

**TODDLER
CURRICULUM**

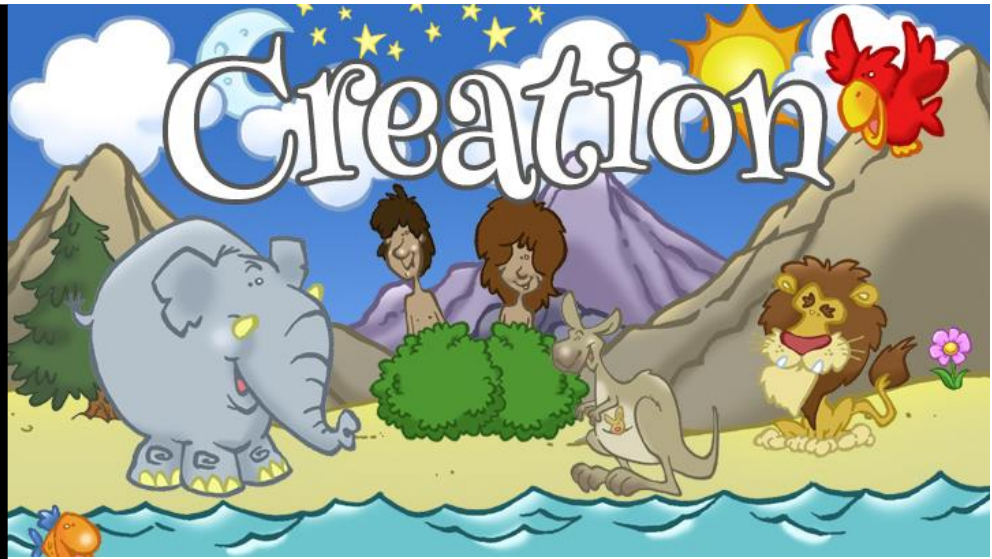
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BOTTOM LINE

God made me.

BIBLE VERSE

“God created
the Heavens and
the Earth,”
Genesis 1:1.



Creation is a video teaching that looks at how God created everything, including people. Toddlers learn through repetition, with a program designed to be taught for two months. The video program includes sing-along worship and animated Bible story with narration.

STORY

God Made Me, Genesis 1-2:1-3

TEACHER DEVOTIONAL

Read: Genesis 1-2:1-3

Did God really make everything? The answer to how the universe began is the beginning of any worldview. Whether the earth is held on the back of a giant turtle, or began with a big bang, or with the voice of Jesus speaking everything into existence, our belief on the origin of the universe clearly shows how we view everything.

If we believe that God made the world, we believe the history in Genesis 1:1: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

We resonate with the poetry of Psalm 139:13: “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.” This reassures us that the Creator is not only powerful and awesome, but personal, too.

If we believe that God made the world we can see how he reveals himself in it. “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse,” Romans 1:20.

This teaching book of the Bible makes the point that creation itself makes the Creator known even to people who know nothing else of him. And if we believe that God made the world, the books of the prophets remind us that we cannot doubt his power to do anything else, or to ever lose his strength: “Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you,” Jeremiah 32:17. And, “... The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom,” Isaiah 40:28.

Finally, if we believe that God made the world we can believe that his power includes the ability to re-create us. For some reason this always seems harder to do than to speak the universe into existence. But why would it be? The letter to the Corinthians emphasizes that the Creator is capable of making, not only the world, but a new you, too: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5:17.

What part of creation helps you understand the invisible qualities of God?

As followers of Jesus we’re promised to become a new creation. Looking back on your walk with Jesus how has he been making you a new creation?

GOD MADE ME

Toddler See and Share

SUPPLIES: 1 blinky star light, group set of toy plastic fish, group set of plastic flowers, group set of toy plastic animals, a hand mirror

PURPOSE: Kids will review the story by playing with toys representing the Creation story.

NOTES

- Take toys out one at a time and hold them up for kids to see.
- Read each section and do the actions. Then put away toys.
- Encourage volunteers to familiarize themselves with the toys before doing See and Share.

1. **Sky:** God made the big, blue sky. Can you stretch your arms way up high to touch the sky?
2. **Star Light:** God made the night sky, too. He made the moon and twinkling stars. (Turn on star light.) Look at this star.
3. **Fish:** God made the ocean. He made fish to swim in the ocean. (Hand out toy fish.) Can you pretend to swim your fish in the ocean?
4. **Flower:** God made the land with trees and flowers to grow on it. (Hand out flowers.) Can you smell your flower?
5. **Animals:** God made the animals. (Hand out animals.) What animal do you have? (Ask each child.)
6. **Mirror:** God made you. (Hold mirror up to every child and say, "God made *child's name*.")