

August Week 1

Backyard Stack it Up

August 6th

CRAFT

Rip and Stick

SUPPLIES:

God made everything divided page, glue sticks, 1 small square of each color per child: black, yellow, white, light blue

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out “God Made Everything” page.**

- *“Friends, today we learned that God made everything! That’s what it says here at the top of this page! We are going to do a special craft to help us remember what God made on the first and second days!”*

⇒ **Give each child a black square and a yellow square. Show them how to rip the squares into pieces and then glue them onto the page with the glue stick.**

- *“We are going to do something really fun with our craft – but this is something you can only do when you have special permission! Here is a piece of black paper. This is like the darkness. Let’s rip this paper into a few pieces like this (demonstrate). Great job! Now I want you to put some glue on the back of each piece and we are going to stick it down to the bottom part of this page. This is what the earth looked like in the very beginning. There was nothing.*
- *But on day one, God said, ‘Let there be light.’ And there was light! Now let’s do the same thing with the yellow and glue it on the same side over the black. God separated the light from the darkness. He called the light day and the dark night. So, we know that on Day 1 God made light and dark. But do you think that God was finished? NO WAY! God was just getting started.”*

⇒ **Give each child a light blue square and a white square. Repeat the same process.**

- *“Now let’s make Day 2 on the blank side of your paper. We are going to rip up the blue and the white. Do you remember what God made on Day 2? That’s right, the sky. God made the sky over the waters. Let’s glue these pieces to your paper.”*

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

- *“On Day One, there was nothing! And then God said, ‘Let there be light.’ And there was light! God looked at the light and saw it was good. God separated the light from the darkness and called them day and night. On Day Two, God made a place for the deep, cool water below and created the wide, blue sky above. Wow! Only God can do that. God is so creative and powerful! God made everything!*
- ***Who made everything?***
- ***God made everything!”***

God made everything.

Light and Dark; Sky above Water • Genesis 1:3-8



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ACTIVITY #1

Creation Search

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

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

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children for the activity.**

- *"Friends, come here with me! We have some things to find! Look around the room. I see things all over. What can we check off our list?"*
- *[Show children the clipboard] Hmmmmmm.....Let's see. I see a lot of **BLUE** things on this list! Let's see if we can work together as a team to find all of these **BLUE** 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 Blue things around the room!"*
- *Do you remember our true Bible story from today? I wonder why we were looking for things that were Blue. Do you remember anything God created that was Blue? Water! Yes! Anything else? The sky! That's right.*
- *God created water and the sky on Day 2. Let's go all the way back to the beginning, though. In the VERY beginning there was nothing. No animals or land or sun or earth or water or sky. Nothing! But God was about to do something amazing. On the first day he said...do you remember? Say it with me! "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. And this was just the beginning. God had so much more to create because God made everything!*
- ***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 and 2 Creation Pictures (Light/Dark, Sky, Water)

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 the page that has light and dark.]. 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 the Sky picture first and then the Water picture.]. He made the sky and water and they were both GOOD!
- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
 - *“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*
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends!*
 - ***Who made everything?***
 - ***God made everything!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY

AUGUST WEEK 1

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 things we might see in the sky. It can be a bird or a plane, a hot air balloon or a kite, the sun or a cloud. It can be so many things! Then, when we pray, we can thank God for making the great big sky When I say your name, **tell me one thing you might see in the sky.**

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

⇒ Wow! There are a lot of things we can see in the sky. Let's use our list when we pray. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray:** "

- "Dear God, You are amazing and SO powerful! You made EVERYTHING! Today, we want to thank You for making light so we can see and the dark to help us sleep. Thank You for making water for us to drink and the great, big, beautiful sky. You made the sky SO big that we can see things like (read the list the children made) floating and flying in it! You are the best, God, and we love You a lot. In Jesus' name, amen."