



Jellyfish (Toddlers)

Sunday May 3 2020

Creation

Reference: Genesis 1

Main Point: My God is so BIG, He made the world.

Creation again?! Do I hear you say? Yep, sorry not sorry! God making the world is one of those foundational doctrines that is really important for little kids to understand. It helps them grow to understand that God is big, amazing, all powerful, wise, sovereign, creative, loving and that because he made the world it belongs to him. He has the right to rule over his creation. God is the boss! In order for them to be able to understand sin and salvation, they need to understand that first. There are also opportunities here to encourage a heart of thankfulness in our kids. God made everything, all good things come from him. He's given us life, breath and everything!

Here are some different ways that you might explore the creation account with your child:

1. Read the Creation story from a good Children's Bible. Start by saying this is a true story from the Bible.
Look at the pictures in your story Bible and ask your child; "Who made the Trees?" Or you may want to start by asking: "what is this?", pointing to something God has made. Then ask who has made it. Finish by asking "Who made everything?"
2. Some further ideas to explore the Creation story:
 - Go for a walk around your neighbourhood/or just go out to the backyard. Point out things that God has made. Talk about how BIG and amazing God is and that he made everything.
 - While in the garden/neighbourhood try and find some natural things like leaves, flowers, sand, sticks, shells and help your child paste it down on cardboard with the heading "God Made".
 - Imaginary play: If you have any, set up some plastic/wooden trees, animals and people for children to create a beautiful creation scene. You could also make things out of Duplo together, or use your collection from your nature walk.
 - Talk about creation as you do puzzles, read books, watch nature documentaries (beware of scary 'eating' ones!) anything that shows things that God has made.
 - Bible Bathtime! Dale Brown has come up with a great use of bathtime to teach the creation account. Check it out [here](#)

Emphasise again at the end that our God is so BIG and so amazing that he made everything! Everything belongs to him. God is the boss! Sing 'My God is so Big' together! ☺



Pray: Dear Father God, Thank you for making....(your child's favourite thing that God has made). Thank you for making everything. Wow! Help me to remember that you made everything. Amen.

Something for Sermon time:

- Watch this week's video for under 5's if you have an extra device or watch at another time together. ☺
- If you have playdough set it out and encourage your child to make their own version of things that God has made.... You can do the same with duplo or other blocks.
- Here is a [creation wheel](#) that you could print onto light card for your child to colour. Cut out when they are done and put together with a split pin.
- And some [free printable colouring pages](#)



Starfish and Rainbowfish (3-5yrs)

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Activity: In preparation for today's Bible lesson on Creation take your children on a backyard treasure hunt to discover and collect some natural objects like: barks, grasses, soil, sand, pebbles, fruit, vegetables, leaves and flowers (aromatic plants like rosemary, lavender, basil, plus leaves and bark with unusual textures, would be great). Take photos of any wildlife you encounter such as insects, lizards, birds, hens, fish, the family pets.

When you have all finished, set up a display of your collection, together.

While the children are examining their treasures by feeling, smelling and looking closely at details, take the opportunity to point out that these things are all different in size, shape, colour, smell, feel and how we use them. Remind your children how amazing God is to make all of these things for us to use and enjoy.

Bible: Read the account of creation to your children from your children's Bible.

Discussion: You could use some of the following questions as discussion starters:

1. **What is your favourite thing that God has made?**
2. **What things did God make in the beginning?** *sky, light, sun, moon, stars, land, plants creatures*
3. **How did God make the world?** *By speaking strong, powerful words*
4. **Can we make something by speaking strong, powerful words?** *No way!*
5. **Why could God make the world by speaking words?** *Because He is God. He is so BIG, so powerful and so amazing, that he was able to make everything by speaking words! Only he can do that. Everything belongs to him. God is the boss!*

Pray together thanking God for all the things he has made.

A Memory verse to learn: Isaiah 6:3 "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord almighty. The whole earth is full of his glory." Practice saying it together

Something for sermon time:

- Watch this week's video for under 5's if you have an extra device or watch at another time together
- Play dough - the children could make things God has made. People, animals, birds, fish, flowers, trees, fruit, vegetables, moon, stars, sun, clouds, etc



- Duplo, blocks, toy animals - children could build a garden or zoo
- Drawing - children could draw pictures of things God has made
- Here is a [creation wheel](#) that you could print onto light card for your child to colour. Cut out when they are done and put together with a split pin.
- Memory Verse craft - Print the memory verse on the following page and have your child decorate the border. Stick it on the fridge so that you can remember to practice it together.

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The whole earth is full of his
glory.

Isaiah 6:3

