

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Creation
GENESIS 1 AND 2

MEMORY VERSE

"Lord, you are more powerful than the roar of the ocean. You are stronger than the waves of the sea."
PSALM 93:4 , NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can help you change the world around you?

BOTTOM LINE

God can help me change the world around me.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.



1. SEE AND SAY GOD MADE

WHAT YOU NEED: "World," "Heart," and "All of Creation" Activity Pages; cardstock; copy paper; scissors; glue sticks; metal brads—one per child; pen; *Optional: crayons*

WHAT YOU DO:

Before the Activity:

- Copy "World" on cardstock and cut out—one per child.
- Copy "Heart" on cardstock and cut out—one per child.
- Copy "All of Creation" on copy paper and cut out—one set per child.
- Make a slit where indicated on both the heart and world for the brad to slip through.

During the Activity:

- Children will glue the pictures of creation all around the world.
- Leader will help put the brad through the heart and world cutouts and secure at the back.
- Show children how to move the heart around the world.
- *Optional:* Encourage children to color the pictures of creation.

After the Activity:

- Talk about all the things that God made.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity:

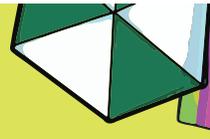
"Hello friends! Today we learned about Creation. Who made the world and everything in it? (*Pause.*) God did! That's right!! I love learning about everything God created."

During the Activity:

"Today we learned that God made the whole wide world (*Hold up the "World" Activity Page.*) and everything in it. (*Hold up the Creation pictures.*) Glue the pictures around your world. (*Pause.*) Great job. We have one more thing to add—this heart! (*Leader attaches the heart to the world with the brad.*) Your heart says: "God made . . ." Watch how your heart can move around and point towards each of the things God made. (*Demonstrate.*) Turn your heart to one of the pictures and tell me what God made. (*Pause.*) Yes! God made everything!"

After the Activity:

"God made the whole world and everything in it! Out of everything God made, you, and you, and you, and you . . . are God's most special creation. God made you to do big, important things. God created the big oceans, the waves, and YOU! God made you to do important things like make waves that change the world around you. **Who can help you change the world around you? God can help me change the world around me.**"



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2. WAVE SCRAPE PAINTING

WHAT YOU NEED: "Wave Scrape Painting" Activity Page; cardstock; white, light blue, and dark blue washable tempera paint; cardboard; utility knife (for the leader only); wet wipes; permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

Before the Activity:

- Copy the "Wave Scrape Painting" on cardstock—one per child.
- Write the child's name on their paper.
- Cut the cardboard into 2" x 3" rectangles—one per child.

During the Activity:

- Put paint on each paper by squirting the three colors in a line overlapping each other near the top of the page.
- Repeat this in several spots on each paper.
- Prepare a piece of paper for you to demonstrate on.
- Have the child use the edge of the cardboard to scrape through the paint.
- Show the children they can move the cardboard in a straight or curved line to make a wave.

After the Activity:

- Talk about how God made the water and the waves.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity:

"Friends, come find a spot at the table. I have a fun painting activity for us to do today."

During the Activity:

"You are going to make waves by painting with this piece of cardboard. We aren't going to use paintbrushes today. This piece of cardboard is what you'll use to spread the paint. Drag the cardboard through the paint in a straight or curvy pattern like this. (*Demonstrate on a test paper.*) When you pull it through the paint, the colors will mix together to make really pretty waves. (*Pause.*) Let's see the waves you can make. (*Pause.*) Everyone's waves are different and beautiful! Let's clean our hands and put these aside to dry."

After the Activity:

"God created the big oceans, the waves, and YOU! God made the whole world and everything in it! The most special thing God made was people! We are God's most special creation! God made you to do important things like make waves that change the world around you. **Who can help you change the world around you? God can help me change the world around me.**"