

### LESSON 1

## CREATION: MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** God Made Us in His Image

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 1–2

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** God creates the world and everything in it. His most precious creation is people, who He created in His image to look after the earth and to be in relationship with Him.

**WORD OF WONDER:** Jesus makes us new. —from 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Object Lesson: Stuffed Animal**

**Activity: Mirror Reflections**

**Worship**

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**Activity: Play Dough Creations**

**Wonder@Home™**

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

## Object Lesson: Stuffed Animal

**SUPPLIES:** various types of stuffed animals or animal toys

Set out a variety of stuffed animals or animal toys.

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

**Welcome! In God's big story today, we'll hear about how God created the world and everything in it. Let's look at the animals and pretend to be each one. As I hold up each stuffed animal, shout, "Yes!" if God created that animal. Then we'll all pretend to be that animal.**

Hold up each stuffed animal and tell the kids whether God created it, then encourage them to pretend to be each animal. Let the kids play with the stuffed animals and talk with them about how God created animals.

## Activity: Mirror Reflections

**SUPPLIES:** shatter-proof handheld mirror

**I have something that will help us think about our story today. Who do you see?** Hold up the mirror to each kid and let him look in it to see his reflection. Say, **"I see (child's name) in the mirror!"**

Take turns letting the kids look into the mirror while doing different actions. You can encourage them to smile or make a silly face while looking in the mirror.

**It's fun to look at our images in the mirror, isn't it? Today we're going to learn how we're kind of like a mirror reflection of God because we were made by God in His image!**

**Our Wonder Truth today is: GOD MADE US IN HIS IMAGE.**

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

**GOD**—Point up.

**MADE US**—Point to yourself.

**IN HIS IMAGE**—Hands out in front of you.

## Worship

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** songs from the [Created New Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

**Let's sing a worship song to God together!**

**Today we're learning that God made us in His image. We'll learn in the God's big story how God created people—you and me!**

Play songs from the [Created New Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

## God's Big Story

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Days of Creation Sheets, [Creation God's Big Story Video](#), Bible Story Picture (optional)

Before the kids arrive, print the Days of Creation Sheets.

**Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about how God created the world and made people in His image. Let's find out from the Bible what happened!**

View the God's Big Story Video, read the story from the Bible, or use the script provided. You can also print the Bible Story Picture to give kids a visual depiction as you tell the story.

**We're learning that God created the world and everything in it.**

Turn the lights off.

**On the first day, God made light.** Turn the lights on. Hold up the Day 1 picture.

**On the second day, God separated the sky and water. Let's pretend to look up at the sky and swim.** Hold up the Day 2 picture.

**On the third day, God created the land and plants. Let's pretend to be trees or flowers.** Hold up the Day 3 picture.

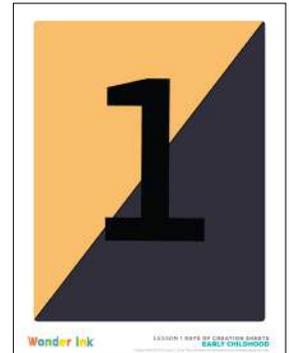
**On the fourth day, God made the sun, moon, and stars. Let's pretend to be twinkling stars.** Hold up the Day 4 picture.

**On the fifth day, God made birds and fish. Everyone pretend to fly like a bird.** Hold up the Day 5 picture.

**On the sixth day, God made animals, insects, and people. Let's pretend to be your favorite animal. Then stand tall and point to yourself, because God made people! Hold up the Day 6 picture. God made Adam and Eve. He made them in His image—that means people show what God is like.**

**On the seventh day of creation, God rested. He said everything He created was good. Let's lie down and pretend to rest.** Hold up the Day 7 picture.

**We're special because God made us in His image so we can show what God is like and have a relationship with Him.**



## Word of Wonder

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Created New Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#) (optional)

**WORD OF WONDER**

Jesus makes us new.

—from 2 Corinthians 5:17

Display the Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#), if using. **Our Word of Wonder for the Created New series is from 2 Corinthians 5:17. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.**

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **JESUS**—Point fingers from left hand into right palm, then right hand into left palm (sign language for “Jesus”).
- **MAKES US**—Both hands over your heart.
- **NEW.**—Bring both arms out in front of you and down to your sides.
- **FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**—Hold your hands together as if opening a book.

## Prayer and Blessing

Let’s talk to God. We’ll tell God, “Thank You” for making us. When I say, “Thank You!” jump up and clap your hands and shout, “Thank You” to God!

God, thank You (kids respond) for creating us and making us in Your image. We love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** God made the flowers and trees, the birds, and the world, and He made you and me! May you always remember that God made you special and in His image. Never forget how special you are to God and how much He loves you!

## Activity: Play Dough Creations

**SUPPLIES:** play dough

Set out play dough and encourage kids to make their own creations. While they play, ask them if they can make a flower and then ask them who made the flowers.

Repeat with other things God made such as stars, sun, moon, people, birds, trees, animals, etc.

**Today we learned how God created the world. He created stars and animals and flowers. He also created you and me! We’re special because He made us in His image.**



**Leader Tip:** Watch young toddlers carefully to make sure they don’t put play dough in their mouth or make messes.