



In the Beginning

The Creation of the World Genesis 1:1-2:4

Character Trait: Self-Image

Objectives:

Children will understand that:

- God is the Creator of everything.
- All people are created in God's image and are God's most valued creation.
- God created people for a purpose. Our purpose is to be in a relationship with Him.

Supplies:

- In the Beginning loaded onto a tablet or phone or in the Bible App for Kids Book of Hope (pages 1-4)
- Paper and colouring supplies



Welcome Activity:

(5 minutes)

Explain that each one of us has talents, interests and skills that make us unique. Next, invite the children to turn and introduce themselves to someone near them, sharing something special about themselves, too.



God's Bigger Story:

God created people to have a relationship with Him from the very beginning. The Bible is God's message to us. It is made up of many different stories that all work together to tell one big story, God's Big Story.



Today's Bible Story:

Show In the Beginning or read the story aloud from the Bible App for Kids Book of Hope.



Discussion:

(8 minutes)

- ★ **Who created the world?** (God)
- ★ **What is the most special thing that God created?** (Man and woman)
- ★ **Why did God create man and woman?** (To have a relationship with Him)



Point out how creative God is. He created everything and everyone carefully and uniquely. In fact, people have been created in His image. What tremendous value, potential and purpose you have!

“ Memory Verse:

“Then God *(point up)*
looked over *(place hand over your brow and look around)*
all *(make a rainbow with your hands)*
He had made *(fist over fist)*
and He saw that it was
very good *(move your finger across your face as if to draw a smile!)”*

Genesis 1:31



Activity:
(10 minutes)

Have the children imagine what each day of creation might have looked like. Next, invite the children to create their own illustration showing what they think it looked like in the beginning.



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Skills, talents and abilities are precious gifts from God. What do these gifts say about how God feels about you? (God cared so much about you that He planned and created you carefully and uniquely.)



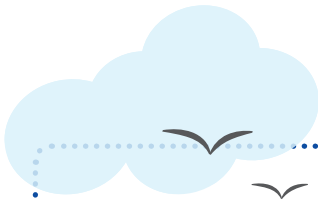
Connect with Others:

Explain that we can help others appreciate their value by pointing out the special talents and abilities God gave them too. Ask the children to consider how the special skills of others help them too.



Prayer:
(2 minutes)

Dear Lord,
Thank You for creating everything and each of us carefully and with purpose. Help us to grow in our purpose to know and love You.
Amen.



Notes

