

God's Amazing World

13 Weeks of Creation Focus

Introduction

This 13-week curriculum explores the wonders of God's creation through colorful visuals, simple Bible stories, and hands-on activities. Each week focuses on a different aspect of creation, helping children discover the amazing world God has made.

Week 1: In the Beginning - Light and Dark

Bible Story: Genesis 1:1-5 - God creates light and separates it from darkness

Key Concept: God brought order from chaos and created light with just His words.

Hands-on Activities:

- Make shadow puppets with flashlights
- Create a day and night collage with black and yellow paper
- Play a light/dark game (similar to freeze tag where "light" unfreezes)

Simple Science Connection: Discuss how light travels and why we need both light and darkness

Week 2: Sky and Water

Bible Story: Genesis 1:6-8 - God separates the waters and creates the sky

Key Concept: God created the atmosphere that gives us air to breathe and protects us.

Hands-on Activities:

- Make cloud pictures with cotton balls and blue paper
- Water cycle in a bag experiment
- Blow bubbles to see air in action

Simple Science Connection: Discuss the water cycle and why clouds form

Week 3: Land and Plants

Bible Story: Genesis 1:9-13 - God creates dry land and plants

Key Concept: God created soil where plants could grow and provide food.

Hands-on Activities:

- Plant bean seeds in clear cups to watch roots grow
- Create leaf rubbings with crayons
- Make a collage of different types of plants

Simple Science Connection: Discuss how plants grow and why they need soil, water, and sunlight

Week 4: Sun, Moon, and Stars

Bible Story: Genesis 1:14-19 - God creates the sun, moon, and stars

Key Concept: God created the heavenly bodies to mark seasons, days, and years.

Hands-on Activities:

- Make a paper plate sun and moon mobile
- Create a constellation viewer with paper tubes and star stickers
- Paint a night sky with glow-in-the-dark paint

Simple Science Connection: Discuss how the earth rotates to create day and night

Week 5: Birds and Fish

Bible Story: Genesis 1:20-23 - God creates birds and sea creatures

Key Concept: God filled the sky and waters with amazing creatures.

Hands-on Activities:

- Make bird feeders from pine cones, peanut butter, and seeds
- Create origami fish
- Paint a sea creature mural

Simple Science Connection: Discuss how birds can fly and fish can breathe underwater

Week 6: Land Animals and People

Bible Story: Genesis 1:24-31 - God creates land animals and people

Key Concept: God created animals of all kinds and made people in His own image.

Hands-on Activities:

- Create animal masks
- Make handprints in clay
- Play animal movement game

Simple Science Connection: Discuss the differences between humans and animals

Week 7: God Rests - The Sabbath

Bible Story: Genesis 2:1-3 - God rests and establishes the Sabbath

Key Concept: God set aside a special day for rest and worship.

Hands-on Activities:

- Create a Sabbath box with special quiet activities
- Make "rest" pillows decorated with fabric markers
- Design a family worship picture

Simple Science Connection: Discuss why our bodies need rest and sleep

Week 8: Adam in the Garden

Bible Story: Genesis 2:4-17 - God places Adam in the Garden of Eden

Key Concept: God created a perfect garden home for people.

Hands-on Activities:

- Create a sensory garden box with different textures
- Make fruit and vegetable stamps with paint
- Design a garden map of Eden

Simple Science Connection: Discuss different habitats and ecosystems

Week 9: Adam Names the Animals

Bible Story: Genesis 2:18-20 - Adam names all the animals

Key Concept: God gave humans the responsibility to care for His creation.

Hands-on Activities:

- Play animal charades
- Create animal fact cards
- Make animal puppets

Simple Science Connection: Discuss animal classifications and characteristics

Week 10: Eve is Created

Bible Story: Genesis 2:21-25 - God creates Eve

Key Concept: God created people to have relationships and help each other.

Hands-on Activities:

- Make friendship bracelets
- Create a "helping hands" chart
- Draw pictures of family members and friends

Simple Science Connection: Discuss how people are the same and different

Week 11: Noah and the Animals

Bible Story: Genesis 6-9 (simplified) - Noah builds an ark to save the animals

Key Concept: God protected His creation during the flood.

Hands-on Activities:

- Build a shoebox ark
- Create animal pairs with modeling clay
- Make a rainbow craft with colored paper strips

Simple Science Connection: Discuss weather patterns and rainbows

Week 12: The Tower of Babel

Bible Story: Genesis 11:1-9 - The tower of Babel and different languages

Key Concept: God created diversity among people and languages.

Hands-on Activities:

- Build towers with blocks
- Learn to say "hello" in different languages
- Create a world map with different people groups

Simple Science Connection: Discuss how buildings stay standing and why tall towers need strong foundations

Week 13: Abraham Under the Stars

Bible Story: Genesis 15:1-6 - God's promise to Abraham

Key Concept: God's creation helps us understand His promises.

Hands-on Activities:

- Create a starry night picture with salt painting
- Make promise jars with stars inside
- Build a simple telescope with cardboard tubes

Simple Science Connection: Discuss the vastness of space and how many stars exist

Additional Resources for Each Week:

- Memory verse with simple motions
- Coloring page related to the theme
- Simple song about creation
- Parent/teacher guide with discussion questions
- Prayer focus connecting the creation theme to God's character

Materials Needed:

- Basic craft supplies (construction paper, scissors, glue, markers)
- Natural materials (leaves, seeds, pinecones)
- Recyclables (paper tubes, boxes)
- Simple science materials (clear cups, baggies, etc.)

Tips for Implementation:

1. Adapt activities based on the age of your children

2. Use real photographs of nature alongside illustrated materials
3. Take learning outdoors whenever possible
4. Connect each lesson to how we can care for God's creation
5. Emphasize God's creativity and power throughout all activities