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**Genesis 1**:1-31 – 2:3

**Genesis 1**

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

6 And God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water.” 7 So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. 8 God called the expanse “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

9 And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. 12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. 16 God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

20 And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.” 21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” 23 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

24 And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

29 Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. 30 And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

**Genesis 2**

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.
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God created the plants and animals
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Craft/Activity: Creation Spinners

Students will illustrate the six days of creation by making creation spinners.

**Materials**

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Creation Spinner Patterns (Part 1 and 2)
3. Scissors
4. Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils
5. Paper Brads

**Directions**

1. Copy the two creation spinner patterns (part 1 and 2) onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have the students illustrate the six days of creation using markers, crayons, or colored pencils.
3. Have the students cut out both of the creation spinner patterns.
4. Place pattern 2 on top of pattern 1.
5. Push a brad through the black dot in the center.
6. Spin the top part on the creation spinner to reveal each day’s creation.

**For Discussion**

While the students are illustrating their creation spinners, discuss some of the other things God has created (that are not printed on the creation spinners). Help students realize the magnitude of all that God has created.

**Time Needed to Complete:**

Approximately 15 minutes

**Memory Verse**

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

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Creation Spinners Part 1
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Creation Spinners Part 2
"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."
Read Genesis 1:1-25. Starting with Day 1, find the correct path through the maze to the things that God created on that day. Do this until you have matched all the days with the correct pictures.
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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

On the first day, God created day and night.

On the second day, God created the sky. There was evening and morning on the second day.

On the third day, God created land and the seas. God put plants on the land.

On the fourth day, God created the sun, moon, and stars.

On the fifth day, God created sea animals and he created birds to fly in the air.

On the sixth day, God created land animals. God also created man and woman in His own likeness. God told them to be fruitful and increase in numbers. God gave man the responsibility of ruling over all the animals.

On the seventh day, God rested. God made the seventh day holy.

To find out more, read Genesis 1:1-31-2:3 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Name five things that God created.
2. What did God say that man was responsible for?
3. What did God do on the seventh day?
4. Do you think we should also rest on the seventh day? Why or why not?

MEMORY VERSE

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Genesis 1:1

CROSS OFF THE LETTERS

Cross out every other letter. Write the remaining letters on the lines below to reveal the hidden message.

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Take-home Activity Sheet
I Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned that God created the heavens and the earth.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.

2. Help your child learn the Memory Verse.

3. Practice the Bible Story Rhyme.

4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.

5. Go for a nature walk and have your child point out things that God created.

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Colored by: ______________________
Day 7: God rested.

Day 1: God separated light from darkness.
Day 2: God made the water and the sky.
Memory Verse

"…God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

Bible Story Rhyme

God made earth,
(Hands together as if holding the earth)

God made heaven.
(Point to heaven)

Then he rested,
(Tilt head and rest head on hands)

On day seven.
(Hold up seven fingers)

Day 3: God made dry land and plants.
Day 4: God made the sun, moon, and stars.
Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have all sinned and do not measure up to God’s glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

“Dear Jesus,

Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”

Day 5: God made birds and fish.

Day 6: God made animals and man.
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Preschool Game

Supplies: A sheet; several paper bags; items found in nature such as a pine cone, a rock, dirt, a flower, leaves or grass, an acorn, or a piece of fruit.

Use this game to help children get in touch with God’s creation.

Spread the sheet out on the floor. Have the children sit in a circle around the sheet. Place the paper bags in the center of the circle.

Say: God made the world and everything in it. Some of God’s creations are hidden inside these bags. When I bring a bag to you, reach in without looking. Make a guess about what’s in the bag, and keep your guess a secret.

Walk around the inside of the circle, and let each child reach in the bag to feel. You may need to reassure individuals that nothing in the bag will hurt them. After everyone has felt the object inside the bag, empty it on the sheet in the center of the circle and have everyone yell out what was inside.

Allow a few seconds of congratulations and then say: When everyone is ready, we will pass around the next bag.

Work through the bags one at a time until all the objects have been identified.

For more fun, turn the items into a nature montage you can hang in your classroom.
God made earth,
(Hands together as if holding the earth)

God made heaven.
(Point to heaven)

Then he rested,
(Tilt head and rest head on hands)

On day seven.
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