

## Morning Overview

### Lesson: *In the Beginning*

#### Lesson Objective:

In today's lesson, we go back to the beginning to when nothing existed but God. We begin in the book of Genesis to see that nothing and no one else is more powerful, eternal, and creative than our God. God creates everything out of nothing, He holds it together, and everything is exactly how He meant it to be! And that includes every person in the room!

#### Teaching Points:

- God is eternal.
- God is all powerful and created all things.
- God is good. Because He is good, everything God creates is good.
- God not only created all things, but controls all of Creation.
- Creation is not God "doodling" and mistakenly creating stuff.
- All Creation reflects God's greatness, His unsurpassed creativity, and His glory.
- God did all of this because He could, and He did not have any help!

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:1-25 (Psalms 33:6; 147:15; 148:5)

**Story:** *Vos Child's Story Bible*, Pages 1-4; *The Gospel Story Bible*, Pages 2-3; *Jesus Storybook Bible*, Pages 10-25; *The Beginners Bible*, Pages 9-15; *The Beginners Gospel Story Bible*, Pages 2-5 .

**Scripture Memory for September:** Genesis 1:27 (ESV)

**God** (*point upwards*)

**Created** (*make fists and have them pound one on top of the other*)

**Man** (*point to everyone in the room*)

**In His own image** (*cross hands and lay on chest*)

**Male and female** (*again point to everyone in the room*)

**God** (*point upwards*)

**Created them** (*make fists and have them pound one on top of the other*)

#### Craft: God the Creator

**Supplies:** Cardstock with scenes (bottom), cardstock circle (top), brad, verse sticker, crayons/markers

**Instructions:** 1. Color top and bottom cardstock.

2. Attach verse sticker

3. Using brad, attach top to bottom.



If child has already done craft first hour, have them work on a coloring sheet

# Story

## Transition

Boys and girls, today we start at the very beginning of the Bible. The Bible is God's Story to us. He tells us what we need to know about Him in the Bible. At the very beginning God does a miracle: When He speaks, something is created out of thin air! Could you do that? Try! (Have kids say something like, "I want a chocolate waffle!" and see if one shows up.) No one can create anything out of nothing, only God can. Let's read our story and find out all the things God created!

## In the Beginning

In the beginning, before anything was ever made, there was nothing at all except God. But God had a plan, a design. God spoke words and what God said happened. "Whoosh!" Right out of nothing God created the sky and the earth. The Bible tells us that the earth had nothing on it. No trees, no flowers, no insects, animals, or fish. It had nothing. God then said, "Let there be light!" "Whoosh!" There was light. God said that the light was good. God divided the light from the darkness. God named the light "day" and the darkness "night." When evening came and then the morning came, this was the first day.

## Day 2

God said, "Let there be something to divide the water in two!" So, God made the air to divide the water in two. Some of the water was above the air, and some of the water was below it. The water above the air is what we know as rain or snow, but the water below the air is what we call the sea and oceans, lakes and ponds, rivers and streams. God named the air "sky." Nighttime passed, and morning came. This was the second day.

## Day 3

Then God said, "Let the water under the sky – the ocean and seas – be gathered together so the dry land will appear." "Whoosh!" And it happened just as God said. God named the dry land "earth." He named the water that was gathered together "seas." God saw that this was good.

Then God said, "Let the earth produce plants. Some plants will make grain for seeds. Others will make fruit with seeds in it. Every seed will produce more of its own kind of plant." "Whoosh!" And it happened just as God said. The earth produced plants. Some plants had grain for seeds like wheat and corn. The trees made fruit with seeds in it like apples and oranges. There were so many kinds of plants! And just as God instructed, each seed grew its own kind of plant. Apple seeds made apple trees. Tomato seeds made tomato vines. Watermelon seeds made watermelon vines. Lemon seeds made lemon trees. God saw that all this was good. Evening passed, and morning came. This was the third day.

## Day 4

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the sky to separate day from night. These lights will be used for signs, seasons, days and years. They will be in the sky to give light to the earth." "Whoosh!" And it happened just as God said. God made two large lights. He made the brighter light to come out during the day. We call it the Sun. God made a smaller light to come out at night. We call it the Moon. God also made the millions and millions of stars, comets, and other planets in the sky. The Sun and the Moon were there to separate light from darkness, daytime from nighttime. God saw that all these things were good. Evening passed, and morning came. This was the fourth day.

## Day 5

Then God said, "Let the water on earth be filled with living things. And let birds fly in the air above the earth." The Bible tells us God created large and tiny sea animals. Sharks, whales, swordfish, octopi, seahorses. Every living thing in the sea God created. God created all the things that fly in the air too. Eagles, storks, ducks, and seagulls. God created all the birds in the sky. God saw all of this and said it was good. God blessed them and said, "Have many

young ones and grow in number. Fill the water of the seas, and let the birds grow in number on the earth." All creatures made more creatures like them. Sharks had baby sharks. Blue birds had baby blue birds.

Evening passed, and morning came. This was the fifth day.

### **Day 6**

Then God said, "Let the earth be filled with animals." What kind of animals? Raccoons. Zebras. Lions. Sloths. White tigers. Dogs. God created all sorts of animals. And those animals would have babies just like them. Lions gave birth to cubs. Dogs gave birth to puppies. And when God said it, "Whoosh!" it happened!

God saw all the animals He made and saw that this was good.

God made lots and lots of things in the first six days. Can you think about all the insects, bird, things in the sea, and animals on land that you know of? God created all of them. God is so creative! Everything God created He called "good." Why was it good? Because God is good, and God creates good things. And God did not create anything by accident. He created each insect, fish, bird, and animal exactly how He meant it to be. It was created to glorify God. That means everything created is supposed to praise God! And guess what? God did not have any help when He created everything! In our story, did you hear about anyone helping God out with His creation? Nope. God is all-powerful and didn't need any help at all!

Next week we will discover what the Bible says is God's best creation!

### **Questions for Review with Younger Children**

Have children answer "yes" or "no."

1. God made everything out of nothing. (Yes)
2. God had help when He created everything. (No! God had no help.)
3. God made everything so He would have something to do. (No. God created for His glory).
4. God created everything when He spoke. (Yes)
5. God called everything good which He created. (Yes)
6. God told the Sun to come out at night (No! The Sun comes out during the day.)
7. God divided the water above (rain/snow) from the water below (seas/ocean). (Yes)
8. God told things on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> day to multiply and fill the land, the sea, and the sky. (Yes)
9. God created everything exactly how He wanted. (Yes)
10. God is all-powerful and in control of all created things. (Yes)