



Bible Story: Everywhere You Look (Creation) • **Genesis 1–2:3 (supporting: Genesis 2:7, 21–22)**

Bottom Line: God created you in His image

Memory Verse: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:14

Life App: Identity—Knowing who God made us to be

1. Bible Story and Creation

What You Need: Bibles, A variety of supplies such as Play-Doh®; crayons, markers; paper; construction paper or newspaper

What You Do:

Read: **Genesis 1–2:3 (supporting: Genesis 2:7, 21–22)**

- Invite kids to choose supplies and create, color, or draw something that God made.
- Let kids describe their work of art to the rest of the family.

What You Say:

"In the beginning, God created everything! He is SO creative. He made light. He made the sky, land, and seas. He made plants, trees, and flowers. He made the sun, moon, and stars. He made birds that fly and fish that swim. He made all the animals that move on the ground. And then, God made His MOST amazing creation of all! What was it? (Pause.) Yes! God made people! God made Adam and Eve in His own image."

"When we say that God made people in His own image, we mean that God made people to think, feel, and act a tiny bit like Him. Isn't that amazing? **[Bottom Line]** God created you in His image!"

2. Bible Story Extension

What You Need: Bible

What You Do:

- **Review** the days of creation by naming things God made.
 - A few suggestions are listed below.
 - Add others as needed.
- Work together to indicate the day on which it was created.
 - stars (Day Four)
 - people (Day Six)
 - fish (Day Five)
 - sea (Day Two)
 - light (Day One)
 - plants and seeds (Day Three)
 - birds (Day Five)
 - moon (Day Four)

- trees (Day Three)
 - land animals (Day Six)
 - sky (Day Two)
 - land (Day Three)
 - sun (Day Four)
 - night and day (Day One)
- **Ask:**
 - When you think about the order in which God made things, what do you notice? Why do you think God created the world in the order He did?
 - What does it mean to be created in God's image? What characteristics and qualities do we have that God also has?
 - Why do you think God chose to create us in His image?
 - **Encourage** kids to share things they are thankful for in God's creation and what attribute or characteristic of God they see in it. If needed, suggest some of the following qualities:

○ loving	○ kind	○ all-seeing
○ powerful	○ creative	○ all-present
○ sense of humor	○ all-knowing	○ limitless

3. Discussion Questions

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Ask:

- What is the most interesting thing you can think of in all of God's creation?
- What questions do you have about the way the world began or how people were first created?
- Name some ways that all people are created in God's image.
- If we believe everyone is made in God's image, how should that impact the way we treat others?

4. Lesson Recap and Prayer Journal:

What You Need: Prayer journal, paper, something to write with, Bible

What You Do:

- As a family, **add to your prayer journal** or make a prayer journal if you have not already done so.
 - The Bible teaches us that the “the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective” (**James 5:16b**). We are encouraging you to make a family prayer journal. It can be as fancy or as simple as you want. An example is provided on our Kids at The Heights Facebook Page! A prayer journal can be a tool to record your prayer requests and thanksgivings. It can also help you grow your faith as you keep a record of how the Lord answers your prayers.
- **Read Psalm 145:3,**
- “Lord, you are great. You are really worthy of praise. No one can completely understand how great you are.”
- **Allow** a brief moment for kids to offer prayers of praise (either silently or out loud) thanking God for who He is and what He has done.
 - As they pray, encourage them to think about the unlimited power, love, wisdom, and creativity of our amazing Creator.

“Dear God, You are the greatest creator of all. You made everything we see around us and even the things we cannot see with our eyes. You deserve our best praise and we offer it to You now. Thank You for being a God of love, power, grace, and creativity. In Jesus' name, amen.”

5. 7 Days of Creation Craft:

What You Need: 1 paper plate, scissors, Crayons or colored pencils, Scotch tape or glue, Printout "comic strip" of the 7 days of creation (see Below)

What You Do:

- Use your crayons or colored pencils to color the paper plate to look like planet earth.
- Use your crayons or colored pencils to color the comic strip of the 7 days of creation.
- Cut out the comic strip and tape/glue them together to make one long comic strip. Do this by taping the square with the tree in it to the one with the moon and sun so they are in the same order.
- Next you are going to cut a 2.5" line out of the paper plate, measure 2.5" below it and cut out another line that is 2.5" long.
- Lastly you are going to weave your comic strip through the first slit starting from the back of the paper plate, and then through the other slip from the top of the paper plate. This way you only see one square from the comic strip on the front of your paper plate.

*Refer to our intro video for this week so that you can see a visual presentation of these instructions!
Have a great week and enjoy making this craft at home with your families!*

DAYS OF CREATION

