? We have light during the daytime and dark during the nighttime.

But HOW did he make it? What did he do? Listen to this verse; it tells us what God did. Read Genesis 1:3 emphasizing that God "said" and there was light.

Wow! God just SAID, "Let there be light," and it happened. Suddenly there was light! Isn't that awesome? Let me try that. Get up and turn the lights off or have your assistant turn them off.

Let there be light! Let there be light! . . . Hmm! You say it with me. Let there be light! No light. I guess we'll have to turn the switch back on. It doesn't work when we say it, does it? No. God is the ONLY one who has power to make things just by speaking. And in the beginning, everything around us was created as God spoke! Only God can do this because he is omnipotent. Say that with me: omnipotent. That means God is all-powerful.

Refer to the Lesson Flip Chart. Let's take a look here at our Flip Chart. The Bible says that God named the light "day" and the dark he called "night."

### Day Two

Refer to the Flip Chart. Now let's keep going. The Bible says God made something else the next day, on day two!

Keep your Bible open to Genesis 1. If appropriate for your class, go ahead and read the verses. If not, use the verses for your reference as you explain and discuss the lesson.

### Genesis 1:6

? What do you see when you look up outside? The sky. Show pictures brought from home.

That's right! God created the sky on day two with water above and water below.

Now everyone take a very deep breath! Have students breathe in. You are breathing air. Part of what God created on day two was the air that we breathe all around us.

No one else could form the sky and the waters like that! Only God can do it because he is all-powerful—omnipotent.

### Day Three

Refer to the Flip Chart. God wasn't finished yet! On day three, the Bible tells us God made the dry land.

? What did God create on day three? God created dry land. Do motions with "God created."

### Genesis 1:11

? But he didn't just make dirt and leave it like that. God made plants grow. What kinds of plants can you think of? Grass, flowers, fruit trees.

That's right! God SAID, "Let the dry land appear." And on the dry land he made grass, trees, flowers, and fruit grow.

? HOW was God making all of these things? Did he cut out shapes from paper and use paint and glue? No! He spoke.

God was speaking—just saying the words—and all of these things were made. This wasn't hard for God because he is omnipotent.

### Day Four

? Refer to the Flip Chart. But he still wasn't finished! What do you think God made on the next day, day four? Allow answers.

### Genesis 1:14

The Bible tells us that God SAID, "Let there be lights in the sky." It tells us he made a great light for the daytime and a light that was not as bright for the nighttime.

? What would the great light for the day be? Sun. Show pictures brought from home.

? Right! And what would the light be for the night? Moon. Show pictures brought from home.

? What else do you see in the sky? Stars, planets. Show pictures brought from home.

? So, how did the sun, moon, stars, and planets get here? Who created them? God created them. Do motions with "God created."

Yes! God made the sun, the moon, the stars, and all the lights in the sky on day four! He made all we see in the sky just by saying he wanted it there!

### Day Five

? Refer to the Flip Chart. Which day is next? Day five.

? What did God create on day five? Can you tell from this picture or the Flip Chart? Allow answers.

### Genesis 1:20

God made two different things on day five: the flying creatures and the sea creatures.

? What kinds of birds and other flying things can you think of? Name something that flies. Allow answers. Birds, bats, flying insects, pteranodons. Show students some of the pictures you have brought.

Some creatures are a bit challenging to place. We know that "flying creatures" were created on day 5, but flying insects also have "creeping" forms, like a caterpillar. If we assume that God created adult forms (e.g., chickens not eggs), then it seems that flying insects like butterflies, bees, and others would have been created on day 5. Creeping things like spiders, ticks, beetles and such would have been created on day 6.

? Good! And what about sea creatures? Can you name some animals that live in the water? Fish, sharks, crabs, whales, etc.

? So, how did the flying animals and swimming animals get here? Who created them on day five? God created them. Do motions with "God created."

### Day Six

Think of all the beautiful things God made! He just SPOKE, and they all came to be.

### Genesis 1:24

? Refer to the Flip Chart. What kinds of things did he make on the sixth day? Do you know? Allow answers.

? The Bible says on the sixth day, God spoke again and created all the land animals. Show the pictures you brought. Can you think of some animals God made on day six that live on the land? Allow answers. Monkeys, deer, lizards, dogs, horses, etc. (Note: People are not included as animals.)

Yes. On day six, God made the kinds of animals that walk and crawl and jump and skitter on the land.

Refer to the Flip Chart. But wait a minute, I see people in this picture!

### Genesis 1:27

People aren't animals. God must have created them, too! Let's read about that. Read Genesis 1:27.

? So what else did God make? Man!

That's right. God made man. It says here he made them male and female. That means God made a man and a woman. And the Bible says that he made this man and woman—and ALL people—different from the animals.

? How are people different from animals? Listen again. Reread Genesis 1:27 emphasizing "in the image of God."

? Did you hear that? Whose image are we made in? We are made in the image of God.

God made man more special than anything else because God made man in his image. Nothing else God made was made in his image.

We are special to God and VERY different from animals! We are so different and so special to God that he made a way so we could be with him forever. You see, God sent his Son, Jesus, to die on the cross so sinful people could be forgiven. Jesus did NOT do this for animals. Jesus came for people—so we could know God better, be forgiven of our sins, love him, and live forever with him in heaven.

? Refer to the Flip Chart. So think back now to all we've talked about. Who created all of these things in the heavens and the earth? God created them! Do motions with "God created."

? What is the word that means God is all-powerful? Omnipotent.

? How many days did God take to make everything? Count the days on the Flip Chart.

Yes. And when God was finished creating, he said it was all very good. God made everything perfectly.

Continue with the Lesson Review Game.

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