



## The Six Days of Creation (Grades 3-5)

The Bible teaches that God created everything in just six days (Exodus 20:11). Join us as we take a closer look at each of these days and discover God's favorite creatures. The activities below will help you remember what God created on each of the six days of Creation Week. Let's get started!



### Day 1: Earth, space, time and light (Genesis 1:3-5)

When God first created the Earth, it was a lot different than it is today. The Bible says that the Earth was basically a watery ball. God had a plan and He was just getting started!

### Day 2: The atmosphere (Genesis 1:6-8)

The next time you go outside, look up into the sky and thank God for creating the atmosphere (the air surrounding the Earth). The atmosphere enables us to breathe, helps keep us warm and protects us from the sun's harmful rays. Life would not be possible without the atmosphere!

Did you know that air has weight? The weight of the air pushes down on us and creates something called atmospheric pressure. Need proof? Complete the experiment below.

#### Activity: experiment

1. Please do this activity outside or over a sink
2. Find a cup and a small piece of cardboard
3. Fill the cup  $\frac{3}{4}$  full with water
4. Place the cardboard over the top of the cup
5. Use your hand to firmly hold the cardboard in place and turn the cup upside down.
6. Release the cardboard. The atmospheric pressure will hold the cardboard in place



## Day 3: Dry land and plants (Genesis 1:9-13)

On Day 3 of Creation Week, God caused dry land to appear and created plants. Many plants are beautiful and provide us with food, shade, and oxygen to breathe. Some can also be used to create medicine.

**Activity:** scavenger hunt

1. Team up with a parent
2. Collect as many of the following items that you can find:
  - flower
  - some blades of grass
  - 2 different rocks
  - seeds
  - A vegetable
  - 4 different types of tree leaves
  - leaf from a bush
  - twig or small branch
  - piece of fruit
3. Tape or glue your items onto to a posterboard and label them.
4. For discussion: why do you think God created so many different types of plants?

## Day 4: The sun, moon and stars (Genesis 1:16)

On Day 4 God created the sun, moon and stars. The sun is extremely important for many reasons. It helps keep us warm and healthy. It also provides energy and helps the plants grow. God knew that we would need the sun!

The moon is very beautiful to look at. It also provides light at night and creates the ocean tides. This helps keep the creatures that live in the ocean healthy and happy.

God created more stars that we could ever count. What is amazing is that God knows each of them by name! (Psalm 147:1-5)

## Day 5: Sea and flying creatures (Genesis 1:20)

On Day 5 God made creatures that live in water. This includes fish, dolphins, whales, eels, sharks, crabs, lobsters, sea turtles and thousands of other types of creatures!

God also made creatures that fly on day five. This includes birds, bees, dragonflies, bats, flying insects, pterodactyls (winged reptiles) and many others!

## Day 6: Land creatures and people (Genesis 1:24-27)

On Day 6 God made creatures that move along the ground. This includes dogs, cats, bears, mice, deer, elephants, hippos, crawling insects, dinosaurs and thousands of other creatures! God also made His favorite creatures on Day 6! Do you know what they are? Hint: go look into a mirror. We are God's favorite creatures because we were made in His image (Genesis 1:27). God loves you!

**Activity:** draw lines to connect the items pictures below to the day they were created



Day 1

Day 2

Day 3

Day 4

Day 5

Day 6

