

Optional Craft Template and Sample: Ages 2-3/4-5 God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis through Joshua Unit 5, Lesson 22

Creating the World: Days 1 & 2

Lesson Aim: To know God created the heavens and the earth.

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The God Who Creates

THE WORD

Bible Story: Genesis 1:1-8

What He has done: God made the heavens and the earth.

AGES 2-3 CRAFT: LET THERE BE LIGHT

Purpose: Children connect God's spoken command to create light and learn part of the memory verse. **Supplies:** Craft template, styrofoam or paper cups, sturdy white and black paper, craft sticks, white glitter, glue, tape, optional: white decorations such as white or silver glitter, small pieces of crumpled paper or tissues, cotton balls, etc.

Prepare: For each child, use the template to print and cut out a **"Let there be light." Genesis 1:3** label from sturdy white paper or print the verse on a cup. From sturdy black paper, cut a circle that will fit in the bottom of the cup. From sturdy white paper, cut a large circle that will cover the cup opening.

Adaptation for Ages 2-3: This craft has been adapted from the curriculum for ages 4-5.

Creation Care Option: Substitute recycled cardboard tubes (empty paper towel rolls) for the cup and instead of black paper, secure black fabric to the end of the tubing with an elastic band. Share in class: **Recycling is reusing items we already have. We are recycling and caring for God's creation.**

Directions:

- 1. If you printed a label, attach it to the cup.
- 2. Glue the black circle to the inside bottom of the cup.
- 3. Decorate the white circle with white decorations or have children draw a smiley face on the circle.
- 4. Attach a craft stick to the back of the white circle.
- 5. Children look into the cup and see the darkness. Lead the children in saying, "And God said, "Let there be light."
- 6. Holding the craft stick with the white circle in the other hand, show children how to hide the darkness by covering the opening of the cup with the white circle. Lead the children in saying, "And there was light."

Craft Discussion:

- ➤ What is your favorite kind of light? (Sunlight, moonlight, lamplight, candlelight, Christmas lights, flashlight, etc.)
- > Next time you see your favorite kind of light, you can remember what God said when He created light. ("Let there be light.")

AGES 4-5 CRAFT: LET THERE BE LIGHT

Purpose: Children connect God's spoken command to create light and learn part of the memory verse. **Supplies:** Styrofoam or paper cups, sturdy white and black paper, craft sticks, white glitter glue or white sequins, glue, tape

Prepare: Parallel to the bottom of the cup, cut a long horizontal slit about halfway around the cup. The cut needs to be wide enough to insert a circle of paper and a craft stick. For each child, use the template to print and cut out a **Let there be light." Genesis 1:3** label from sturdy white paper or print the verse on a cup. From sturdy black paper, cut a circle that will fit in the bottom of the cup. From sturdy white paper, cut a circle that will fit inside the slit.

Creation Care Option: Substitute recycled cardboard tubes (empty paper towel rolls) for the cup and instead of black paper, secure black fabric to the end of the tubing with an elastic band. Share in class: **Recycling is reusing items we already have. We are recycling and caring for God's creation.**

Directions:

- 1. If you printed labels, attach the label to the cup.
- 2. Glue the black circle to the inside bottom of the cup.
- 3. Decorate the white circle with white sequins or white glitter glue.
- 4. Tape a craft stick to the back of the white circle.
- 5. Children look into the cup and see the darkness. Lead the children in saying, "And God said, "Let there be light."
- 6. Holding the craft stick, insert the white circle through the slit until it covers the darkness.
- 7. Children peer through the cup into the light. Lead the children in saying, **"And there was light."**

Craft Discussion:

- ➤ What is your favorite kind of light? (Sunlight, moonlight, lamplight, candlelight, Christmas lights, flashlight, etc.)
- > Next time you see your favorite kind of light, say today's Whisper Verse to remember how God created light. ("Let there be light.")

AGES 4-5 CRAFT SAMPLE

Craft for ages 2-3 does not have the slit. Children cover the top of the cup with the white circle to hide the darkness.





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