



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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 the spiritual meaning of light and darkness.

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 carefully as we read about two of the first things which God created.** Read Genesis 1:1-8.

THE WAY UNDERSTANDING THE LIGHT AND THE DARKNESS

On the first day, how did God create light? (With His words alone. God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.) **How many ways does light change our world?**

Do you think God liked the light He made? (Yes. The Bible says God saw that the light was good.) **Why was it important God created light?**

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?**

What did the earth look like before God began creating? (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.) **God's Spirit is a part of Him.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Have you ever wondered where Jesus was in the beginning? Thousands of years after God made the world, John answered that question. 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?

Now, let's read John 8:12 to hear what Jesus says about that light. Read John 8:12. **How would you explain spiritual light and darkness in your own words? When we follow Jesus, we have this light. When we do not, it is as if we are lost in the darkness.**

God's power, His goodness, and His nature as three in one were shown from very the beginning and proven throughout the rest of the Bible. How was His power shown on Days 1 and 2. How was His goodness shown? ("God saw that it was good." He created good things.) **How was it shown in the beginning that God is three in one?** (The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were all there in the beginning.)

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Candle, cotton ball
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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