The Story Week 1 -

In the Beginning



Bible Verse: When God created man, he

made him in his own likeness.

Genesis 5:1, NIRV

Bible Point: God made everything.

He made me in his likeness.

Coloring Page: God Made the World

Songs: Great Big God

God Made Me Wonderful

Every Part of Me

Resource: The Story for Little Ones,

Chapter 1: In the Beginning





1. The Whole World

What You Need: An inflatable globe of the world that is like a beach ball. (Option: Have several inflatable globes and divide children into pairs.)

What You Do: Use the inflatable globe to play a game of catch with the children. If you have more than one ball, you can divide the children into pairs or smaller groups of three and four.

What You Say:

At the end of the activity: (Gather the children around you as you hold the globe.) "That was fun! Did any of you notice what kind of ball we were playing with? (Hold up the globe.) What does this look like? (Pause for responses.) Yes! This looks like the planet earth. It's the whole world! There are a lot of people living in the world! Do you know what's amazing? God made the whole world. God made everything. He made the sun, the moon, the stars, the plants, and the animals. God made Adam and Eve. God made you too. Isn't it wonderful to be a child of God?"





2. Head and Shoulders

What You Need: No supplies are needed.

What You Do: Lead the children in singing "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" several times. Place both hands on the part of the body that is mentioned. Begin singing very slowly at first and then get faster each time you sing the song. Keep going faster and faster until the song is so silly you can't sing it anymore.

What You Say:

During the activity: (Singing) "Head, shoulders, knees, and toes; knees and toes

Head, shoulders, knees, and toes; knees and toes

Eyes and ears and mouth and nose

Head, shoulders, knees, and toes; knees and toes"

At the end of the activity: "That was fun! I think we all know where our head, shoulders, knees, and toes are now! Have you ever thought about who made your head, shoulders, knees, and toes? Well, that's what our Bible story was about today! God made everything. It's about how God made the sun, the moon, the stars, the plants and the animals. God made Adam and Eve. God made you too. Isn't it wonderful to be a child of God?"





3. Pick a Card

What You Need: "Movement Cards", scissors, and a light colored cardstock.

What You Do:

Before the activity: Make two copies of "Movement Cards" on a light colored cardstock and cut the game cards apart.

During the activity: Set the mixed stack of game cards facedown. Instruct the children to take turns choosing a card. Each time a child chooses a card, he or she must show it to everyone. Then everyone must do the movement shown on the card.

What You Say:

At the end of the activity: "God made people to do all kinds of things! He made us to hop, jump, sing, and dance. But do you know why God made people? God made people so we can know Him. That's what makes people so special. We can know God! In fact, people aren't just a good thing God makes. The Bible says people are a VERY good thing God makes. Isn't it wonderful to be a child of God?"





4. Play-Doh® People

What You Need: Play-Doh®, plastic knives, and toothpicks.

What You Do: Encourage the children to use their hands to shape bodies out of the Play-Doh®, complete with heads, torsos, arms, legs, hands, and feet. Use the plastic knives and toothpicks to carve facial features such as eyes, ears, a nose, and a mouth. Someone may get detailed enough to carve some hair and teeth! Name the body parts, talk about how we use them, and discuss how God made them.

What You Say: "Grab some Play-Doh®! We're going to make some Play-Doh® people! Let's see ... I'll start by making a tummy and a back. This side will be the tummy, so I need a belly button right here. There. I'm glad God made my tummy. That's what holds all the yummy food I eat! God made us. God made everything. He made the sun, the moon, the stars, the plants, and the animals. God made Adam and Eve. God made you too. Isn't it wonderful to be a child of God?"





God Made Me

What You Need: Outline of a Face, and Markers.

What You Do:

Before the activity: Give each child a copy of the paper face and lay out the markers for each child to use. Allow each child to color a self portrait.

What You Say:

At the end of the activity: "God made all different kinds of people. But do you know why God made people? God made people so we can know Him. That's what makes people so special. We can know God! In fact, people aren't just a good thing God makes. The Bible says people are a VERY good thing God makes. Isn't it wonderful to be a child of God?"

