



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 5, Lesson 22

Creating the World: Days 1 & 2

Lesson Aim: To learn how God created light and to explore what it means to be the light of the world.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite thing that God created?

GAME: Up in the Air

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO CREATES

Read Worship Scripture: 2 Samuel 22:29.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bible Barn script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD CREATED THE LIGHT, DAY, NIGHT, AND SKY

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: The amazing miracles of Jesus.

Today, we will learn about the first miracle ever recorded—the creation of the world. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 1:1-8. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 1:3. Pray. **Listen as we read about two of the first things God created.** Read Genesis 1:1-8.

THE WAY THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

What did the earth look like in the beginning? (No shape, dark, empty, filled with water.) **Where was God's Spirit while God created the heavens and the earth?** (Hovering over the waters that covered the formless earth.) **Why do you think God created light before shaping the earth? How many ways does light change our world?**

What did God create on the second day? (The sky, the air above the water.) **Why are the sky and air important?** (We need air to breathe, the clouds for rain, etc.) **What is your favorite thing about the sky?**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God is three in one; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Genesis describes

the Holy Spirit's role in creation. Have you ever wondered where Jesus was in the beginning? John answered that question thousands of years after God made the world. John calls Jesus "the Word." Reveal John 1:1-5; 8:12. Find It First. Highlight. Read John 1:1-5.

There are two types of light in the Bible. The Creation story describes the physical light for our eyes. John describes a spiritual light or understanding of who Jesus is. It is light for each heart, soul, and mind to know who God is and what He has done. John wrote that the light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. What does that mean to you?

Read John 8:12 to hear what Jesus says about that light. Read. How would you explain spiritual light and darkness in your own words?

What did Jesus call Himself? (The Light of the world.) **How is Jesus like a light in your life? Can someone share a time when you first realized you needed Jesus? When we do not know Jesus or follow Him, it is as if we are lost in the darkness. When we follow Jesus, it is like following a light that points to God. Read what Jesus calls those who follow Him.** Read Matthew 5:14-16.

God's power, His goodness, and His nature as three in one were shown from the very beginning and proven throughout the rest of the Bible. As the light of the world, your life can point others to these same things. How might others see God's power at work in your life? How can others see God's goodness through you?

How would you describe your own relationship with God the Father, God the Son, and with the Holy Spirit?

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Candle, cotton ball
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #22
- OFFERING OF ART: God creating light, day, night, and the sky
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Day and Night Cookies

GAMES: Getting to Know You, Name That Cloud

CRAFTS: Recycled Creation, Creation Mural

DISCUSSIONS: Who Created God?, Creation Care

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Bible Memory Verse Bop, Bible Memory Verse Wave

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW