

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

God created everything, and it was good.

BIBLE STORY:

Genesis 1:1 - 2:3; The Story of Creation

SUMMARY:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God spoke and the universe as we know it was made. God made everything we can see, hear, touch, taste, and smell. God made us as well. Everything God made was good, because God is very good.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Creation.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

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EPISODE ONE: THE BEGINNING!

ITEMS NEEDED:

Costumes for Adam and Eve

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

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CHARACTERS:

A Narrator

Adam

Eve

NARRATOR: Coming soon to a TV near you! Bibleflix presents, The Greatest Series You Will Ever Binge Watch! An all-star epic eight part series brings to life the story of the Greatest Story Ever Written: The Bible! Watch in awe as you behold Episode One: The Beginning! Starring Dom Banks as Adam!

Adam enters.

ADAM: Hello? Who am I? What is my purpose in life?

NARRATOR: You're the first man! And your purpose is to know and love God!

ADAM: Spoiler alert!

NARRATOR: You'll see God create the Heavens and the Earth.

ADAM: Whoa!

NARRATOR: You'll see him hang the sun, moon, and stars!

ADAM: Could you move that a little more to the right? Or just leave it there. That's good, right there.

NARRATOR: You'll see God cover the Earth with plants...

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ADAM: Wow!

NARRATOR: You'll see him fill the sky with birds!

ADAM: Neato!

NARRATOR: You'll see him fill the sea with every kind of sea life!

ADAM: Wow, and octopus! I can call that an octopus, right?

NARRATOR: Call it whatever you want! It's your job to name them all.

ADAM: Golly!

NARRATOR: You'll see God create the first man.

ADAM: That's me!

NARRATOR: And the first woman.

ADAM: Woman? What's a woman?

Eve enters.

EVE: Hi, I'm a woman.

ADAM: Hi, I'm a man!

EVE: Nice garden you've got here.

ADAM: I can't take credit on that. God made it, and I think it's good.

EVE: I think I'm going to be very happy here.

NARRATOR: That's what you think.

EVE: What do you mean by that?

NARRATOR: Don't worry about it now, Eve. Just sit back and enjoy episode one of The Greatest Series You Will Ever Binge Watch, rated E for Everyone!

OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A book of fairy tales

How do all great fairy tales begin? They begin with a magical set of words, words that tell us that what we're about to hear is a fantastic story in which something amazing happens. Can anyone tell me what those words are?

*Open to the beginning of a fairy tale that starts with the words:
"Once upon a time..."*

The Bible has its own famous set of opening words. Instead of "Once upon a time," the Bible starts with, "In the beginning..." These words tell us that this story we are about to read is no fairy tale. This is the story of our world. It's the story of creation. It's the story of how God made us.

The Bible begins by telling us that God is good, and all that he made is good. We are so blessed to have a good God who gave us a beautiful world in which we live. No, this is no fairy tale. Our world is not perfect in any way. But like a fairy tale, we know that because God is good, this story will have a happy ending.

Let's thank God for his goodness, and for the good creation he gave us to live in.

LARGE GROUP GAME

MOVIE PASSWORD

ITEMS NEEDED:

Index cards

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose two teams of two for this game. Send one team out of the room so they cannot hear. The first team will have 60 seconds to go through 10 index cards with kid's movie titles written on them. One player will give clues to the other, and the second player has to guess the movies.

When one team is done, bring the second team in to try the same 10 movies. The team that gets the most correct wins.

VARIATION:

For younger players, have an adult give the clues to two different kids or two teams of kids, and see which kid can answer the most movies correctly.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Genesis begins a greater story than any movie - the story of the Bible.

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INTRO:

Can you believe there was once a time when you had very little control over what you watched on TV? When your parents were growing up, they only had a few options to choose from when it was TV time. They could watch what was on Disney Channel, or Nickelodeon, or the local stations, but they couldn't pick what show to watch when. If Ninja Turtles were on the local station, and SpongeBob was on Nickelodeon, and some goofy movie was on Disney, that was it. You pick one of those three, or you don't watch TV at all.

Our parents could not have imagined Netflix, Hulu, and the other streaming channels we have today. Go to Netflix any time of the day and you have hundreds of choices. You can watch SpongeBob, Ninja Turtles, Phineas and Ferb, and Ninjago. You can watch today's hit cartoons, or you can watch the cartoons your Mom and Dad grew up watching. You want to see Mom and Dad revert to being nine year olds, just turn on Animaniacs and see what happens!

There are hundreds of amazing stories to watch on Netflix, Hulu, Youtube, and all the streaming options we have. But in our new series, we want to turn you guys on to the most amazing stories of all. These are stories you don't need a TV or even the Internet to access. They're all in your Bible. They are the stories of God, of humankind, and God's plan to save us from sin.

Just like Netflix, the Bible is full of stories that will amaze and delight you, but unlike SpongeBob and Animaniacs, these stories aren't just there to entertain. They're there to transform your life. We'll start with the very first story in the book: the story of creation.

READ GENESIS 1:1 - 2:3

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MAIN POINT:

Every great movie, every great story has a beginning. Fairy tales start with the enchanted words, “Once upon a time...” Despicable Me starts with the discovery that someone has stolen the Great Pyramid of Giza. Star Wars begins with a spaceship zooming across the screen trying to escape another, even larger space ship. The beginning of the story is meant to grab your attention and make you eager to find out what happens next.

The Bible begins at the beginning of time, when God created the world. We learn right from the start that God is creative as he uses his power to create the heavens and the earth. He makes the sun, moon, and stars, the land, air, and sea. He makes plants, fish, birds, and animals of every kind. And finally he makes a man and a woman to share this world.

God is creative, but God is one thing more. He is good. At every step of the way, from the creation of light to the creation of Adam, God saw that it was good. It was good because he is good, and everything he does is good. We were created by a creative, good, and loving God.

DRIVE IT HOME:

Creation is an amazing story by itself. An all-powerful God simply speaks, and light comes into being. He speaks again, and he creates everything from the ground we walk on to the fruits and vegetables we eat to the pets we enjoy. God created a beautiful world for us, and he gave it to our ancestors Adam and Eve to care for.

There are people who have tried to minimize the creation story. They want us to believe it's just a fairy tale, a myth. Even people who say they believe in God deny that God was in control of creation. We are just an accident. There is nothing special about us. That's not what the Bible says. The creation story tells us that God is good. It teaches us that we were made in his image, and that makes us very special. God created you in his image, the same as he did Adam and Eve. You are loved, and you are special.

Creation is a great story and the beginning of an even greater tale. It's the beginning of the story about a good God and his good creation. It's the story of how God made our world, how he made us, and how he saved us from our own sin.

God is good, and all of creation speaks to his goodness. You are God's creation, and you too are very special. Never doubt that God is your Creator, and he loves you dearly.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of creation.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

What movie do you think has the most exciting beginning ever?

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Choose a fairy tale as a group. Go around the circle, and have everyone create their own new opening line to the fairy tale, one that doesn't use the phrase, "Once upon a time."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

Who created the Earth?

How many days did it take Him?

What did God create each day?

What did God say after creating each thing?

Who created you?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us life.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

ICEBREAKER:

What movie do you think has the most exciting beginning ever?

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Choose a fairy tale as a group. Go around the circle, and have everyone create their own new opening line to the fairy tale, one that doesn't use the phrase, "Once upon a time."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

How many days did it take God to create the Earth?

What did God create each day?

Why did God say that everything was good?

How do we know God created us?

How does our world show us that God is good?

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MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Bibleflix Lesson 1

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: GOD STARTS THE STORY



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about today on the drive home:

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HANGING OUT:

Make today's lesson real:

Read a story with your kids. Before leaving page one, talk to your kids about the beginning of the story. How did the author hook you into the story? Then ask them to tell you what the creation story teaches us about God.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Who created our world?
- How did God create us?
- How does the creation story show us God is good?



PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

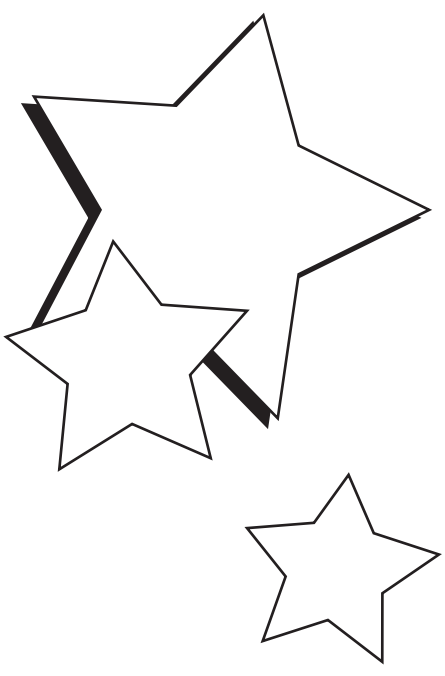
The creation story tells us that God is good. It is also the beginning of a much larger story that shows us just how good God is.



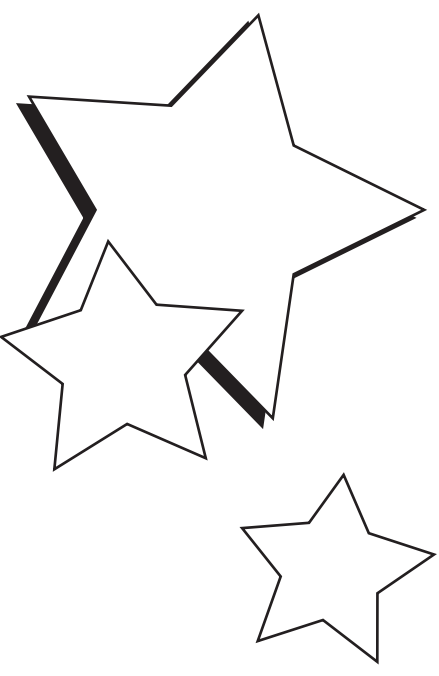
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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Storyboard craft: give each child a sheet of paper, and have the kids divide it into six smaller parts. In each square on the paper, have them draw what happened on each of the six days of the creation story.