

Sunday School Family Sheet: God Makes the World

Sunday, September 13, 2020

This sheet is for an adult member of the home to use as a guide for discussing the Sunday School Bible lesson with children.

For this lesson: You will need either:
1) a Bible, or
2) 365 Bible Stories and Prayers
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1. **Read.** Read aloud either Genesis 1:1-2:3 or page 14 in 365 Bible Stories and Prayers.

Note: Before reading aloud, ask the children to listen for these questions:

- a. What does God do here?
- b. What does He do *first*?
- c. What does He do *last*?
- d. Why do you think He did it?

2. **Talk.** After reading, return to each question and ask what the children think.

Let the children express what they heard. As they talk, feel free to ask more questions of them or to encourage wonder: “What do you think it was like? Can you imagine how it must have looked when *light* first exploded into the darkness?” and similar questions. If you need them, here are simple answers:

- a. What does God do here? *He made everything.*
- b. What does He do *first*? *He made light.*
- c. What does He do *last*? *He made animals (and humans).*
- d. Why do you think He did it? *(See below . . .)*

3. **Teach.** After you’ve talked a bit, share these or similar thoughts:

“There’s one thing I really want you to see here: God made everything just by *speaking* it. He said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light! He didn’t use other things to make the world: He made the world out of nothing. What this teaches us is this: God made everything just because He wanted to. He wanted this earth, He wanted everything in the world, and He wanted YOU! In other words, God is love, and He made the world in love and out of love, just so you could know Him and the wonder of this world.”

4. **Pray.** After you’ve taught that simple message—just one simple message will do!—pray **this prayer or another like:** “Heavenly Father, thank you for everything you have made: [invite children to list things.] For all these blessings, gifts of Your own making, given to us in love, we thank and praise you in Jesus’ name. Amen!”