



God Made Day and Night

BIBLE PASSAGE

Genesis 1:1-8,14-19

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

(Creation) God made everything.

BIBLE PHRASE

God made the sun, moon, and stars.

—*Genesis 1:16*

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Before anything or anyone, there was God; and God created the world. While scientists continue the tiresome debate of how the earth was formed, Genesis 1:1 clearly states that God created the world—period! The primary truth here is that God created the world, not how He did it but that He did it.

According to Genesis 1:2, what was the state of the earth? In this dark void, God's presence was evident. Do you ever feel as if your life is formless or without purpose? As Christians, we can be sure of God's presence in our lives. However, we must choose to be available to God so He can do a creative work in our lives.

Read Genesis 1:3-5. God turned on the cosmic light switch with just His word. God spoke, and light began to shine. What did God say about the light He created? Genesis 1:5 notes that the first day ended after these creative works. Think about the significance of this fact. Time on earth had begun at God's command; and He was, continues to be, and will always be in charge. Is the Creator of the universe in charge of your life?

Read Genesis 1:14-19. On the fourth day

of creation, God the Creator defined day and night with the creation of lights—the sun, moon, and stars. What purpose was given for the lights? The sun, moon, and stars would mark the time that God had initiated. Pagan religions attributed divinity to these lights. However, the Bible clearly shows that these objects are subordinate to the one true God who created them. The sun, moon, and stars are all part of God's created order.

Have you recently thanked God for day and night? Have you praised Him for time? Have you rejoiced at the sun, moon, or stars? God is Creator and deserves our praise. Thank and worship Him for light and the lights in the sky. Guide your preschoolers to thank God for day and night, too.

BIBLE STORY

Plan group time; then select learning centers that will work best for your preschoolers. Adapt the Bible story for 1s & 2s by telling the bold points in your own words.

CHOOSE
Your Own
SCHEDULE



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A long time ago, before there was anything else in the world, there was God. There were no people, no trees, no food, no sun, and no animals. **Darkness was everywhere.** There was nothing except God.

God had a wonderful plan to make the world. **The Bible tells us that God said, “Let there be light”; and suddenly there was light.** God saw that the light was good. **God called the light day, and He called the darkness night.** God made daytime and nighttime.

God made the beautiful sky. Sometimes the sky is blue, and sometimes it is gray. Other times the sky may be pink or orange. **God made the bright, warm sun to shine in the daytime.** God made the moon to shine softly at night. **God made many twinkling stars to shine with the moon in the nighttime sky.**

God saw the sun, moon, and stars that He had made. God thought it was all very good.

GROUP TIME

Notes

▶ **Play a daytime/nighttime game.** Give each child one of the pictures. Lay the “Day and Night” papers on the floor in front of the group. Call on a preschooler to tell what is in his picture; lead him to place it on the sheet of paper that says “Day” if it is a daytime picture or under the “Night” paper if it is a nighttime picture. (Note that some pictures may apply to both daytime and nighttime.)

▶ **Hear Bible truths.** Remark: “Our Bible story today is the very first story in the Bible. (Open the Bible to Genesis 1.) It tells how God made daytime and nighttime. Listen to find out the first things God made.” Look at the children as you tell the Bible story in your own words.

▶ **Know and do Bible truths.** Show the teaching picture. Ask: “What did God make to shine in the daytime? What did God make to shine in the nighttime sky?” Pray with the children, thanking God for making the sun, moon, and stars.

▶ **Talk about daytime.** Shine the flashlight on a child’s clothing. (Avoid shining it directly in his eyes.) Ask: “What is your favorite thing to do outside when the sun is shining?” Repeat the process, giving everyone a turn to talk. Say: “Thank You, God, for making the bright warm sun to shine in the daytime.”

▶ **Move to a song.** Play or sing a song with the preschoolers. Guide the girls and boys to do actions or motions.

▶ Bible, flashlight, Picture: God Made Day and Night, pictures of day and night activities, sheets of paper with Day and Night printed at the top

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LEARNING CENTERS

▶ Bible; today's Bible & Me page; crayons; large appliance box (or bedsheet draped over table); flashlights; books about day, night, and other things in God's world

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▶ Bible, Picture: God Make Day and Night, Bible Marker with today's Bible phrase printed on it, black construction paper, white chalk, baby wipes (for wiping chalk from hands)

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▶ Bible, post an Allergy Alert sign, slices of bread, soft margarine, plastic knives, cinnamon/sugar mixture (in a shaker bottle), napkins, toaster oven, oven mitt

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▶ Bible, puzzles about daytime and nighttime, or other creation themed puzzles

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▶ **Bible Focus: God made daytime and nighttime.**

PLAY WITH FLASHLIGHTS (BLOCKS)

- Invite children to go inside the box and shine the flashlights on the sides of the box. Help them experiment with making hand shadows on the box walls. Guide them to use the flashlights to look at books.
- Shine a flashlight on the Bible & Me page and briefly tell the Bible story. Turn to the back of the Bible & Me page. Lead a child to draw a sky picture in the frame.

CREATE A CHALK NIGHTTIME PICTURE (ART)

- Encourage a child to draw a nighttime scene using the chalk and dark paper. Guide him to talk about different activities he does at night.
- Show the teaching picture as you talk about the Bible story.
- Refer to the Bible marker in your Bible. Invite a pre-kindergartner to "read" the Bible verse with you. Touch each word on the Bible marker as you read.

Tip: As an alternative, offer yellow construction paper and colored sidewalk chalk for drawing daytime scenes.

MAKE CINNAMON TOAST (HOMELIVING)

- List ingredients on the allergy sign and display for parents. Place the toaster oven out of the reach of preschoolers.
- Lead a child to spread margarine on a slice of bread and sprinkle it with the cinnamon/sugar mixture. Toast the bread and let it cool before the child eats. Talk with the preschooler about her favorite breakfast foods.
- Say: "God made the bright sun to shine during the day."

Tip: If real ingredients are not available, offer plastic dishes and play food as preschoolers role-play making breakfast.

WORK PUZZLES (PUZZLES)

- Guide children to work the puzzles.
- Read the Bible phrase "God made the sun, moon, and stars." Talk about which item provides light at day and which items provide light at nighttime.



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Parents:

- On a clear night, take your preschooler outside to look at the moon and stars. Talk about how God made the moon and stars to shine at night.
- Pray with your child, thanking God for making the moon and stars.

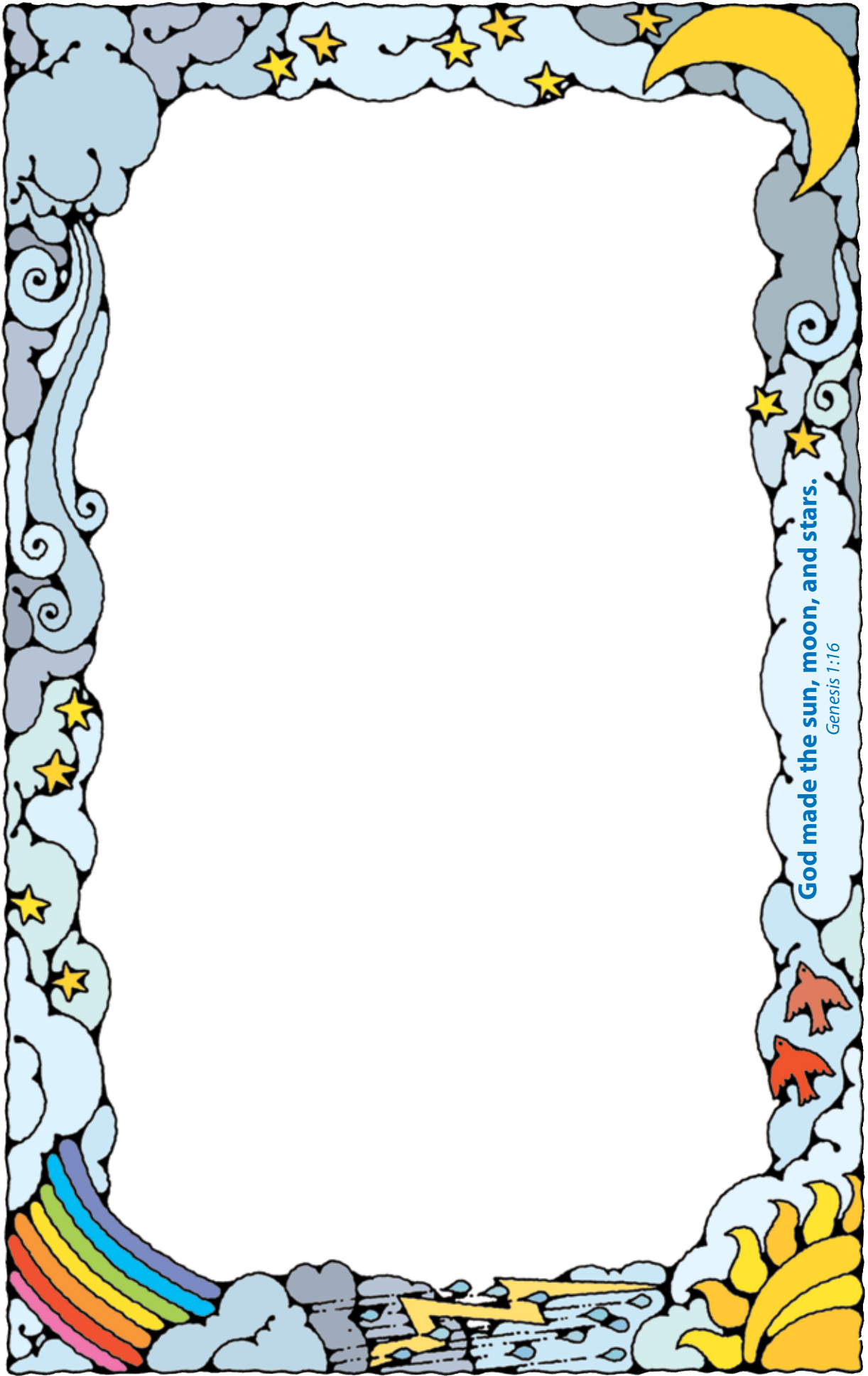


Weekly Page

Bible
& Me

Color the Sky

God made the beautiful daytime and nighttime sky. What is your favorite time to look at the sky? What colors do you see in the sky then? Draw a picture of the sky. Count the stars in the picture frame.



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