

August Week 2

Backyard Stack it Up

August 13th

CRAFT

Thread the Flower

SUPPLIES:

Flower blossom, green flower leaves, green paper straw, crayons, tape

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Pass out flower blossom and crayons. Have children color the blossom any color.**
 - *"Friends, do you remember what God created on Day 3? The land, trees, grass, and...flowers! We are going to make a beautiful flower today!"*
 - *The first step is to color your flower. God made all different color flowers -yellow, pink, purple, red, orange- you can pick any color to color your flower blossom."*
- ⇒ **Demonstrate how to accordion fold the flower. Many children will need help doing this! Make sure the holes line up.**
 - *"Your flowers look beautiful! Now we are going to do a special fold. I am going to fold mine and show you. I can help you if you need help!"*
- ⇒ **Pass out straws and show children how to thread the straw through the flower holes.**
 - *"Our flowers need a stem. I have a green straw for each of you. Let's thread the straw through the flower holes like this!"*
- ⇒ **Use a small piece of tape to secure the stem to the green flower leaves.**
 - *"And now the final step...Our flower needs leaves! Let's use a little piece of tape to secure our leaves in place."*
- ⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**
 - *"We're learning that God made the whole world and everything in it. On day three, God made dry ground and called it 'land.' Then He put all of the water together and called it 'seas.' God looked at what He made and saw that it was good. God told the land to start growing trees, vines, bushes, flowers, and plants of all kinds. God even made fruits and vegetables for us to eat! God looked at all those wonderful plants and saw that it was good!"*
 - *On day four, God made beautiful, bright lights in the sky—the sun to light the day and the moon and stars to light the night. God looked at the sun, moon, and stars and saw that it was GOOD. God made light and dark. God made the water below and the amazing sky above. God made the land, plants, and sea! God made the sun, moon, and stars! Only God can do that. God is so creative and powerful.*
 - **Who made everything?**
 - **God made everything!"**



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ACTIVITY #1

Creation Search

SUPPLIES: Clipboard with **YELLOW** things checklist in a sleeve protector, dry erase marker, **YELLOW** things items, wall tape

SET-UP: Use wall tape to hang **YELLOW** things items around the room

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children for the activity.**

- *"Friends, come here with me! Let's go on a scavenger hunt! A scavenger hunt is a game where we search all around the room for items on this scavenger hunt list.*
- *[Show children the clipboard] Hmmmmmm.....Let's see. I see a lot of **YELLOW** things on this list! Let's see if we can work together as a team to find all of these **YELLOW** things! Are you ready? Let's search!"*

⇒ **Move from item to item as a group. When you find it, talk about what it is and then check it off your checklist.**

⇒ **Once you have found everything on the list have children join you on the floor to review the Bible story lesson to bring it back to Jesus.**

- *"That was so much fun finding all of the **YELLOW** things around the room! I love Scavenger hunts!*
- *Do you remember our true Bible story from today? I wonder why we were looking for things that were **YELLOW**. Do you remember anything God created that was **YELLOW**? The Sun! Yes!*
- *God created the sun and moon and stars on Day 4. Now let's go all the way back to the beginning. In the VERY beginning there was nothing. But God was about to do something amazing. On the first day he said, "LET THERE BE LIGHT!" And God separated the light from the darkness. Then, on Day 2 God made the water and the sky up above.*
- *On Day 3 God made land and the plants and the seas! Amazing!*
- *Then on Day 4 God made the sun and the moon and the stars. And there were still more things to go! I can't wait to see what is next!*
- **Who made everything? God made everything!**

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ACTIVITY #2

Parachute

SUPPLIES: Parachute, Earth stress balls

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children form a circle around the parachute and each pick up a handle or corner.**

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned that God created the WHOLE EARTH and EVERYTHING in it! Isn’t that amazing? God made everything!”*
- *Join me around the parachute and grab onto a handle. We are going to play a fun game today to help us remember that God made the whole earth and everything in it!”*

⇒ **Show children the Earth balls. Toss them onto the parachute and let them shake the parachute until they all pop out.**

- *“Look what I have here! It’s the Earth! Actually...it’s lots of Earths. I am going to put the earths on the parachute and then I want you to listen to my directions for how to shake the parachute.*

⇒ **Move the parachute fast, slow, high, low, etc! When all of the balls pop out, say...**

- ***Friends, who made everything?***
- ***God made everything!***

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Friends, on Day 1 God said Let there be light! And he separated light from the darkness. Then, on Day 2 God created the sky. I can’t wait to see what he creates next. Friends, one thing I know is certain – everything God created is GOOD!”*
- ***Tell me, who made everything?***
- ***God made everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse + Days of Creation Review

SUPPLIES:

Days 1-4 Creation Pictures (Light/Dark, Sky, Water, Land, Plants, Sea, Sun, Moon)

What You DO and SAY:

This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room. *"Friends! Today in our true Bible story we learned that God created EVERYTHING! God is so amazing!"*

- Do you remember what God created on Day 1? Light! That's right! And God separated the light from the darkness! [Hold up picture.] So when we see this picture we can remember that God created light and it was good!
- Do you remember what God created on Day 2? God made the Sky! AND God also made Water! Wow! [Hold up each picture.]. He made the sky and water and they were both GOOD!
- Do you remember what God created on Day 3? God made Land! And Plants! And the seas! [Hold up each picture.] He made the land and the plants and the seas and they were GOOD!
- Do you remember what God created on Day 4? God made the Sun! And the Moon! And the Stars! [Hold up each picture.]. He made the Sun and the Moon and the Stars and they were GOOD!

⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways and then bring is back to Jesus.**

- *"When we see all the things God made we can remember that they were all good! Just like our memory verse. Let's practice saying our memory verse together: "God saw everything he had made. And it was very good." Genesis 1:31*
 - *Now let's try it...*
 - *Super loud/Super quiet*
 - *Really Fast/Really Slow*
 - *Jumping up and down*
 - *Running in Place*
 - *All the boys/All the girls*
 - *Kids only/Teachers only*
- *"Nice work, my friends!"*
- ***Who made everything? God made everything!"***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
AUGUST WEEK 2

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ *The Beginning*, The Beginner's Bible, p. 7

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who made everything?**
God made everything!

⇒ Memory Verse

- **"God saw everything he had made. And it was very good." Genesis 1:31**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "Today, we'll make a list of our favorite things that grow in the ground. It can be a tree, like an apple tree. It can be a flower, like a sunflower. It can be a vegetable, like a carrot. It can be any kind of tree, plant, or flower—it can even be a berry bush! God made all kinds of trees and plants and flowers! When I say your name, **tell me one thing that grows in the ground.**

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

⇒ This is such a great list of things God made! Let's use our list when we pray. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**: "

- "Dear God, thank you for making the ground for things to grow in. Thank you for making the sun to help them grow. Some of our favorite things that grow in the ground are (read the list the children made). You are amazing, God, and we love you very much. In Jesus' name, amen."