

Small Talk

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Key Question:

Who made everything?

Memory Verse:

"God created the heavens
and the earth."
Genesis 1:1, NIV

Basic Truth:

God made me.

Bottom Line:

God made everything.

BIBLE STORY SUMMARIES:

WEEK 1

Genesis 1:14-19

God made the sun, moon and stars to fill the sky.

WEEK 2

Genesis 1:6-10

God separated the waters and then gathered them together to make seas.

WEEK 3

Genesis 1:9-13

God made dry land. He made vegetation begin to grow on the land.

WEEK 4

Genesis 1:20-25

God made the sea animals, birds and land animals.

WEEK 5

Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7, 20-23

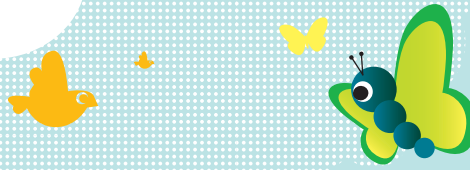
God made people in His own image.



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PLAY TIME

Grab a camera and take your child's hand; you are going to make your very own photo journal of things that God made. As you go to different places this month, allow your child to snap photos of things God made—fruits and veggies at the grocery store, flowers and trees at home, a neighbor walking a dog—the world is FULL of things God made. Once you have several pictures, make your very own picture book. Not only will you make wonderful memories, but you will also have a book of things God made to revisit any time you want.



CAR TIME

Play a game of "God Made It" as you drive down the road. Take turns with your child calling out things you see that God made. How long can you go before someone gets stuck? It will take awhile because God made everything! End the game by asking your child, "Who made everything?" Then answer the question together by saying, "God made everything!"



BATH TIME

God made your child, from the top of his head, to the bottom of his little feet. What better time to share with your child WHO made him than at bath time? As you wash your child's feet ask, "Who made your feet?" As you wash your child's hair ask, "Who made your hair?" Continue throughout bath time asking about each little special part. At the end of the bath ask your child, "Who made everything?" Then answer together with, "God made everything!"



CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle up with your child and pray with him. "Dear God, thank You for making SO many wonderful things. Thank You for the trees and birds and the sun and the food we eat. Thank You for making EVERYTHING! But most of all God, thank You for making [name of child]. I am so glad You made him for me to love. Amen."

IMAGINE THE END:

Your child is already wondering where penguins came from and why he has a birthmark on the bottom of his foot. Why not point him to the creator Himself each time he asks? Creation is the easiest, most natural way to introduce your child to his loving, heavenly Father. "Where did I come from, Dad?" "God made you. He made you just the way He wanted you." "Who made the stars, Mom?" "God made the stars, each and every one of them. It says so right here in the Bible." Make the most of this special time in your child's life to set his eyes on the God who made him and loves him and wants to be his friend forever.

MAKE IT PERSONAL:

It's so easy for us grown ups to get busy and forget about this amazing planet God created for us. Honestly, God could have just created the bare minimum it would take to sustain life, but no. He went over and beyond—WAY over and beyond. God created an absolutely breathtaking home for people to explore and discover and simply enjoy. Our world is full of wonder. It is a gift from God to mankind, ready to be opened every day. Have you opened the gift of creation lately? Spring is a glorious time of year to pause and open your eyes to all that God made. Take time to take a look, and when you do, make sure to tell God "thank You."



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