

Bible 52 Weeks—Story #1 Creation



Option 1: Gather up the Bibles you own if you have more than one and look at them. Tell their story if they have one (such as “this was grandma’s Bible” or “I received this one for confirmation.”). If each family member has their own Bible write notes to one another and underline your favorite verses.

Option 2: Go outside on your porch or back deck or look out a window. Set a time for one minute and see how many things in creation you can name.



Creation—

Read Genesis chapters 1&2 from standard Bible or

Read Creation story in children’s Bible or

If using the JSB (Jesus Story Book Bible) read the first story as well—The story and the song as it talks about what the Bible is about.

Conversation Starters with children:

1. How did God create?
2. What parts of creation do you love?
3. What parts of creation scare you?
4. What do you think it means that humans are created in God’s image?
5. If you could create a new animal or plant what would it be?
6. Why do you think God created in that order?
7. What questions do you have about creation?

Conversation starters with adults/youth:

1. What do you think it means for humans to be created in God’s image?
2. Why do you think it says ‘our’ image when God is deciding to create humans?
3. What do you think it means that God created everything “good”?
4. Why do you think the Hebrew people wanted to tell this story?
5. What does it mean for us to be stewards or caretakers of creation?

Activity suggestions:

- * Paint a picture of your favorite day or creation or divide a long sheet of paper into 7 days and paint what happened each day.
- * Journal each day this week what you notice about creation. Where is it being harmed? Where is creation asserting itself?
- * Find out some facts about recycling, garbage, and landfills. Good resources are www.nationalgeographic.com/kids and www.greenplanet4kids.com. Take a look at your own garbage and/or recycling. Are you recycling at all? Are you recycling what you can in your home? Is there a way you could do more? Check out your church—are you recycling there? If the answer is “no” to these questions, brainstorm some ways you can help encourage others to recycle or how you can start in your home. If you are recycling, check out composting!
- * Take a walk together, pause and close your eyes listening for the sounds of creation
- * Gather up some pieces of nature—rocks, pinecones, etc. and put them in paper bags. Close your eyes and see if you can guess what they are just by touching.

* Look into how you can help animals in need in your community.



Pray together—say a pray for creation. Go in your back yard if you can. Use your own words or try these: *Loving God, thank you for creating..... (name what you can see) and thank you for creating the people who love us and surround us..... (say their names). Help us to care for the earth and for one another. Amen*



Bless one another and your yard or a plant or other part of creation. Make the sign of the cross and say *+Remember you are created by God in love and you are good. +*