

Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

Week 2: God

Older Preschool

Theme Verse

"For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through him and for him." Colossians 1:16

Objective

God created everything.

Teach

If you could make anything from nothing, what would you make? Money and materials are no problem. (Allow the child(ren) to discuss what they would make.) Now consider, "What if you had to just speak it into being here; what would you create?"

This is what God did when He created the world. The Bible says the earth was formless, empty, and dark. Water covered everything. God simply said, "Let there be light," and the light appeared (Genesis 1:3). God separated the light from the darkness. He called the light day, and the darkness was called night. That was the first day.

Each day, God created something different. Here is what He spoke into being:

Days of Creation: God spoke, and it happened.

- Separated light and darkness—day and night
- Huge space above the earth-sky
- Dry land, separated waters and dry land-plants and trees
- Lights in the sky: Sun, Moon, and stars—seasons

- Birds for the sky and fish and sea creatures for the waters
- Animals and man and woman (Adam and Eve)
- God rested. He had created all things. He was finished. All God created was good.

Only God could speak something into happening. Everything He created was good! The Bible verse we have this week is Colossians 1:16, "For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things have been created through him and for him." Say the verse several times together.

Now, have the children stand beside their chair. Tell them to squat down and begin to grow like a flower with each word of the verse they say. Change this by having the children be fish, birds, or other animals as they say the verse. At last, have the child say the verse as themselves.

Discussion Questions

- Review the story by asking the child(ren): What did God create on day _____
- Change it by asking, "On which day did God create ____?" Never scold them for getting it wrong, just ask, "What did God make on that day? He made _____. Say the answers with your child. The more you repeat it the better they will learn it!

Play

Days or Creation Plates

You will need: seven plain white paper plates, seven sheets of paper, and Crayons or markers.

Directions: Color each plate to represent a day of Creation.

- Color half the plate black.
- Draw a sky with clouds.
- Draw land with a tree and flowers.
- Draw the Sun, Moon, and stars.
- Draw a bird at the top and a fish at the bottom.
- Draw several animals and a person.
- Do not draw anything. Leave it blank.

On each sheet of paper, write a number (1–7). Now, show the Day of Creation Plate and the number of the day beside the plate. Remind the child(ren) that God made these things, and they were good. Now, turn the plates and number sheets over. Mix them up. Have each person turn over a plate and a number sheet. Ask, "Is this what God made on day (the number on the sheet)? If no, ask "What did God make on this day? When did He make the items on the plate? Continue until all seven days are covered. You can then mix-up the plates and have the child(ren) put them in order.

Sing

"Slugs and Bugs-God Made Me"

Live it Out

Today, we learned that God created everything. He spoke, and it was created. God made man special. What can we do to keep God's creation good? Let's start working in our house and yard and then serve with Bellevue Loves Memphis and other service opportunities to help others.

Closing Prayer

Lord,

Thank You for creating everything so perfectly. We know that You have given us the responsibility to take care of our earth. Please help us to start at home by picking up our toys and things from our yard. When we serve with our church, help us to be Your hands and feet as we clean parks and other areas.

Amen!