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Long ago, there was no world, no sky, no planets, no animals, and no people. God created the world and all that is in it. He created everything in six days. On the seventh day, God rested. God is very powerful. He simply spoke words and things were created.

On the first day of creation, God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. On that day, He created day and night, light and darkness.

On the second day, God spoke, and He created the sky.

On the third day, God said, "Let dry ground appear. Let the land produce . . . plants and trees with fruit and seeds." And it was so.

On the fourth day, God created great lights in the sky—the sun, the moon, and the stars.

On the fifth day, God filled the waters with living creatures. He filled the skies with birds. So God created fish and lobsters, whales, eagles, robins and sparrows, and all other water creatures and birds.

Each day, God looked at all He had created. He liked it all. He said it was all good.

On the sixth day, God created all the different kinds of animals. He saw that it was good. On that same day, God created man. He said, "... 'Let us make man in our image ... and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'" (Genesis 1:26)

God created man in His own image. Then He made a woman. After God created the first man and the first woman, He saw all that He had made. He said it was very good.

On the seventh day, God finished his work. He rested. He blessed the seventh day. He set it apart as a very special day for Himself. God wants you to make one day each week special for Him, too.

Questions for Discussion

- What are some things God created?
- What did God say about everything He made?
- What did God do after He created everything?
- What day did God set apart for Himself?







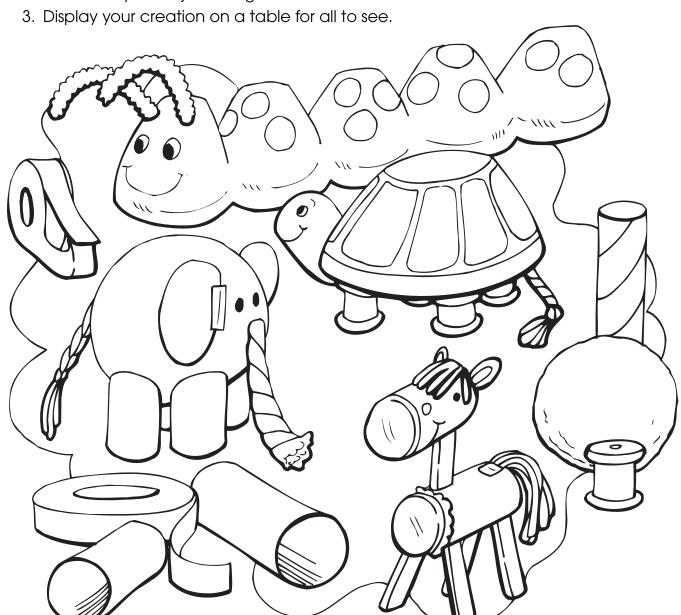
Arts and Crafts

Creation Models

Materials: recyclable materials, such as cardboard tubes, empty juice and yogurt containers, spools, egg cartons, StyrofoamTM; toothpicks; masking tape

Directions

- 1. Choose something from God's creation to create (a tree, animal, bird, fish, person, etc.) See examples below.
- 2. Construct your object using the materials available.





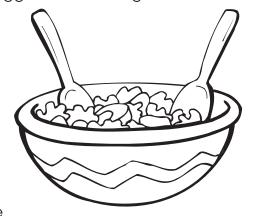


Snack Time

Creation Salad

Ingredients: lettuce; fresh vegetables, such as broccoli, tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, etc.; cheese; hard-boiled egg; salad dressing

Tear the lettuce into bite-sized pieces. Cut up a variety of fresh vegetables. Toss everything together in a bowl. Top the



salad with cheese or slices of hardboiled egg and salad dressing. Let the children enjoy a fresh salad with some of the vegetables that God created on the third day. While eating, have the children name some of their favorite fruits and vegetables.



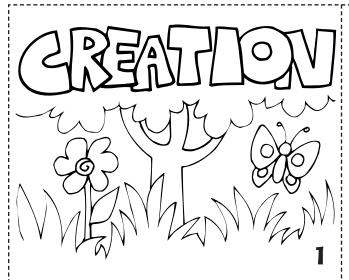
Prayer

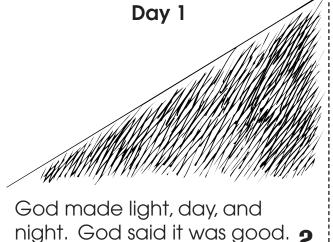
Pray this prayer or a prayer of your own praising God for all the wonderful things He created.

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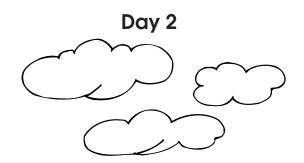
We praise You for how powerful You are. It's amazing that You simply spoke, and everything was created! Thank You for making all the different animals in the world. Thank You for the plants and the trees, and for the sun, moon, and stars. Most of all, Lord, we thank You for creating people. You are a great God.

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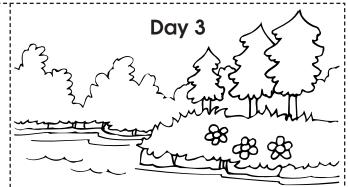








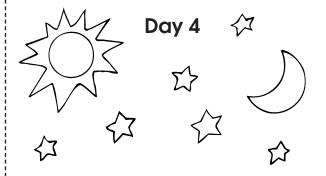
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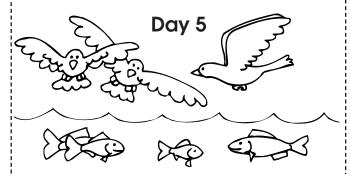
God made the land and seas, plants, and trees.
God said it was good.

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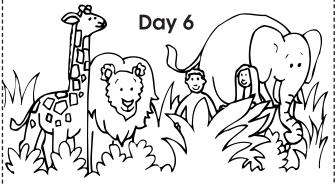
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God made the sun, the moon, and the stars. God said it was good.



God made the birds and all the creatures of the sea. God said it was good.



God made all the animals and man. God said it was very good.



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